



Ab Stodder helps the eye to see...

A SCORE AND MORE

They call themselves the "Old Timers." Some of them came when M.I.T.'s forty or fifty students parked their Model-T Fords outside the old Rogers Building on Boylston Street in Boston. All of them have seen M.I.T. grow from a fledgling school across the river to a giant university where dormitories and cyclotrons and laboratories have sprouted like mushrooms after a spring rain. What they've done for M.I.T. has been long and loyal, and, as members of the Quarter Century Club, they're still cutting active social capers on the side.

As stated in its by-laws, the Club was started "to bind together our working brothers of 25 years and to meet whenever called by the governing officers." In both objectives the Club has been successful. There have been many gala banquets in the Blue Room at Walker (two of the most memorable including talks by honorary members Killian and Ford), bowling parties, and other get-togethers. Fruit and smokes have been sent regularly to members who are sick. There have even been meetings -- yes, regular ones -- to discuss business and plan for future sociables.

As things stand now, most of the Quarter Century Club's members are considerably more than 25-year men. Edgar Pung, oldest living M.I.T. employee and newly appointed bowling coach for the Institute, is just one year short of half a century of service. Abner Stodder, the Club's first president, has been untangling M.I.T.'s electrical problems for 46 years. Alfred Moore, plumbing expert in Bldg. 30, has been at M.I.T. just 44 years. So has Fred Broderick, project technician in Electrical Engineering. Current president of the Club is Thomas Chambers, a friend of the boys on East Campus for some 34 years.

Nick Carter, secretary of the Club, has further statistics to report. Of the 34 members who answered the Club's first roll call in 1950, 14 had started work at M.I.T. before 1920 and two before 1910. Their total record of service: 992 years -- just 92 more than Methuselah.

TIDBITS

Received in the Faculty Club: an RCA Victor TV set, full color, with a plaque attached which reads: "Presented to the M.I.T. Faculty Club by the Airborne Systems Department of RCA in recognition of outstanding contributions by Dr. C.S. Draper and his colleagues in instrumentation control." Congratulations to Prof. Draper and the Instrumentation Lab.

Doris Naylor, encyclopedia of useful information on a variety of subjects, will be much missed in the Admissions Office after March 1. In addition to her contributions to F.S.S.P. and the Fulbright scholarship program, Mrs. Naylor is a 10-year expert on stray riddles that pour into the Admissions Office. Example (not fictional): "Does M.I.T. offer a course in doughnut making?"

There are jobs and jobs. Elayne L. Hemsley (R.L.E.) is scheduled to take on new duties in the Office of His Excellency, Governor Furcolo.

Dr. Harriet Hardy, head of the Occupational Medical Service, is on a six-month sabbatical getting material for a book on "Industrial Diseases of the Respiratory Tract." Her source material: coal mines in Britain and Europe, gold mines in Africa, copper mines in South America.

An M.I.T. Chess team with a strong mathematical flavor defeated the Boylston Club of Boston on February 13 by a score of 4-3. Representing M.I.T.: Prof. Goetz (Ind. Mgt.), Prof. Lorenz (Meteorology), Dean Emeritus Bunker, and the whole of the Math Department. Formidable!

In a recent election of the M.I.T. Employees Independent Union, R.L.E.'s Lenny Boyle was elected president for -- let's see -- the FOURTH time. Lenny is also captain of the M.I.T. Bowling League.

Prof. Lloyd Rodwin (City & Reg. Planning) returned to M.I.T. recently from another visit to Puerto Rico. His mission there: (1) keeping an eye on a self-help housing project; (2) advising the Puerto Rican government on ways of linking economic and physical planning for the island (one of the first efforts of its kind in a so-called "developing area").

Dame Rene Ackley



RECOMMENDED

Eleanor Roosevelt comes to M.I.T. on March 5 to give a talk on: "Is America Facing World Leadership?" Sponsored by Lecture Series Committee. No charge.

It's time for another Tech Show. "The Honor of a Bum" will be at stake in Kresac on March 1, 2, 8 and 9. All seats reserved.

Also in March, we're happy to note, the M.I.T. campus will get an advance whiff of "Spring 'n Spice." It's a fashion show sponsored by and featuring the Tech Dames (see left), who have several former models in their ranks. Proceeds will go to the M.I.T. Committee for Hungarian Refugee Students. Fashions by Elaine Claire (Harvard Sq.). March 18 -- everyone invited.



Wah-De-Grand-Da

OUR CHIEF

He's worn a mortarboard to receive honorary degrees, but this is the first time President Killian has been honored in full Indian headdress. This month, while participating in a big alumni conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Killian was made an honorary member of the Osage Tribal Nation. His new name: Wah-De-Grand-Da, "Man of Big Mind."

LUNCH ANYONE?

We usually go to the Grad. House for a standard B.L.T. with whatever appetizers look tempting on the side. The quality and price both seem reasonable, and we've always bolted the stuff down without thinking any more about it. But before long, we understand, there's going to be a change which may affect everything from ravioli to croutons. The Stouffer Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, is making its New England debut at M.I.T. Stouffer's-- owners of a restaurant chain of considerable mid-western fame--will eventually take over management of all the food services at M.I.T. (Faculty Club excepted). Meals will continue to be served by M.I.T. employees, but the planning and purchasing will be handled by Stouffer's.

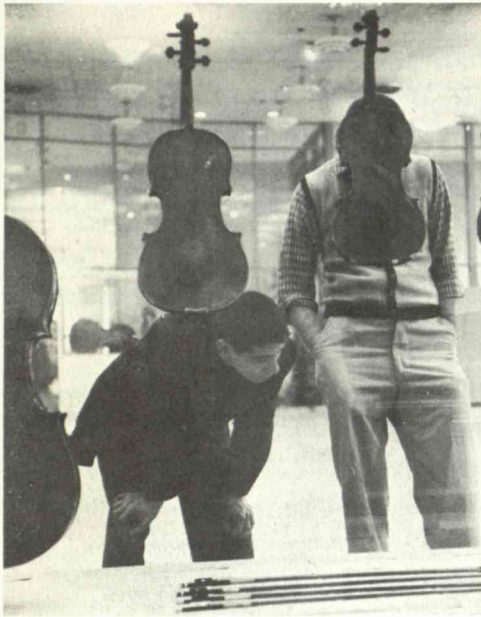
Morss Hall and Pritchard Lounge (both Walker Memorial) are the first dining halls under the new regime. The Graduate House and dormitories are scheduled to follow later. When Stouffer's expands to all of M.I.T., they figure they'll be serving at least a million and a half meals a year. At present Walker Memorial and the Graduate House alone tally up to almost 10,000 meals a day.

What will the change mean to the inner man? Robert Wheeler, Stouffer's top representative at M.I.T. who has been at Morss Hall since February 1, says that Stouffer's will bring many "home-tested" recipes to M.I.T. "We have our own frozen food plant where new products are always being tested," explains Mr. Wheeler. "What we'll serve at M.I.T. will be mostly home-type food -- not highly seasoned or spiced." Some new Stouffer dishes have already made their appearance in Walker, where they've been well received. But Mr. Wheeler isn't making any special recommendations as to future menus. "It's all pretty good," he says modestly.

FAIR AND WARM

Elizabeth Anne Kelley, D.S.R. staff researcher in the Meteorology Department, made her TV debut this month on M.I.T.'s "Weather For You" (Station WGBH). At Emmanuel College (class of '53) Elizabeth majored in math, minored in physics, took electives in meteorology. Why did the electives win out? As a sailing enthusiast and racer (Fireflies) in her home town of Squantum, Elizabeth says she's always had a special interest in the why's and wherefore's of wind and cloud.





Rare . . .

He didn't have long to wait. On the second day of the exhibit a spectator reported with alarm that two violins seemed to be mislabeled. It was Prof. Troost, whose musically-sharp eyes immediately spotted the error. Prof. Troost speaks about the big exhibit with reverence. "It is absolutely unique," he says. "Probably the finest exhibit of instruments in the whole world. . . . the finest exhibit that anybody will ever see," he concludes dreamily.

APPOINTMENTS

From Ionics Corporation: Edward A. Mason, Associate Professor of Chem. Eng. (March 1).

From the D.S.R. staff: Stanislaw Olbert, Assistant Professor of Physics (Feb. 1).

From the Acoustics Lab: David C. Pridmore-Brown, Assistant Professor of Mech. Eng. (July 1).

From the Union Federal Savings and Loan Association and the U.S.A.F.: Francis W. Dana, II, Assistant to the Registrar (Jan. 1).

From the Admissions Office: Richard W. Willard, Statistical Analyst for the Administration (March 1).

FOR SALE ETC.

For sale. 1949 Super Buick 4-door sedan. Excellent running condition. Good tires. Mr. Conant, Ext. 765.

Would like to swap MacPhail baby-grand piano (excellent condition) for a spinet. Mrs. Toebe, Ext. 2566

Looking for small upright piano. \$25-\$30 (or remove gratis). Mr. Gilmore, Ext. 2707.

For sale. New house . . . just finished. On Elm St. in North Easton; two min. to train station, 30 min. to Boston. Three bedrooms, tiled bath, vented kitchen. Full cellar with garage under house. Landscaped. Asking \$12,000. Mr. Gilmore, Ext. 2707.

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THE RIDDLE OF THE FIDDLE

It seems entirely fitting that the man who dreamed up the idea of an exhibition of rare musical instruments should also have been involved in certain shenanigans in the New Gallery where those instruments are now on display. Prof. Laurens Troost (Naval Arch.) is a member of Museum Committee, sponsor of many of the big arts exhibits at M.I.T. He is also an amateur violinist, and once, in his old home in Holland, had his own small collection of musical rarities.

The exhibit features over 50 beautiful stringed instruments. Putting these in place in glass cases was a long and delicate task, and at the last minute it was discovered that the labels identifying two rare and beautiful violins had been switched.

"Let's leave them that way," said Director of Music Klaus Liepmann, "and see if anyone notices."