

## Institute braces for November Action



ACTION ON THE FLOOR Paul Gaynon '70 is speaking to the General Assembly Tuesday night. The most significant happening was the passage of two resolutions bearing on November 4. For details see the accompanying story.  
Photo by Dick King

## Petitions circulate as week of protest nears

By Greg Bernhardt  
and Duff McRoberts

Signs of increasing political polarization were evident this week as various student groups expressed their positions on the November Action days.

There will be a quiet, candle-lit vigil by the Great Sail at 7 pm Monday evening, because, in the words of the organizers, "We will not support violence, and we want people to know it." There will be no speakers, nor leaflets circulated. As for the issues addressed by November Action, according to Wayne Wenger, one of the organizers, "this vigil will take no sides."

### Petitions

At least two separate groups were circulating petitions against violence in the actions planned for Tuesday and Wednesday. One petition, sponsored by *Ergo*, collected 340 signatures in the first five hours Wednesday afternoon.

A second petition was drawn up by a group of students after the Tuesday evening meeting of the General Assembly. While not sanctioned by the Assembly, the initiators sought to reflect the consensus of the Assembly. The

petition states "tactics of disruption and violent confrontation cannot help but set precedents which will endanger the future of the MIT community. We oppose these tactics." The latest available count showed over 400 signatures.

The *Ergo* petition took the stronger stand, urging that the administration use defensive force "against the initiators of force;" and that the Institute "withdraw financial support and official sanction from any student group that engages in extortion or intimidation."

### SACC position

SACC stated that they "agree with the substance of the November Action Coalition's demands," but they took the stance that "violence will divert attention from the substantive issues. We call for an active, massive, peaceful demonstration of support from all members of the MIT community who stand with us on this issue." SACC will meet independently of the NAC on the morning of November 4.

### MITSDS stand

MITSDS, however, has taken a stance against November Action. Aaron Tovish, a member of (Please turn to page 8)

## GA sanctions civil action

By Alex Makowski

Under the curious eyes of at least fifty spectators, the General Assembly Tuesday unequivocally denounced the use of violence on campus and called on President Johnson to use the police, if necessary, to maintain order.

Provost Jerome Weisner, Dean for Student Affairs Dan Nyhart, I-Lab representatives, and dozens of students saw the Assembly reverse an earlier close vote denying qualified support to President Johnson's October 22 statement to the Faculty.

Violence was the main concern of the fifty-five delegates present. Discussion before votes on the four or five motions presented swirled around charges of MIT and SDS-perpetrated violence. Whether the November Action Coalition is justified in initiating coercion became the central issue.

### Albert defends coercion

UAP Mike Albert and Ex-comm member Stan Pomerantz insisted that the Coalition had the right, indeed the moral obligation, to end such research as the MIT and CAM projects. As for the academic freedom issue, Pomerantz argued that it's "a

perversion to say that when we're making weapons for the Defense Department we're free."

The delegates rejected their position with a 34-20 vote on Andy Gilcrest's motion. A phrase supporting the Coalition's goals was struck out when delegates objected to giving a "blank check" to the demonstrators. The roll call ended more than an hour of discussion.

Rapid passage of two other motions followed. Besides outlining a specific catalogue of such objectionable "violent acts" as "prevention of free access to any MIT offices" and "theft or destruction of files," the delegates endorsed a resolution demanding a continued appraisal of the special labs.

### Student decision-making

An attempt by Gary Gut to create a committee of ten undergraduates to advise Johnson during the November Action was the only new business. His motion was amended to include a condemnation of any action Johnson takes without the panel's approval.

Several delegates objected that the plan was unfeasible. How, they pointed out, could these ten students be selected?

The proposal was overwhelmingly defeated by a show-of-hands vote.

Yet the issues have not been resolved. Hardly twenty-four hours had passed before a petition was circulated calling for a special meeting tomorrow afternoon. Feeling that the delegates had voted without carefully consulting their constituencies, the petition's authors called for a reconsideration of all motions voted on Tuesday.

## I-labs, MIT plan defense

By Greg Bernardt

While the November Action Coalition continues to promise mass militant action, the MIT administration has remained relatively quiet about its plans for November 4.

Most administration officials declined to comment about whatever contingency plans may have been prepared. However, a number of preparations have been made at some of the likely targets that could be occupied by NAC members. NAC is promising an estimated 1000 demonstrators.

The Instrumentation Labs are likely to be a prime target for the demonstrators. While many of the NAC members have denied plans to enter the labs, the buildings have still been equipped with heavy latches on the insides of the doors. Bernard Feldman, an associate director of the labs, stated that he saw no reason why the labs would not operate as usual.

The administrative offices, Buildings E18 and E19 are also possible targets because their physical layout makes them relatively easy to occupy. E19 has two computers which would

quickly be shut down in the event of a seizure. While official policy dictates that operating personnel leave quietly, an inside source says that personnel plan to resist occupation attempts.

The buildings also contain the classified records of Institute research of all kinds. The records, if taken by unauthorized persons, can result in up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The same applies to the I-Labs. Both buildings are patrolled after hours.

In a letter to the members of the General Assembly Wednesday

afternoon, President Johnson stated, "there is a lot of speculation and guessing about contingencies—what would we do if... Let me say that this afternoon I saw a release by the November Action Coalition saying '...Beginning on November 4, the Coalition will take such direct actions at MIT as are necessary to stop these (research) projects...' To this outright threat of militant action I have to say that we here at MIT will take whatever action is necessary to stop these totalitarian tactics from destroying the Institute."

## NAC stages demonstration to oppose GE recruiters

By Bruce Schwartz

Two days of picketing over the presence of a General Electric recruiter on campus has provided a preview of planned administration responses to militant protests. At a confrontation Monday in E19, Vice President Kenneth R. Wadleigh threatened disciplinary action for MIT students present, and arrest for outsiders.

The action was hastily organized Tuesday night by an ad hoc group from RLSDS and the newspaper *The Old Mole*, which along with other members of the November Action Coalition is supporting the strike of GE workers at the plant at Lynn. 14,000 workers there and 134,000 elsewhere are striking for a wage increase and the right to collective bargaining on an industry-wide basis.

### Monday march

On Wednesday, the group, some 50 strong, marched to E19

following a noontime rally on the Student Center steps. UAP Mike Albert '69 and several other members of RLSDS were observed in the group along with numerous unidentified persons, presumably NAC people from off-campus.

### Met by Wadleigh

After a detour through the Hayden Building the march arrived at E19, surging up the stairs to the 4th floor. There the demonstrators were met by Vice-President Kenneth R. Wadleigh, Captain James Olivieri of the Campus Patrol, and two uniformed Patrolmen, who were blocking the door. Olivieri offered the demonstrators the privilege of sending in tow representatives to talk to the GE recruiters. The demonstrators responded by attempting to push their way into the placement office.

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## Faculty meetings planned

by Steve Carhart

As November 4 approaches, the situation on campus seems to be growing increasingly centrifugal. Meetings, vigils, petitions, and other counter-measures to the November Actions seem to be proliferating. Late Thursday night the faculty joined the ranks of groups planning meetings, as a request for the use of Kresge from 9:30 to 1 on both November 3 and 4 was submitted by the faculty. It is not known whether this request will take precedence over SACC's plans to have a meeting at 10 am on November 4.

Latest NAC plans which are, of course, subject to change up to the last minute include a rally at noon on the fourth, followed by the simultaneous occupation of administration offices and the CIS that afternoon. Around 5 pm another rally is planned for the Student Center, from which NAC will march to Tech Square (home of CAM and CIA) past the I-labs.

From there the marchers will go to Howard Johnson's house, and then down Memorial Drive to the Student Center for a teach-in and mass meeting. The following morning, militant action is planned against IL.

One cannot help comparing the present situation with that at Harvard last year and noting several differences. The most important difference is that the dissident organization has been speaking openly of violence for a long period of time. Violence is, for the moment at least, associated more with the radicals than the police or administration in the minds of most members of the community. This, coupled with the fact that the NAC is mostly non-MIT people, suggests that the MIT community is unlikely to fragment as was the case at Harvard. This likelihood has been further reduced by the consultation procedures which the administration has set up with the various segments of the community.

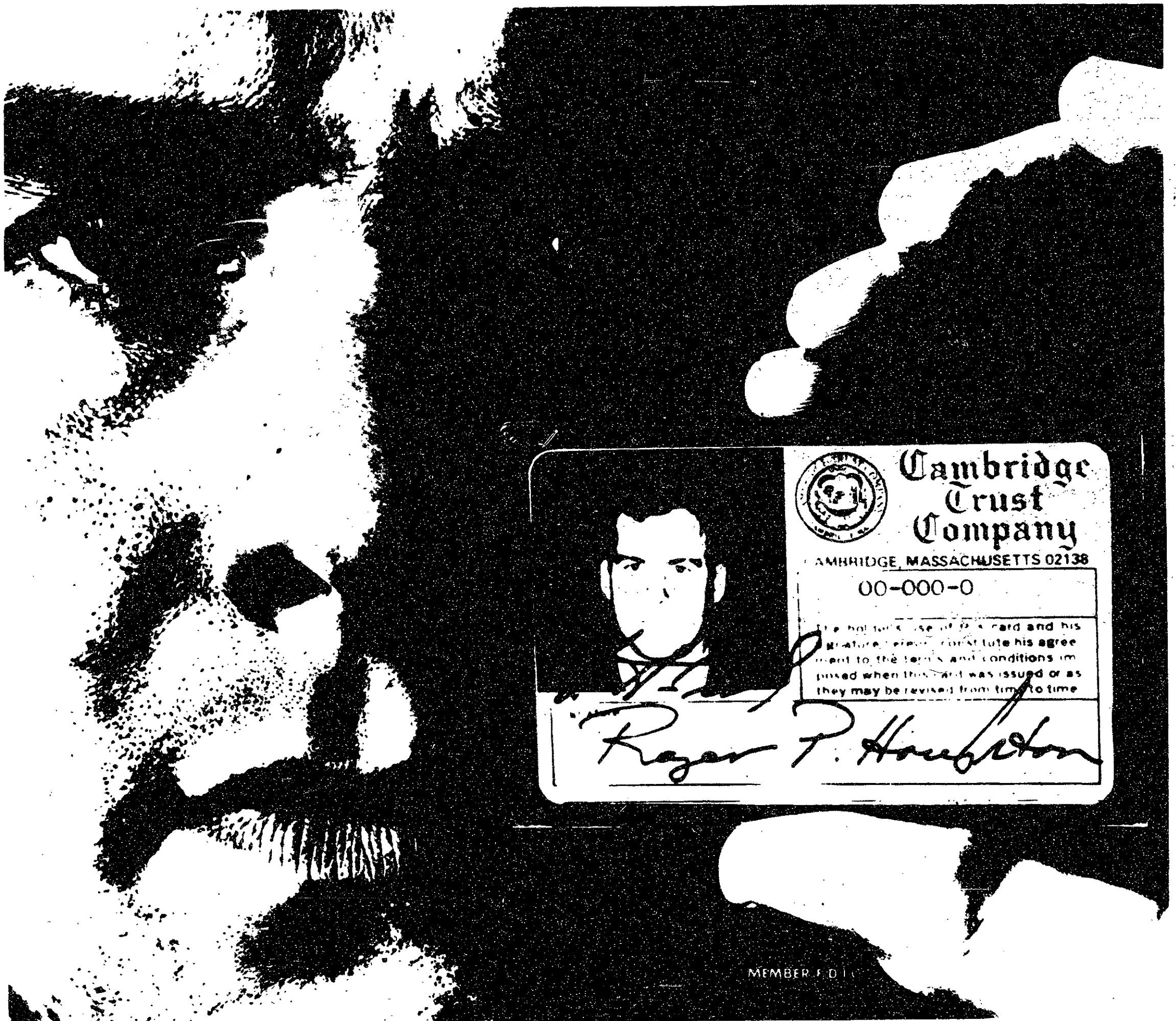
## Apology


We regret anything we may have done in covering the complex and sensitive situation related to the East Campus shower incident which may have given the campus an incorrect impression of the event. We hope that the statements and articles in this issue will help clarify the situation.

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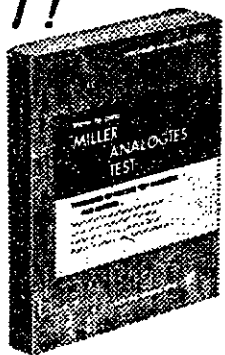
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# City votes next Tuesday

By Bob Dennis

In Cambridge, November 4 will mean different things to different people. At MIT, the main focus will be on the Institute's struggle to retain its viability as an institution. For the rest of Cambridge, Tuesday is the day when the electorate will choose the city's leadership for the next two years.

As the campaign signs throughout the city indicate, the nine seats on the City Council and the six posts on the School Committee will be at stake.

Cambridge elections are rather unique since this city is the only major community in the nation that still employs the proportional representation system. Under this system, voters select their choices preferentially and their second, third, and even fourth choices often prove crucial.

As *The Cambridge Chronicle* noted last week, "With PR voting, it doesn't pay for one candidate to make a personal attack on any other candidate" since it might cost him the chance of gaining some of the secondary votes of another candidate.

### Not issue-oriented

While the PR system has succeeded in making the elections free of mud-slinging and has led

candidates to offer a more positive approach, the system has not succeeded in making the campaigns more issue-oriented. Despite heated controversies over housing and rent control during the past year, a campaign observer at City Hall comments that "This city doesn't work on issues."

There are 26 candidates for the nine-man City Council. Two of the incumbents are not seeking re-election. Attorney Robert Moncreiff and former Councillor Thomas Coates (one of three blacks in the race) are considered the leading contenders for the seat of Cornelia Wheeler. School Committee members Daniel Clinton and Gustave Solomons and contractor Leonard Russell are considered the most likely to capture the constituency being vacated by Bernard Goldberg. All incumbent candidates, with the possible exception of Daniel Hayes, are expected to win re-election.

The election results should be interesting since two incumbent Councillors, Edward Crane and Thomas Daney, are basing their campaigns on a strong "law and order" theme.

The Cambridge Civic Association, which traditionally gives its nod to the candidates that it perceives as the most progres-

sive, has this year endorsed Coates, Moncreiff, and Solomons in addition to the incumbents Barbara Ackermann, Edward Crane, and Thomas Mahoney.

The Cambridge Citizens for Low-Income Housing, a newly-formed group concerned with the housing crisis, has endorsed incumbents Ackermann, Mahoney and Alfred Vellucci, as well as challengers Coates, Solomons, James Carragianes, Daniel Connolly and Henry Owens.

### Councillor from MIT

In an interview, Councillor Thomas H. D. Mahoney, Professor of History in the MIT Department of Humanities, discussed his campaign. He has relied mainly on coffee hours, mailings and signs (about 125 are up in all sections of the city).

In his campaign, Councillor Mahoney has raised such issues as the maintenance of professionalism in the office of City Manager, housing, solid waste disposal, recreation and traffic.

He has given special emphasis to the "filthy condition" of the Cambridge streets. Believing that "the morale of the city is determined by its environment", he recently proposed a nine-point program to the Council. Among the points were that the City Manager should seek to employ student assistance in this area and that businesses should assume more responsibility for the cleanliness of the city.

Councillor Mahoney is especially proud of the leadership role he played in the formation of tenant councils in public housing projects and in procuring modernization funds for the projects.

One of the four Councillors who voted in favor of rent control this summer, Councillor Mahoney asserts that he favored the ordinance on the basis of "justice and humanity." He feels that rent control is desirable because of the many evictions that have been occurring and in order to assist those citizens of fixed income who cannot compete with the rising demand for housing in the city.

### School Committee

In the School Committee race, there are twelve candidates for six positions. The CCA has endorsed incumbents Frank Duehay and David Wylie and challengers Lorraine Butler, Francis X. Hayes, and Don Fantini. Of the other incumbents, William Fitzgerald and John Good are seeking re-election while Clinton and Solomons are running for the City Council.

The only issue seems to be the general question of the quality of the school system. While the CCA candidates say that much more could be done, the other incumbents lead the defense of the present system.

A group of MIT and Wellesley students has been actively involved in Lorraine Butler's campaign. Students who would like to serve as pollworkers on election day should contact Steve Young at the Urban Action office, W20-437, x 2894.



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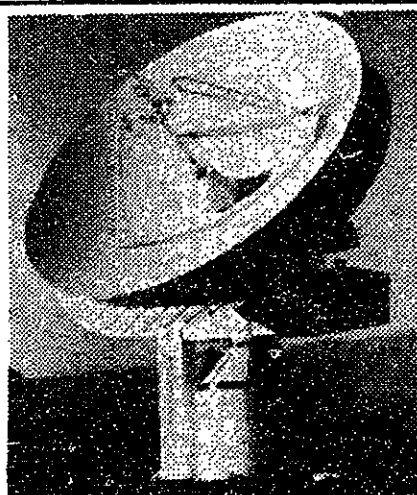
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# November Stand

Tomorrow marks the start of the November Actions, which will focus on MIT during the next week. The stated goals of the November Action Coalition are 1) an end to "war-related" research projects on this campus; 2) "raising the cost of the war in Vietnam;" and 3) building a radical movement at MIT and throughout the nation.

We find we can agree with NAC on at most only the first of these goals. Beyond a doubt, such projects as MIRV are not appropriate for university research and development, if indeed they are appropriate for this world at all. It seems to us, too, that a consensus is growing on this campus which, given time, will bring these projects to an end. Although we find this time scale discouragingly long, the growth of consensus must not be stifled by premature acts which will alienate many who seek a change in MIT's research priorities.

While we support an immediate end to US involvement in Vietnam, actions at MIT will not raise the cost of the war on a national level. On the national level, where this influence must be felt, the inevitable distortion of the real issue of the war by the issue of violence will polarize citizens' views around the wrong problem and obscure the true one.

The same distortion will make it impossible to build an effective mass movement—too many outside people will misunderstand what happens here. Some misunderstanding may prematurely provoke the repression not only of radical but of liberal movements.

We cannot support the "militant," and "dis-

ruptive" actions planned by NAC. Besides our fear that the violence implied in these actions will be counterproductive to changing national policy, we recognize that such acts have no place at a university. These acts, by polarizing people over a false issue, will not strengthen President Johnson's hand in obtaining conversion money, but may well strengthen the hand of those outside MIT who would restrict the freedom of both MIT and other universities.

Nor are we prepared to condone actions by any person or group designed to coerce anyone else into accepting a certain sense of morality. We feel that continued pluralism of opinion, coupled with open discussion, will serve MIT best over the long haul.

We agree that the problem of conversion, the war, and MIT are here. We urge everyone to attend the SACC discussion of the conversion and NAC in Kresge at 10 pm Tuesday. Additionally, we feel it is intellectually dishonest to march with NAC unless one supports both the politics and tactics of that group, and are willing to accept their consequences.

To those who will be on the receiving end of the actions, we offer these suggestions: 1) Cooperate with the radicals—see if they will follow their statements—that they will not initiate violence. There is no need to knuckle under, but minimal cooperation may keep police off the campus. 2) If police must be used, they should be accompanied by an officer of the Institute at all times. 3) Prior warning should be given before any police action is taken.



By Bruce Schwartz

I.

Which was temporarily located in the War Memorial Auditorium. Was it fitting somehow that this monument to a war should be converted into a showcase, a display house, a cathedral for the number one consumer good in America, the automobile? The worshippers: that much maligned and overwhelmingly numerous amorphous population called the middle class. The godhead: vision in steel and glass, capturing in its form and substance the power reserved in former times to royalty and tyrants; the luxury once exclusive to the rich alone.

The automobile! Think of it, of what it has made this nation. Men grew rich on it; a nation grew prosperous and affluent and soon opulent. With the wheels the suburb became possible and the new barons left the cities which had spawned them; left them to the poor and the black and were thus able to forget them as the skies over those cities grew foul with the excrement of their magic chariots. That the chariot might be fatal and the glorious mobility become worthless as the places linked by the roads became steadily uglier and the roads themselves impassable due to the traffic overpopulation hadn't really occurred to them worshippers, or, if it had, they made no sign of it. They gawked rather, and paid homage to the incomprehensible marvel of the Volkswagen undercarriage as the high priest pointed out the marvelous technological sophistication of the beast. They paid for the privilege of being solicited and ran their hands over the metal of the bodies. For in those bodies was the stuff of dreams, good solid dreams of large rambling homes with large grass lawns. So they came and considered their next car or dreamed of ones they might never have and never for a moment worried that their dreams might be made of someone else's nightmare, someone else's sweat, and even, yes, hunger. They did not know what might be implied in the preservation of the world's highest standard of living, or if they did, made no indication of it.

II.

The worshippers were short of hair, clean of cut, sure in the rightness of their ways for, after

all, hadn't America always won its wars? And thus it was that they were angry at the enemies that had sprung out of seemingly nowhere to challenge them and their ways; to question and snipe and taunt and piss on every bottle of holy water their inner sanctum had ever held. They had never been known for their tolerance, and every member of the Woodstock nation was a walking affront to that grand Judeo-Christian-WASP-Puritan-bourgeois heaven 'n' hell tradition. Which meant that when the reporter smiled up at one of the faithful, the believer did not smile back. Did not smile but continued admiring the Cadillac and blocked the fuzzy-wuzzy out. His world was showing cracks at the edges; the aliens had been growing in strength and numbers of late and kept intruding into his living room at 6 pm. Vietnam, a place which existed somewhere within NBC, also kept needling into his consciousness. Ah, if he only knew what the aliens had planned for him. If he only knew what new invasions of his world they were plotting!

Within the bastions of that great straight world, the aliens multiplied like bacteria in a festering boil. Something had gone wrong in the incubators of technocracy; the society had undergone some kind of genetic damage and its wombs now produced not children but strange creatures some called freaks. And they had their gods, too, and in a temporary temple within an incubator called Harvard, they had come to worship.

The high priest rose and spoke forth: "You must begin beyond reason."

III.

And there was truth in what he said, for reason is of various sorts: what was reasonable to the American was not reasonable to the Alien. Reason is based on a view of reality, and by now we in this citadel of reason should know that there are many different realities and that men who do not share realities are not likely to be able to reason together. Ah, you say, that way madness lies. And you're right. Madness is a reality that you do not share. Madness lies beyond reason. Thus it was that the

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# Letters to The Tech

## CIS: A student view

(Ed. note: The following is continued from the previous issue.)

Another project in the consideration stage that has questionable overtones is one doing a detailed study of the relationship between (1) military aid and assistance to underdeveloped countries and (2) the stimulation of the civilian economy. The reason for this study is amazingly relevant: it is felt that such military aid and assistance is a diversion from the real civilian needs of food, clothing, shelter, jobs, etc. Too bad this reason isn't applied here in the U.S. This project seems to have the possible interest of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for several reasons. Benoit of Columbia University found that underdeveloped countries' military establishments are determined to have well-equipped modern armies. As a result, they turn to other than the U.S. if the U.S. refuses to sell to them. The problem is (and it is certainly not the only problem) that the money is still diverted from the civilian economy. Believe it or not, it has been suggested that the U.S. create inexpensive weapons or give huge discounts so that the savings can be invested in public service. Naturally I immediately interjected that such thoughts were quite infantile and pure insanity (contact me if the reasons aren't immediately obvious). Another finding of Benoit luckily doesn't lead to that type of thinking. Initially this research of his indicated that the amount of military aid correlated highly with civilian economic growth. Upon hearing this I asked if there were not another more significant variable than military aid. Millikan's reply was that further research showed that high military aid normally occurred simultaneously with high economic aid. Hence military aid does not necessarily correlate with civilian economic growth as the initial finding indicated to

our government. Thus this possible research project is designed to see if the U.S. can get out of the arms business and still help the people of underdeveloped countries (i.e. stimulate civilian economic growth.)

A third project is really on the ball and is the concept of Edward Hagen. This project is to study employment creation. As a result of the "Green Revolution"—the use of modern agricultural techniques—small farmers are losing their way of life in such countries as Pakistan, Brazil, and India. The goal of this project is to "dream-up" and recommend public works projects which can employ these people near their own homes and at a higher income level than small farming. To me this project is a responsible follow-up to the agricultural reforms the U.S. introduced to underdeveloped countries. As might be expected, AID is highly interested in this project.

Now let me make it clear that I do not profess to having given an exhaustive analysis or report. Nor do I believe that I have necessarily been told the whole truth—follow up questioning and involvement by myself and others can only determine that. But I do believe that if one is interested in the CIS (as about 200 people were on the 10th) he should get in contact with Dr. Millikan or the other scientists at CIS and hash it out. I firmly believe that Dr. Millikan is a sincere, responsible man, and that if we want to prevent projects such as Com-Com and others, we must get involved with the responsible people now. Let me also state that a demon-

stration or two per year is not enough. One must continue to express his views loud enough to be heard and one must be willing to listen to the other side—not simultaneously, because that leads to a lack of communication, but in a dialogue. And don't mince words with Millikan or others. If you think something's wrong, say so face-to-face and then give direct, specific reasons. Direct honesty does more for communication and action than does name-calling or the use of generalized polemics. But at least get out and do something for a change! Don't leave the men who make the actual decisions to guess about your opinion. Their guess is often wrong.

I also realize that I have concentrated on prevention and have not stated what to do in case a project is supported in spite of serious humane objections. My only answer is the direct confrontation with the scientist. And it must be kept up until he withdraws or modifies his proposal or until he leaves MIT. Does this mean no academic freedom? Certainly not! One can look at it this way (the way you are not indoctrinated): (1) If moneys for social research were completely available outside the government, would that scientist still be predisposed to work on that kind of project? The point is that there is, in a very real sense, a great deal of governmental control (influence) over social scientists. Is that freedom? As a result we end up with projects at an academic institution that have terrific imperialistic or ideological over-

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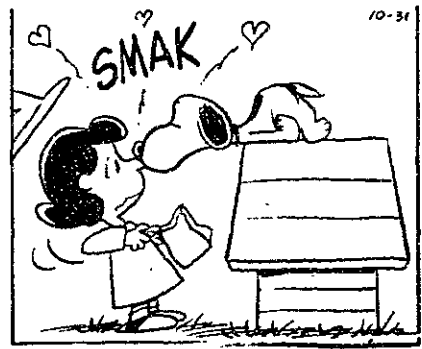
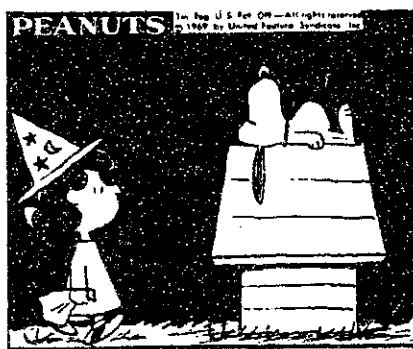


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# 'Shower party' incident leads to racial tension

## Reporter's Statement

(Ed. note: The following is a personal statement by Dave deBronkart, author of an article which appeared in The Tech Oct. 24, about that article. This statement is not intended to represent editorial opinion of The Tech.)

By Dave deBronkart

It is my intent here to explain my stand on the article of the 24th. The straight news story which accompanies this statement of my opinion is an attempt to reconstruct as fully as possible the events of that night; I was not present, but I have contacted as many people as I could find, Black and White, who were there.

First, let me reconstruct the events leading to my writing of the article. I heard of the incident, as it happened on the floor below me, from those involved. I went down to see what was going on, as I was disturbed by the story I had heard. Various residents of the floor told me grossly alarming stories, recounting up to "30 of them, and they had knives." I questioned the allegation of knife-carrying, and they admitted to suspicion and fear but not knowledge of such conditions. As accurately as pos-

sible, I weeded their stories until I arrived at a plausible version, upon which all present agreed.

Exercising what I judged at the time to be discretion, I did not interview the Black freshmen in question; I felt he would be in a very tense state, and not receptive to a random newspaper reporter on top of everything else that happened that evening. Rather, in writing the story, I specifically aimed at watering down the article even further, in a totally honest attempt to be 100% fair to those involved. I hereby assume all responsibility for the content of that article and these followups, as they were entirely of my own authoring. This includes the qualifying editor's note on the original article, which I requested.

The article, as it appeared, has been repeatedly verified as factual in context, specifically by Jim Bishop, assistant to the Dean's Office. The problem has arisen in the supposed "errors of omission" which have led to misgivings on the part of the BSU. My response to these claims is as follows.

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By Dave deBronkart  
Racial tensions which have since involved several portions of the Institute, including the President's Office, have resulted from an incident at East Campus freshman shower night, Oct. 22.

A Black freshman who chose not to participate in the activities became alarmed when the upperclassmen attempted to force entry to his room. The Campus Patrol was summoned on two occasions to disperse the crowd of upperclassmen, and a group of Black students from Burton House arrived at one point for the purpose of aiding the threatened freshman.

The Black Students' Union responded to the incident with demands that President Johnson issue a written condemnation of the upperclassmen's "illegal acts," that the upperclassmen be punished, that *The Tech* apologize for its allegedly inaccurate reporting of the incident, and that the Campus Patrol "approach Black students in particular, and all students generally, in a manner that will produce a constructive attitude of all parties involved."

President Johnson issued a statement Wednesday expressing his concern over the incident. He charged the Dormitory Council Judiciary Committee with investigating individual involvements in the incident, and with reviewing the entire system of hazing. He further announced that Prof. Paul Gray, Associate Provost, would begin an investigation of the incident centering on its racial overtones.

The incident began the night before the first freshman quiz, when the residents of the hall involved arrived at the door of Michael Fant, who was inside studying with two friends. The upperclassmen pounded on his door; he replied that he did not wish to participate, a not uncommon response which was ignored as usual.

Fant eventually called the Campus Patrol, who arrived and dispersed the crowd. The Patrol did not enter Fant's room at this point, and left after speaking to the crowd.

Residents of another floor soon showed up, having finished with their floor and looking for

more action. They found that Fant had not been showered, began pounding on his door again, and tried to enter through the connecting door from the next room.

Fant contends that racial epithets and slurs were shouted through the door; the Whites involved claim vehemently that no such comment was hurled at him.

A resident of the other floor then obtained pliers, and failing other methods of gaining entry (door-jolting and coop-carding), began to attack the lock on the door. He broke the lock and removed the cylinder and the door-knob. A resident of Fant's floor then removed a poster from the door which derided the "pigs" and demanded "all power to the people." The poster was destroyed.

## Two more statements on pages 6 and 7

At this point Fant again called the Campus Patrol. The response at this point was slow in coming, so he then called some of his friends in Burton House. When the Patrol arrived, some Whites made comments about Fant's calling the "fascist pigs" for help when his anti-pigs poster was destroyed.

A crowd of black students, estimated at up to 30, then arrived. The Black Students' Union contends that those present were not carrying weapons of any sort; others who were present disagree. In particular, Al Epstein, head of Judcomm in East Campus, has specifically stated that he saw lengths of iron rod; other witnesses and at least one of the Blacks present have added slats of wood to the articles reportedly carried by the party.

The issue of racial epithets stands unsolved. The freshmen in the room claim that the crowd was yelling, "Kill the niggers," whereas the upperclassmen outside say firmly that they were shouting, "Kill the freshmen." Notices on at least one bulletin board were set afire by Blacks, and were extinguished by Whites before damage was done.

## STATEMENT OF MICHAEL FANT

Statement of Michael Fant about the October 22, 1969 East Campus Shower Incident

Just as background information, I would like to bring up an important point. About a week and a half to two weeks before the shower party incident took place, a white resident on my floor called a poster on my door "garbage" told me that he didn't like it, and that the rest of the hall was "right-wing" and wouldn't like it either. He went on to relate an incident concerning a socialist who lived on the floor the year before and had had his poster burned while it was still on his door. He then implied the possibility of the

same thing happening to my poster.

On Wednesday night, October 22, I, Michael Fant, was subject to a malicious affront by whites residents of the East Campus dorm. This was the night when the so-called "shower parties" roamed the halls looking for freshmen to throw into the showers, fully clothed, as some sort of initiation. When my room was approached by the crowd, I was busy studying with two black friends of mine, also of the East Campus dorm. After the group made their presence known on the opposite side of my door, I told them that I did not wish to participate in their initiation and that I would not be thrown into the shower. They replied with a great deal of heavy banging on both of my doors. I was constantly telling them how I stood on this matter, but they didn't listen. When it seemed that my door was about to be broken in, I called the campus patrol. They came and dispersed the crowd.

A few minutes later the crowd was back beating on my door more heavily than before. (Please turn to page 7)

## Johnson's statement

(Ed. note: The following is a statement by President Howard Johnson concerning the East Campus shower incident and related matters.)

To Members of the MIT Community:

Last week an incident occurred in one of the Institute houses which has brought up once again the issue of personal rights on this campus. This incident centered around the hazing of a black student, who felt strongly that the activities of the freshman shower party were a deliberate invasion of his privacy. Furthermore, he and other black students felt deeply that the incident and its reporting in the campus press revealed considerable racial bias. These are serious charges that the MIT community must deal with urgently, and I shall personally see to it that this is done.

I have spoken out many times on my belief that we as a community must respect and protect the basic rights of individuals to freedom of action and freedom of expression. It is equally important in my view to protect the right of each individual to enjoy reasonable personal privacy and to expect of others respect for his dignity, his individuality, and his right to self-determination.

In order that this kind of

incident does not recur, and to avoid, if possible, further misunderstandings, I have taken the following steps: 1. I have asked the Dean for Student Affairs to request that the judicial committee in the house, and, if appropriate, both the Dormitory Council and its judicial committee, investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident with a dual purpose: first, to review the actions of the individuals who were centrally involved and, second, to take a contemporary look at the "common law" concerning hazing. It is my hope that these objectives can be met within the structure of the student judicial system. If they cannot, the Committee on Discipline will be asked to review the situation. 2. I have asked Professor Gray and those who have been most directly involved in efforts to expand educational opportunity for black students at MIT to examine directly and immediately the serious problem of racial resentments and tensions on this campus. Specifically, I have asked Dean Nyhart and Professor Gray to organize meetings with students and housemasters in residence groups, in order to discuss the purposes and principles of these efforts, to answer questions, and

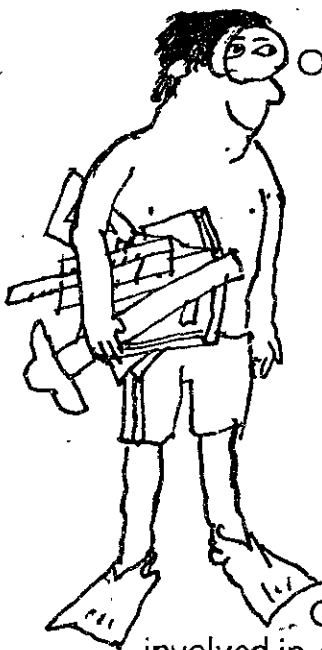
to further familiarize students with the relevant facts and goals. I hope that in this way we can develop a mechanism for the continuing exploration and amelioration of these problems. I would welcome further suggestions from the community as to ways in which we can make this effort a meaningful one.

We have been most encouraged with the development and the progress of the efforts aimed at making the Institute more relevant to black students. MIT as an institution is committed to their success, and we count on each of you as individuals to give these efforts your full support and understanding. This recent example has shown us that individual acts sometimes have far-reaching effects that may override even the best efforts of the institution.

MIT is a pluralistic community. Its value to each of us as a place in which to live and study depends in large measure on how much effort each of us invests to make that community work, to respect the dignity, individuality, and personal worth of every other person here. I urge each of you to think very carefully about what that means, for yourself and for all of us.

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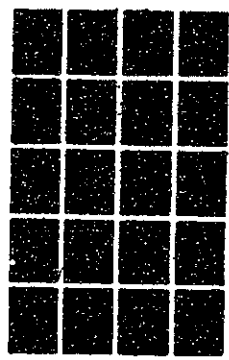
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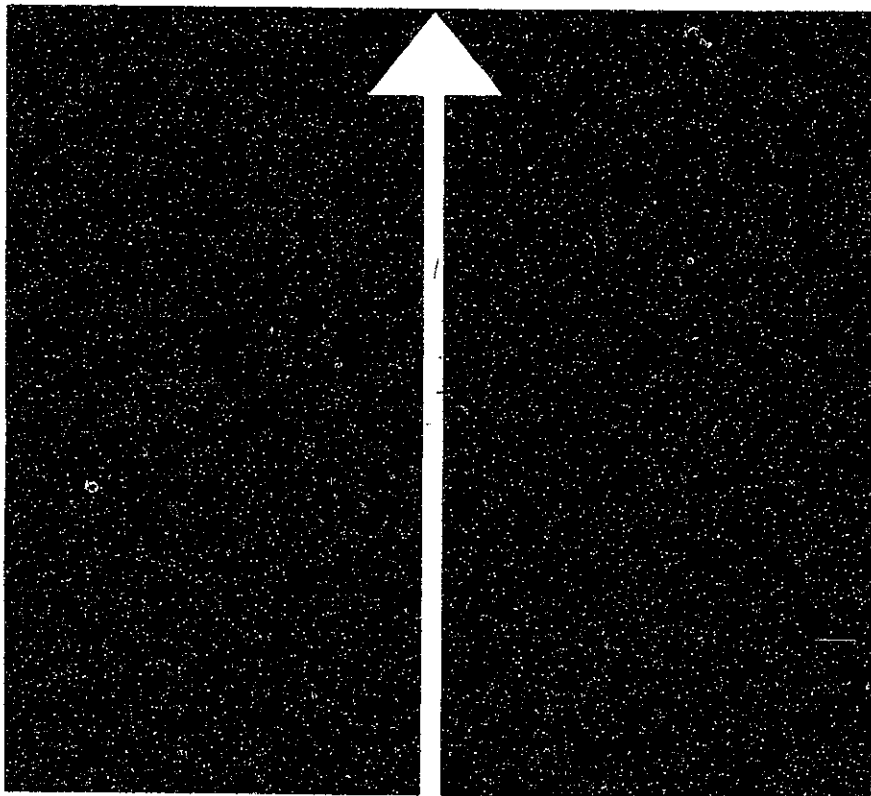
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# Statement of BSU

(Ed. note: The following is a letter from the Black Student Union expressing their view of the October 22 incident and The Tech's coverage of it.)

The members of the Black Student Union forthrightly express their gravest concern over the great disservice done to the MIT community by *The Tech* and the discredit it did to itself by presenting a news story "Shower ritual irks Blacks" *The Tech*, Friday: Oct. 24) so biased, incomplete, and devoid of facts, that it pleads for reproach.

If there is any understatement to be made about this article it is the fact that it was ill-conceived with little or no competent fact-finding, very little gathering of evidence, no preparation, and a disregard for standards of responsible and factual reporting. The fact that *The Tech* had not bothered to even consult the two Black residents of East Campus, the persons directly involved in this incident, attests to the poor quality of this article among other things. Even the prefatory statements of

the article hints as a device to excuse off its poor quality and lack of soundness, mentioning as its prime source of reliable information—a phantom East Campus resident.

Furthermore, if there were any understatements in this article, they were more than atoned for by the inclusion of the fearful visions of the East Campus residents involved. (Who can imagine knives in umbrellas?) We can conceive of persons carrying knives in their pockets even in their shoes (though the Black students involved have assured us that they haven't ever subscribed to such practices) but knives in umbrellas is a new one on all of us. We see this as nothing but sensationalism designed by the East Campus residents who were consulted and/or *The Tech* staff to drum up fear and hostility towards the Black students involved.

We also note an incredible attempt on your part to depict this incident as an innocent and normal ritual disrupted by

unruly Blacks, by leaving out the distinguishing features of this particular shower namely, the epithets, remarks, and the acts of the shower participants.

You mentioned that, "No violence was precipitated; attempts were made by the Whites involved to reconcile the situation." We wonder how violent the situation would have appeared if a group of black students converged on a White student's room, hurled equivalent epithets and remarks at the resident, and tore the lock off the door while attempting to break in. An irresponsible group might use this shower ritual as a front for any acts they might choose to commit. What sensible person would allow such a group to enter his room? Why didn't the participants in the shower activity cease as soon as they saw that the resident, Michael Fant, was viewing their actions as a harassment? Why did they allow such characters who had hostile racist attitudes participate in the first place? Why was it necessary for the participants to tear Fant's publications off the walls adjacent to his door and what other ulterior motives were present? Several days before this incidence, Fant was approached by a resident of the floor who informed him that the hall was right-winged, that the residents had a distaste for the publications he had posted and that if he didn't remove them, they would be removed for him eventually. We can only conclude from these facts that the atmosphere in this particular hall in Bemis was hostile, tense and threatening and Fant was justified in exercising caution for his safety and summoning help when he saw the situation was getting out of hand.

From what we can ascertain, the other resident David Lee who summoned help was not threatened in a manner deemed abnormal beyond the normal shower party ritual. He had been informed of the undesirable situation at the Fant shower party which occurred earlier and had decided not to participate in order to avoid any unsavory incidents. When he requested that he be allowed not to participate in the shower ceremony, he was told that if he didn't come out, the shower party participants on his floor would come in and get him and bring him out physically. When the shower party participants attempted to enter his room, he summoned help. We feel that because of the precedence set by the residents at the other shower party, Lee was justified also in exercising concern for his safety and we also feel that his request not to participate should have been granted.

In conclusion, in view of all the aforementioned shortcomings, we maintain that *The Tech* did not give a fair and complete account or description of this affair and the actions of the persons involved. We are disappointed that standards of honesty, accuracy, and rigorous fact-finding which we feel are imperative for campus publications and other mediums of communication (university affiliated or not) to adopt and adhere to were taken so lightly or dismissed entirely at the time this article was conceived by the author and *The Tech* staff. We would be more sympathetic if this article had just the features of a "rush job." But in lieu of the fact that you found it necessary to mention such far-fetched, ridiculous, and unfounded fears as "knives in umbrellas" in the place of the facts which this article more than warranted, that you didn't find

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# Statement of David Lee

Statement of David Lee  
about the October 22, 1969  
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Between 1:00 and 2:00 last Thursday morning, as I was preparing to go to bed, I received a knock at the door. I opened the door and saw a group of guys standing around, of whom I only recognized one, Ed Bennett our hall chairman. They said that I hadn't been thrown in the shower yet and that it was now

my turn. I said I had no desire to be thrown in and that I was busy talking on the phone. After this I closed the door. They said they would give me five minutes after which if I didn't come out peacefully, they would take me out physically. At this time I called up a group of my friends who said earlier to call them if I or any other blacks received any more disturbance that night. After I called them I called Mike

Fant's room to tell him that a group was going to try to throw me in the showers. A few of the guys were in his room and come down about a minute later. They told the group outside my door to make themselves scarce if they didn't want any trouble. They heeded the advice and by the time my black friends arrived there was no one in the halls except the guys who came down from Mike Fant's room.

## FANT'S STATEMENT

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My two friends were holding the hall door and I was holding the door that leads to the other room. They took a wrench and literally ripped the lock out of my door along with taking the door knob out. Then they ripped the poster off the front of my door and tore it up while making slanderous and abusive remarks about me and black people in general. After this I called other black friends of mine on campus to ask for assistance, a couple of minutes later, after it sounded like my doors were ready to crumble, I again called the campus police. Only after the campus police arrived and convinced me that they were the campus police did I open my door. Shortly afterwards a contingency of black students arrived in reply to my call for aid. Almost immediately the campus patrol asked them where they were from although they were wearing MIT T-shirts and jackets. The C.P. also asked them what they were there although it was obvious that I was under a violent and malicious attack by whites. I was also told by the campus patrol, "Tell your boys to go home", while the whites were still milling around the halls. Later, both groups dispersed.

## Letters...

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tones (if not outrightly). (2) A scientist's education through the point which he enters high lever international research has been directed through and by a political filter—think about it, is that academic freedom? (3) If many non-ideological projects (see the CIS Research Reports) do not get funded, why can't a project be changed or dropped such that it is non-political or non-ideological in orientation and usage? That is the cognizance of freedom from government control.

The CIS or MIT in general is not or should not be a governmental (political) agency. Although one could object that I'm presenting a political filter of my own, I'm not. All I'm saying is that research projects can and should be related to real-world problems without having to further our own government's pretensions—that is academic freedom. What we need at an academic institution are social research projects directed towards real peoples' needs (social science, remember?)—not government projects for government purposes that are academically staffed.

Michael W. Hurst  
Course XXI

### BSU Resolution

To the editor:

It is resolved that the M.I.T. Black Students Union endorses those groups whose objectives are to abolish racism, imperialism, oppression, and exploitation. While not having been openly vocal on recent issues surrounding the efforts of various groups in our immediate

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the group, explained that "action is being taken so as to confront the workers." Tovish stood behind militant action but said that he thought it shouldn't be used yet because educational work is not yet completed.

In another effort, a group of students have set up an information center in the Bush Room. They "hope to promote the exchange of ideas, to minimize speculation, due to lack of information, and to help reduce unnecessary tensions."

## STUDENTS BARRED FROM RECRUITERS

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At this point Wadleigh stood up on a radiator and said, "Let me introduce myself." The protestors responded that they knew who he was, whereupon he came close to repeating his near-legendary "Anybody here in five minutes..." speech of the tuition riot a few years ago. Specifically, he said that students who remained would be subject to disciplinary action and non-students would be considered trespassers. He repeated the offer of allowing two representatives in to talk to the GE interviewers.

### Students retreat

The demonstrators again rejected the offer, saying they had nothing to talk about. The feeling of the group was that the police were already on the way, and the protestors finally decided that it was not worthwhile to be busted now, since they were needed in the November Actions. They then left for Northeastern University, where GE was also recruiting that day. Asked by *The Tech* whether the police had in fact been called, Wadleigh said they had not but added "the police have clearly been alerted."

Thursday about 20 people, approximately half students and half GE workers, picketed in front of 77 Mass. Ave. during the morning, before moving on to the front of E19. Captain Oliveri and three other campus patrolmen were at the door. In addition there were some Cambridge police in the street in front of E19. Upstairs, two more campus patrolmen were guarding the door, under orders not to let anyone without a scheduled interview in.

Through all this, GE representatives remained inside the Placement Office. Placement Director Robert Weatherall said that the number of interviews scheduled had apparently not declined from last year, and that no one, individuals or companies, had cancelled them. Although the Placement Office is aware of the November Actions planned for next week, the 3 defense companies scheduled are still coming on the assigned days.

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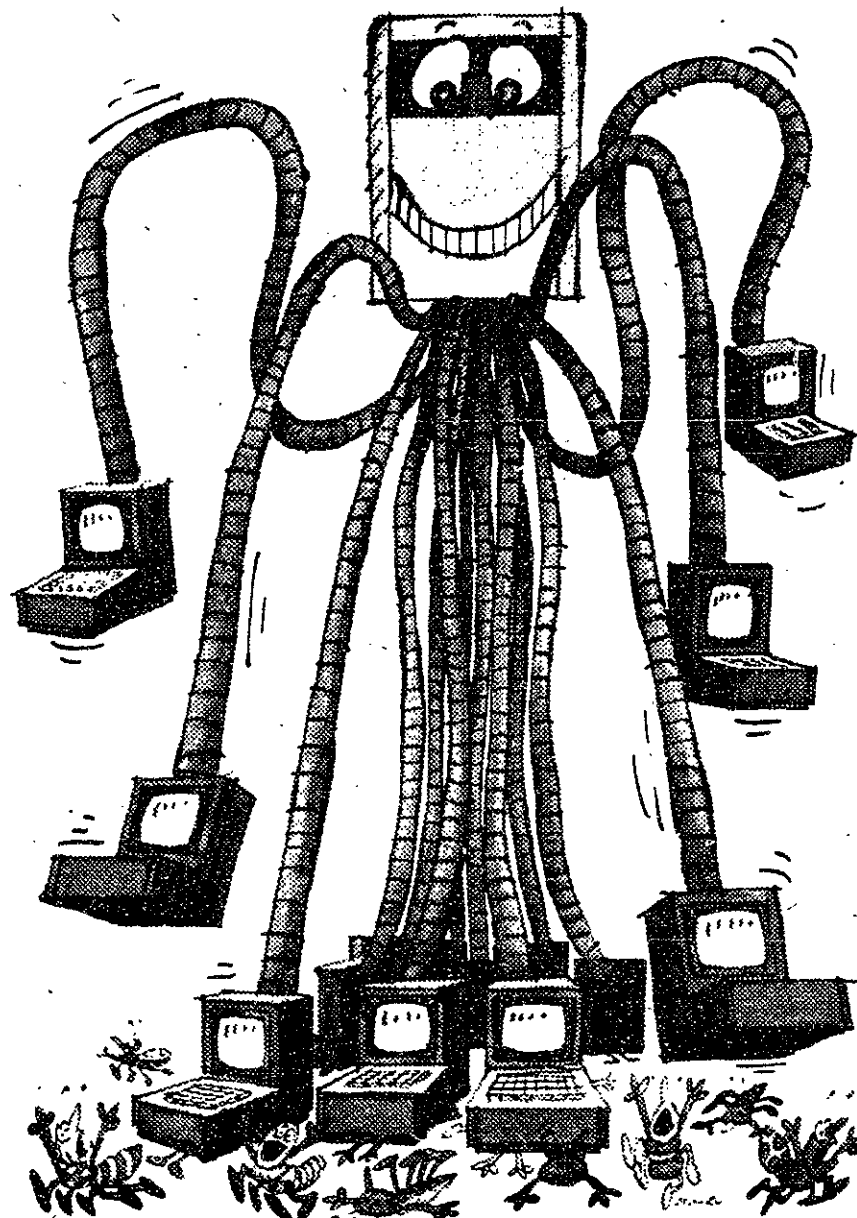
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**BSU STATEMENT**

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 it necessary to consult the victims of the harassment for their account of the incident, and that you attempted to mislead readers with a prefatory statement attesting to the impartiality and restraint with which you handled the evidence and then proceeded to give an incredibly incomplete account of the incidents gives us cause for concern.

We cannot help but suspect that the motives behind this article were to minimize the faults of the participants of these shower parties and depict

the Blacks, who were involved as either victims of the harassment or as concerned residents from other dormitories, as impetuous, sensitive and irresponsible elements looking for trouble. We cannot and will not tolerate such smears in a publication in which the academic community places the trust and responsibility of presenting impartial and factual accounts of news stories relevant to the community.

**DEBRONKART...**

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In further speaking with those involved (which I feel indicates my continuing good inten-

tions), I have learned a great deal about the "other side of the story." I have learned that the article did, indeed, omit many facts surrounding the incident.

I have since spoken with Michael Fant, the freshman whose room was violated. I have spoken with Fred Johnson of the BSU, and with various people from Burton House who responded to Mike's calls for help. I have read statements from Mike, the BSU, and President Johnson concerning the incident, and I now feel qualified to present a two-sided, unbiased account of what happened that night.



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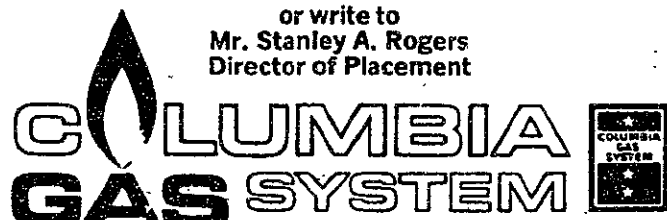
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# Intruders in the American Dream

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Aliens came to accuse the Americans of madness, and the Americans came to respond in kind. And both were right, and both were wrong. The Americans tried to put the more violent of the Aliens into asylums; lacking yet strength and numbers the Aliens tried to drive the Americans mad.

#### IV.

And meetings had been going on for years. Now another incubator of the technocracy, greater than the one stricken the year before, was about to experience the same reaction when microbes and antibodies collide: fever. When madmen meet, as everyone knows, communication is the first casualty. Go to a mental hospital sometime; see what I mean. Madmen cannot talk; they sometimes don't even share the same language. As Catholic could never understand 15th century infidel, so American and Alien cannot communicate. No compromise is possible; one believes in God or one doesn't. And now believer and heathen each the other's infidel, had staked out their positions, and, no compromise being possible, had prepared for battle.

## BATTLE OF MIT SEEMS IMMINENT

There remain but four days to what may be remembered as the battle of MIT. Violence of some sort seems almost inevitable. Police action is certain. Leaders of the November Action fully expect to go to jail. The administration has said nothing about expulsions, but they seem likely. As it has shaped up over the past few weeks, the November Action has taken on almost the aspect of a historical inevitability, like World War I. Could it have been avoided? Can it? Should it? Observe the set of the play, the historical background, the players and powers, and judge.

Especially should the faculty of MIT take notice. In recent days this writer has noted what seems to be an amazing ignorance of what is going to happen Tuesday. So get it: There will be 1000 or more demonstrators from all over the Boston area coming to MIT to picket the Instrumentation Lab and to seize the buildings housing the CIS and the Administrative offices. The demonstrators see this as an action against an institution that is supportive of imperialism, the exploitation of people for the gain of the American ruling class. Howard John-

## Letters...

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and larger community, our relative silence should not be construed as consenting to the status quo. As Black Americans, we are aware that all efforts to revolutionize the existing social system and its oppressive power structure is indeed consistent with our specific efforts to destroy racism for all time at M.I.T. and in all parts of the world.

### Black Students Union Monday vigil

To the Editor:

The recent flurry of petitions, resolutions, and departmental meetings indicates clearly that the people of MIT have begun to speak out about November 4-5. We would like to propose a focus for such reasoned voices.

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son has issued statements saying that "academic freedom" and "freedom of access" will be protected. And the November Action Coalition says that such freedom is totally meaningless when compared to what MIT stands for.

Let us examine this contention. Let us range over the years and see if there might be a grain of truth in the contention that MIT may be harmful or even fatal to one's health. Let us consider the projects of the CIS for the CIA which involve the war in Vietnam, consider that this is research in support and in the services of an agency and a government that seeks to impose its will upon not only Vietnam but also Laos and Thailand and most of Southeast Asia and South America as well and in doing so has been at least in part responsible for perhaps a million deaths in Vietnam and God knows how many more in Laos where we're bombing, and in Thailand, where we're also bombing. Nor should we forget the maimed, the victims of napalm and shrapnel. Millions more. Now, gentlemen, conjure up a pile of a million corpses, a charnel house to rival Buchenwald. Put it on one side of a cosmic scale. Upon the other side place your academic freedom. Which weighs heavier? I would like for the faculty, and the Corporation, to remember this when it comes time to deal

with this Action. Perhaps you will understand that it is this vision that drives America's children into the streets.

Considering that Mr. Johnson has come out against the war, it is somewhat odd that he hasn't come out against activity that supports that very war. Of course, there are pressures upon him. Pressures to stand fast in the face of intimidation. Pressures to protect academic freedom. And he's kind of trapped. After all, where will the money come from if not from the government?

So we find ourselves here in a kind of war - yeah, it's war - between those who see America typified by the Pentagon as oppressive and murderous, and those who don't. Caught in the middle are those like some members of the administration who don't like what's going on but would lose their source of livelihood if they opposed it. There is no compromise possible. The radicals will not bend - one develops or does not develop; researches or does not research. The Institute probably cannot yield to the demands; the Corporation (let us remember the Corporation, that assemblage of the wealthy and powerful who have certain interests at stake) would have Johnson's head emplatred. Besides, many at MIT believe in these projects. It is the nature of war that no compromises are possible.

Now, as this tragedy of history enters its final acts, we wait. We tremble a little. Awesome forces are afoot in the land. MIT will never be the same after this week. Right now people are making decisions. To join? To support? To oppose? To fight?

Here is my position, not necessarily the opinion of this newspaper. Mine. Because I like to think it matters.

I support the aims and goals of the November Action. I am against what the United States has done and continues to do and the role MIT plays in it. I choose not to participate in the Action itself because I do not believe that it will advance its

goals or win many converts. Then again I may be wrong. And also I must admit I do not believe it will be effective enough to warrant risking my freedom or safety. Mike Albert told me he expects to go to jail. And I'm not quite ready for that. It may be out of cowardice.

But given a few more months of war, given growing repression... Cowardice can be overcome if one grows angry enough. I have a feeling that if things continue as they have, some conceivable February Action might attract not one but ten thousand people. Then we may find ourselves up against a much bigger, much uglier wall.

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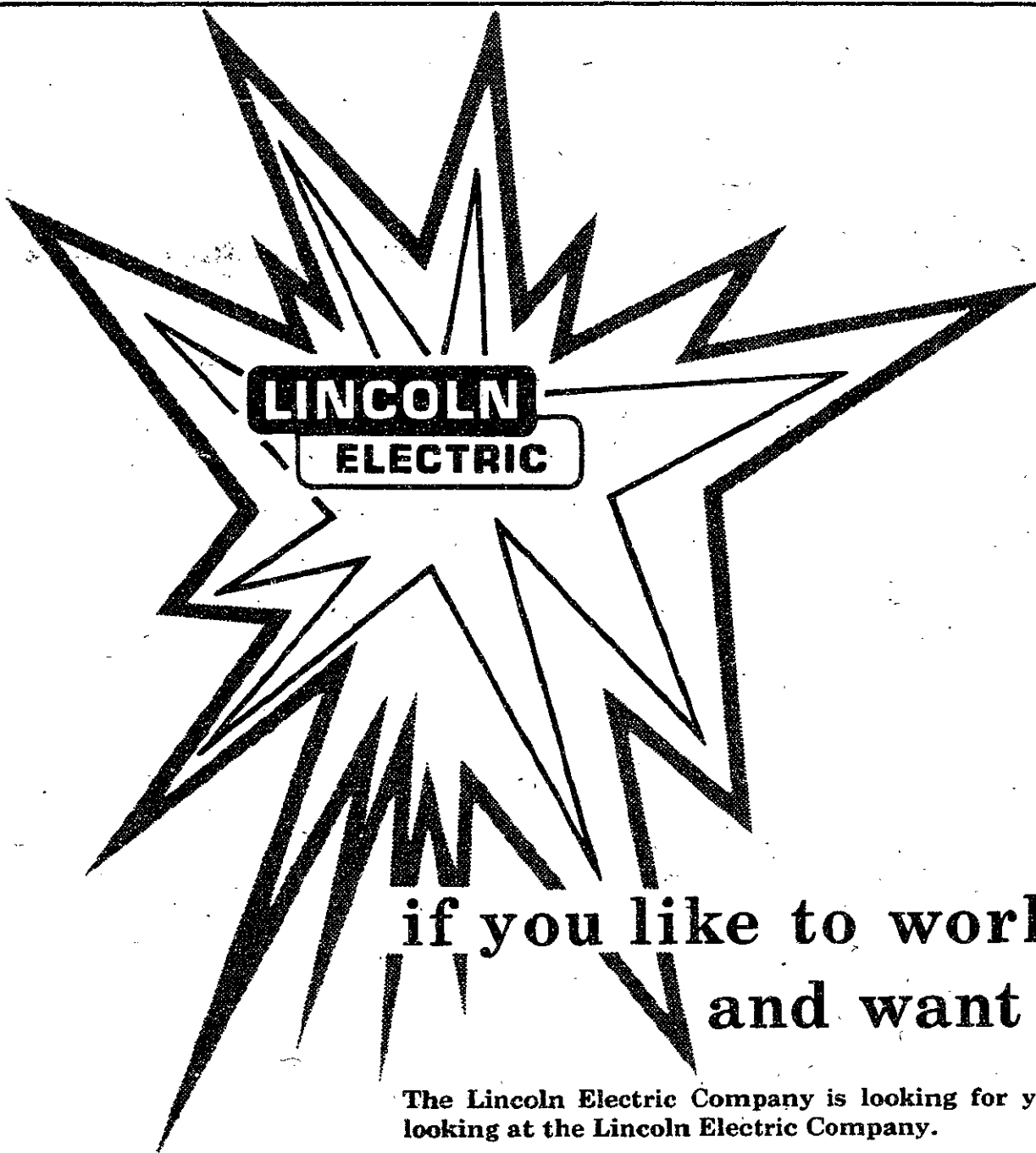
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\* The Undergraduate Nominations Committee will meet November 12 at 7:30 pm in room W20-400 to interview students interested in the following committees: Committee on Educational Policy, ad hoc committee on student wages, library committee, community service fund, and community service committee.

\* *Tangent*, the MIT literary magazine, has openings and is soliciting people to fill the positions of advertising manager, poetry editor, and photography editor. Anyone thinking themselves capable of filling any of these posts is urged to write Ed Salzberg, W20-467.

\* Professor Richard Moss will speak at an ASME meeting on "The Possibilities and Probability of Finding Intelligent Extraterrestrial Life" on Thursday, November 6, at 5:15 pm in the Bush Room, room 10-105. All are welcome. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

\* Elections for the foreign student representative to the Graduate Student Council will continue until Thursday, November 6. Votes may be cast in the Foreign Student Office, room 3-111.

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\* Inexpensive transportation to Washington for the November 15 march and rally may be arranged by contacting the New Mobilization Committee at 492-6717. Buses, trains, and planes will be chartered. Deadline for planes is November 1, while the deadline for trains is November 14.

\* Preliminary applications for the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program are now available in the Graduate School Office, room 3-134.


\* Competition for the Fulbright-Hays series of scholarships for study abroad will close on December 4, 1969. There is also a series of scholarships to countries in Eastern Europe available. The closing deadline on these applications will be 12:00 noon, November 20, 1969. Applications and further information may be obtained from Dean Harold Hazen, room 1-207. Early application is desirable, as the forms are lengthy.

\* There will be a meeting for those students interested in indoor track on Monday, November 3 at 5:15 pm in the Varsity Club Lounge.

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## Letters...

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Our opinion of the activities currently planned is that they needlessly encourage violence. We believe that right here, right now, violence is not an acceptable form of dissent. In any decision-making process, to inject violence is to push out reason. Certainly the resolution of the war-research issue will require every drop of rationality that MIT can muster.

To symbolize these beliefs, we will hold a quiet, candle-lit vigil by the Great Sail at 7 Monday evening. We will invite no speakers, pass out no leaflets, and erect no posters. We will not be out to build an organization, but to be counted.

With respect to the substantive issues of November Action, this vigil will take no sides. With regard to the proposed tactics of November 4 and 5, we are of one mind. We will not support violence, and we want people to know it.

If you feel as we do, please join us Monday evening. B.Y.O.C.

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# Benchwarmer

By Jay Zager

About four years ago, the Intramural Council created the Executive Committee, consisting of the president of the council, the secretary, and three members elected by the council members at the first meeting of the spring term. Currently on the Executive Board are IM President Bob Dresser '71, IM Secretary Pete Saunders '72, Scudder Smith '69, Patrick Szymanski '70, and newly-elected Gerry Lowe '71. The function of the Executive Committee is two-fold: it serves as an official protest body of the IM Council, and according to the Constitution of the Council it shall "annually revise the Intramural Handbook."

Revising the Handbook means essentially reviewing the structure of intramural athletics on a yearly basis. This year's Executive Committee has been fairly active. It has experimented with IM soccer and a fall IM sailing season. A new pay scale for IM referees has also been established. And, in a highly debated move, the Committee suggested abolishing the intramural point scoring system as well as the All Sports Trophy, annually given to the living group with the highest point total. This motion was voted on by the entire IM Council, and it passed by a narrow margin.

There are currently seventeen official intramural sports. Four of them, touch football, basketball, hockey, and softball, are considered "major" sports. Under the IM point scoring system the championship team received 140 points, the runner-up team 117, and so on until the twentieth team received 5 points. Sports such as swimming, volleyball, track, bowling, wrestling, and water polo are considered "semi-major" sports with each championship team receiving 90 points, and each runner-up 72. All of the other IM sports (tennis, badminton, golf, squash, table tennis, cross-country, and rifle) are "minor" sports with each winner receiving 50 points and each runner-up 40. In addition, teams were able to lose points by forfeiting games. The offending team would lose 5, 4, or 2 points depending on the sports classification.

At the end of the year, points were totaled and the living group with the most points was declared the All Sports Trophy winner. In the last few years, the trophy has been dominated by Burton House, though houses such as SAE, BTB, and even Baker House, have been able to win the trophy. Usually, however, the enormous size and number of participating teams has given Burton House an edge. Fraternity athletic chairmen have long complained that the existence of IM points, as well as the All Sports Trophy, has put a great deal of pressure on intramural athletes in their houses. Houses which pride themselves on strong intramural teams have long had to "pressure" brothers to go out for IM sports. Placement in the All Sports Trophy standings was a very important rushing apparatus.

When Jeff Weissman became president of the IM Council in February of 1968, he concerned himself directly with this problem. The disadvantages of IM points were clear: extensive fraternity pressure, childish squabbling over classifications of intramural sports, and in general disillusionment with the goals of intramural sports at MIT. The question remained, however, as to the advantages of the system, and the consequential results of abolition had yet to be determined.

It's been a year since the removal of the IM point system. Some of the basic statistics are glaringly revealing. This year's IM football season produced a record number of participating teams, and spectator as well as player enthusiasm was as high as it has ever been. The final game between SAE and LCA was played just as hard as it has ever been even though the houses were not competing for IM points. Throughout most of the intramurals participation was as high as it has ever been.

Most of the advocates of the IM point system have been converted in their thinking. Supposedly the decision to remove the point system will be re-evaluated and voted upon again this year, but the current trends of thought within the IM Council will almost assuredly provide for an extension of the point ban.

# Sailors seventh in Hoyt

The sailing team did not do well last weekend. On Sunday, they sent a team to Brown University to sail the Hoyt Trophy, Brown's fall season inter-sectional regatta. Plagued by poor winds, the race committee only managed to get off four races in each division, although 12 teams participated. Harvard won, with MIT finishing seventh. Tom Bergen, '72 in A division did not fare too poorly except for one race in which he fouled out. Dana Pettengill, '71, in B division, never managed to tame the light winds and Beverly dinghies.

Last weekend also, Dave McComb, '70, Bill Michels, '70, Pete Nesbeda, '71 and Chuck Wayne, '70, took on five other schools in an attempt to defend the White Trophy for the New England Sloop Championship, held in 24-foot Ravens at the Coast Guard Academy. The two-day event began on Saturday afternoon with the wind from the west as it dropped down into the Thames valley in puffy slants. The courses were

set up under the lee shores. This made for very confused finishes. McComb & Co. started well in each of the five races that day and beat Yale, whom they thought to be their most serious opposition, in four of the races. But it was Tom Dykstra from Rhode Island who despite poor starts worked his way out to a six-point lead over Tech by the end of the day.

On Sunday, MIT won the first race, after which they were tied with Dartmouth and Yale and four points down to URI. A fourth and a third in races seven and eight left them tied with the Green. Meanwhile, Chris Seaver of Yale made up his deficit on URI.

At the start of the next race, however, skipper McComb elected to change his tactics with only a few seconds to go. He felt that he could not cross the starting line in good shape without jibing. Due to the low-cut jibs on the Ravens he was unable to see the Bowdoin boat approaching to leeward on the

opposite tack and bore off to hit them amidships at full speed. Several minutes later the Tech crew found themselves on the way back to the shore, soon to be ten points behind at the conclusion of the race. Perhaps the letdown was too great. In any case, they finished last in the next race and rounded out the regatta with a fourth.

The eleventh and final race did not determine the winner. A start was given before the 4:00 pm deadline, and the crews sailed the course only to find the reach mark missing. The restart, however, was given after 4:00, and though Yale won the race (and seemingly the regatta), URI protested this last start. The matter will go to the Executive Committee of the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association to be resolved on November 7. Strangely, as McComb is president of that organization, the Tech crew carried the trophy back to Boston with them! Sadly, it will not stay.

# Kickers tip Boston College

by Ray Kwasnick

The varsity soccer team kept its hopes for a share of the Greater Boston League title alive with an exciting 2-1 victory over Boston College on Wednesday. The win raised the Engineers'

league record to 2-1 and overall mark to 3-6. If the Tech booters defeat Tufts next Wednesday, they will tie BU for the GBL crown.

The Eagles jumped on the Engineers at the opening whistle.

With only one minute gone in the second period, Mundhunk, BC's right inner, took a pass from Cash and slipped it past handcuffed Tech goalie Tom Aiden '72.

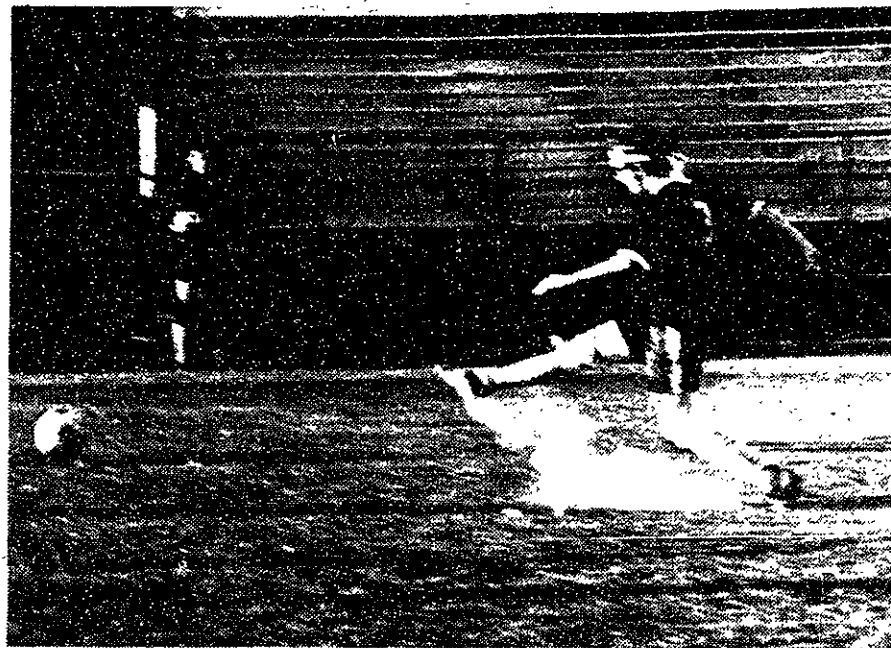
Play see-sawed up and down the field until 11:38 in the same quarter, when Gerry Maskiewicz '71 dribbled down the left side, delayed, and then rolled a perfect pass to Dave Peterson '71. Peterson promptly kicked the ball past goalie Wasowski to tie the score at 1-1.

The Tech eleven came out in the third period as if they were intent on running the Eagles back to Newton. With Maskiewicz and halfback Steve Young '70 controlling the ball only excellent goaltending by BC's Wasowski prevented Tech from ripping the game wide open.

However, with about three minutes to go in the period, the Tech attack seemed to run out of gas. The Eagles started to apply pressure, and this time it was a couple of fine saves by Aiden which prevented BC from icing the game.

This pattern of play continued through the first part of the fourth quarter, but with about ten minutes left in the game the Engineer attack righted itself. Maskiewicz brought the ball deep into the BC zone and centered it into a mass of players in front of the Eagle net. Co-captain Val Livada '70 got his foot on it, but he just missed the open net with a shot that bounced off the post. The rebound came out to Tony Reish '72, who quickly rifled a chest-high shot towards the BC goal. It was blocked, but by a BC defenseman's hands. Young was called upon to convert the penalty kick, and he did with a low shot to the far corner.

The Eagles fought back and had some excellent chances including an indirect penalty kick of their own, but the Tech defense held on for the win.



Senior Steve Young sends ball on its way to the game-winning score as the varsity soccer team toppled BC 2-1. Photo by Craig Davis

# Harriers place fifth in Greater Boston tourney

By Buzz Moylan

The Greater Boston Cross Country Tournament contested on Tuesday at Franklin Park, was reduced to a showcase of the Harvard might. In the varsity competition, the Crimson captured the first four slots with two other runners among the top ten. Captain Keith Colburn led his squad to the tape in 24:03. Harvard coasted to the title with a mere 18 points, over Northeastern with 54 and Boston College at 72.

Tufts, whom MIT defeated only a few days prior, edged the Engineers for fourth place in the team standings, 108-119. Eric Darling '70 led Tech finishers in nineteenth place, clocking 26:29. Craig Lewis '72 placed

twenty-second. He was followed by Rich Goldhor '72 in twenty-third and Chip Kimball '72 in twenty-fifth. Bobby Myers '70 in thirtieth completed the tally.

The story was much the same for the frosh harriers. Again Harvard dominated the competition as the Crimson earned twenty-one points by placing five men in the top seven positions. Individual honors went to Northeastern's Tony Frontiero, who won the race with a blistering time of 15:35. MIT's John Kaufman, about a minute off the pace at 16:38, finished eleventh. Greg Myers placed seventeenth, seven seconds ahead of Terry Blumer in twenty-first. Other Tech scorers were Bob Virgile in 31st and John Pearson in 33rd.

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  - Sunday
    - Sailing(F)-Duodecagonal at Tufts, 9:30 am

# Sports Notes

## Community hockey planned

The MIT Community Hockey League is now forming teams for its sixth season. The league counts on participation from players of all levels to provide rosters for four balanced teams. Games are played on Wednesday or Sunday evenings at the MIT rink with occasional games at other local schools. The league exists more for enjoyment than for developing skills, so all interested groups or individuals are urged to contact Bill Bridge at 547-0312 or Scott Rhodes at x6420.

annual Head-of-the-Charles Regatta. MIT came in fourth out of

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 MIT - 207.5  
 Princeton - 197.8  
 Dartmouth - 182.9  
 Rutgers - 174.5  
 Yale - 153.7  
 Northeastern - 145.8  
 Syracuse ARA - 142.7

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 The first practice for both the varsity and freshmen wrestling teams will take place this Monday, November 3 at 5:20 pm in Dupont. Anyone interested is invited to attend.  
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Harvard has been officially declared the winner of the fifth

## HOW THEY DID

- Crew
  - Fourth in "Head on the Charles" Regatta
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## NAC DEBATES STRATEGY

### ADMINISTRATION, OTHER GROUPS DELIBERATE

Institute tactics fluid;  
police considered  
in Sun. meeting

By Steve Kaiser

Concerned mainly with protecting the administrative offices and the CIS personnel, the administration has slowly begun to pull its planning forces together to prepare for November 4.

Besides these threats, which will develop Tuesday, administration officials have discussed the likelihood of a Student Center takeover that night and the prospects for Wednesday morning I-Lab action.

The administration has assembled itself to deal with tactical policy issues: the number one concern is violence and seldom does their discussion include such issues as MIRV, Vietnam, etc. First, officials need information on what is being planned, and how the campus is responding to statements and rumors. Second, they are seeking to develop contingency plans in response to the most likely events. Third, they are trying to find out how students and faculty will respond to any official action (or inaction).

The primary decision-maker is President Howard Johnson (Dr. James Killian, Corporation Chairman, will be out of town at a disarmament committee meeting). He will make the main decisions on what facilities are kept open and which ones are closed. Together with Provost Jerome Wiesner, he will decide whether police should be called. Yet nothing can be done about the chance of an individual summoning police aid.

Two prominent individuals in second line positions are Vice President Kenneth Wadleigh, who played a major role in warning protesters at the Placement Office scuffle last Wednesday, and Vice President John Wynne, who has headed up the legal research effort and the strategy planning effort for all protest activities since March 4.

The Academic Council, a normally strong body in MIT decisions, is being kept abreast of the best information available, generally what is publicly avail-

The SACC teach-in will be held Tuesday at 10 am in the Sala de Puerto Rico, not in Kresge.

able or released by NAC spokesmen. The Faculty Council is also being kept informed: Sunday it met to offer individual comments and suggestions without yielding any conclusions or consensus.

However, the faculty and administration attitude has hardened considerably since last Friday, and there is widespread sentiment that police should be stationed on campus before-the-fact. These professors hope to prevent violence and a recurrence of the Placement Office confrontation which resulted in Professor P. Eagleson, Civil Engineering, being punched and another professor physically threatened.

To aid in the planning and information flow, a student group has been assembled on a fairly random basis. A dozen graduate and undergraduate students are involved, including Steve Ehrmann '71, Gary Gut '70, Wells Eddleman '71, Karen Waitel '70, Ralph Davison G. Alan Goldberg '69, Larry Storch '71, Steve Kaiser '65, Harold Federow '70, and Marvin Keshner '71. The group has been meeting on a more or less continuous basis over the weekend, acting mainly to inform itself about legal processes, tactical implications, and the like.

As of Sunday night, very few decisions have been made by students, faculty, or administration as to the appropriate response of the Institute on November 4 and 5. The decision-making structure and backgrounding is on a very vague, ad-lib basis at the moment.

### Weatherman caucus plans to focus talks on politics

About 20 Weathermen, self-styled communists working with the November Action Coalition, caucused in the Student Center's East Lounge Sunday afternoon to decide what stand they should take in discussions with the rest of the NAC.

Although the militant group decided it was the one faction able to provide leadership should violence with the police occur, the members decided to base their NAC discussions on political issues.

"We have to convince them that picketing, rent control laws, and welfare mothers' protests are not really raising the cost of the War." The only way to help the NLF is to act to overthrow imperialism, they maintain.

They considered all the cards

### Major concern of group was 'level of violence' at Action; Weatherman proposal is given

#### CIS CAUSES SPLIT

Tactics majority against forcible CIS coup; theatrics planned

The November Action Coalition, meeting most of Sunday, discussed both the strategy and tactics of the actions planned for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the meeting chaired by Mike Albert in 4-270, Eric Mann of Weatherman proposed that the Coalition initiate violence by fighting police and beating "war criminals". The proposal did not receive official consideration.

For the first target, the Center for International Studies, the committee recommended a forcible ejection of "designated war criminals." NAC plans to hang "condemned" signs on the building, fly the flag of the NLF (Viet Cong) from the roof or a window, and may stencil slogans on the wall. The committee called for a trial of the "designated war criminals" followed by their execution in effigy.

Eric Mann then rose and read the Weatherman Caucus (detailed below). In addition, he proposed that such "criminals" as Pool and Pye be beaten as examples to other "supporters of imperialism".

Except among the Weathermen, people at the meeting were incredulous. Though the proposal remained on the floor, discussion moved away from it.

A member of the Women's Caucus then proposed that the schedule for the actions be radically changed. She called for three days of protest, with the I-Lab action moved to Thursday; Wednesday being taken up with picketing at Technology Square and at an MIT lab (unidentified) which does work for General Electric. The proposal was apparently motivated by the fact that all of NAC's current plans were known to the administration.

Diane Balsler of the Women's caucus then addressed the Weatherman proposal, accusing the Weathermen of acting in bad faith. She objected that the Coalition had agreed that it would not initiate violence, and that the Weathermen had gone along.

When a member of RLSDS got the floor, he protested that

RL, which had canvassed on the basis that the coalition would not initiate violence, could not afford the loss of credulity which would ensue if it broke the "we won't start it" agreement. After a caucus outside, the members of RL agreed that a spirit of trust still existed within the group. A vote on whether or not to consider the Mann proposal was taken and it was decided to drop it.

The discussion then moved back to tactics, especially discussion of the actions of the first day. Mike Albert argued that any major violence before the second day would kill the possibility of an I-Lab action. The implication was that the majority present still wants an obstructive picket of the Labs on Wednesday.

NAC indicated determination to obstruct the entry of workers into the labs. Various tactics will be used to set up the picket lines, depending on the number of police the demonstrators find confronting them when they reach IL-5. They expect a minimum number of police to be there with others waiting in the wings. Thus they will set up their picket and retreat when the police arrive.

NAC has agreed to not harass the police on the way to the Labs, but they will throw rocks and take any other necessary actions while retreating back to the Student Center.

They will probably not insist that everyone leave. Their philosophy was expressed as "if they stay, they're with us; if they're not with us, they leave; those who aren't with them will be escorted out if they won't go voluntarily. If they meet with lots of resistance, or just lots of people, they will decide what to do on a more or less *ad hoc* basis.

Though the mass meeting agreed on alternatives for action at CIS and the administration offices, actual tactics will depend upon the situations the demonstrators encounter. Specifically, they plan to eject people from both places as long as there is no major resistance. They will probably eject only certain designated "targets," and anyone who attempts to interfere with their removal. It should be emphasized that these plans are tentative and may change at any time.

that Washington still has to play, such as the Vietnamization that would "let B-52's run wild for five years," and concluded that the Nixon Administration could afford to let students demonstrate until "they are blue in the face."

The Weatherman alternative is militant action. While their leader cautioned the group to avoid using the phrase "we need to raise the level of the struggle," the Weathermen agreed that "given the level of militancy we've already reached" (they cited Chicago and the march on the Pentagon), a peaceful picket will have little value.

That means violent action, and Weatherman believes it has the experience needed to lead NAC should "street-fighting" develop Wednesday. Although

NAC has formed a tactics committee to plan for the I-Lab demonstrations, the militant leader emphasized that "we will be the tactics committee... Since all of the plans for Wednesday will lead to a heavy fight, we should prepare for action in the best military manner."

In workshops Tuesday night, the Weatherman faction will attempt to recruit and brief other students, hoping for a hard-core group of about fifty disciplined militants to provide the backbone of resistance against the police the next day.

And in a brief discussion of specific tactics, the Weathermen were told that an NAC decision forbade the use of weapons or helmets on Tuesday, though no such restrictions would be enforced Wednesday.



George Wald appeals for a re-ordering of US priorities.

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this was a good idea for education purposes, he commented that he thought that the only hope left in the current system was the congressmen.

Johnson pleaded with those present to remember how his administration has reacted to other demonstrations. The applicability of "disrupt" and "hin-

this afternoon were discussed, as students sought to determine where the line would be drawn on demonstrations.

# Benchmarkers Kickers tip Boston College

day afternoon with the wind from the west as it dropped down into the Thames valley in puffy slants. The courses were

out jibing. Due to the low-cut jibs on the Ravens he was unable to see the Bowdoin boat approaching to leeward on the

organization, the Tech crew carried the trophy back to Boston with them! Sadly, it will not stay.

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