



## Fijis, Delts Triumph



Beard '59 puts one out in the flat as the Fijis squeak past the Betas 13-12 in one of the IM playoffs Saturday afternoon. In another semifinal game the DELTs crushed SAE, last year's champs, 31-7. (See story page 3.)

## Munter Compares MIT, Harvard At Burton's Egghead Seminar

Professor Preston Munter, a psychiatrist at Harvard and formerly of the MIT Community, spoke at an Egghead Seminar Sunday evening. Discussion strayed considerably from the original topic, "What is foremost in college men's minds?"

Professor Munter admitted that his major problem was defining his topic, since college men do think about one specific thing. "Sure they do," he said, "but everybody does!"

Munter used comparisons of MIT and Harvard at every step in the discussion. Setting basic principles, he said that MIT is more homogenous than Harvard. He asserted that MIT people were "tougher minded" than Harvard people because of a heavier academic load. At Harvard, students carry a liberal arts curriculum; here they study both liberal arts and science.

According to Munter, MIT has a much friendlier atmosphere than Harvard, and more cooperation between faculty and students exists here.

Munter said that he thought that MIT is a "too-pressured" school, that the pressure on students forces them to live from week to week or from quiz to quiz. Asserting that social pressures are important at Harvard, he said that the Ivy League concept was based on a "snob appeal."

When asked his opinion on various grading systems here, Professor Munter objected to the class average system, and stated that any attempt to describe human beings in terms of numbers must fail. He would prefer simply a "satisfactory-unsatisfactory" method of grading.

The stereotyped Harvard man thinks the stereotyped MIT man is a bore, but is "little bit scared" of him. This fear is due to increasing world emphasis on science, and the fact that, while MIT men have their work cut out for them at graduation, most Harvard students look to the future with uncertainty.

Referring to non-conformity, Munter said that Harvard men are more extremely nonconformists, but that MIT men are "maturely independent."

Returning to his original topic, Professor Munter said that MIT students do not think and talk exclusively about science, but that HI-FI and a great number of extracurricular activities take up their leisure time.

In a general bull-session, Munter said that MIT has more than its fair share of good teachers, that he thought basic science theory was more important than individual applications,

and that Radcliffe girls were average American college girls, perhaps a little over serious of purpose. He said that it was necessary for the administration to get public relations conscious for financial reasons, and that he saw no good in spreading news of an MIT riot over the front page of a Boston paper. He mentioned that Harvard probably had more riots than MIT, but the spectacular nature of riots here is due to the fact that MIT men are more ingenious than Harvard students.

When asked by a worried questioner whether there was anything wrong with MIT, Munter replied that students here think that the machine and formula are supreme, and sometimes believe that the world is all scientific, forgetting about poetry, and so forth. He said that MIT students panic too easily, and are unrealistic about grades.

## Pranksters Romp in Burton; Fire Alarms Become 'Playthings'

During the past weeks, there has been an increasing number of false alarms reported from Burton House. So far the Fire Department has not had to respond to any of the alarms, since the nature of the scares have been discovered in time to stop any unnecessary phone calls.

Although the false alarms have occurred with increasing frequency there have been no complaints lodged with Mr. H. K. Dow, director of the dormitory system. He stated that the Safety Department would get a report if there was an unusual number of false alarms. It is the responsibility of the student government to take care of disturbances in the dormitories, Mr. Dow reported. The Institute will step in only if the situation becomes worse. If a student is caught setting off a false alarm he may be placed on probation.

There is no knowledge of the identity of the culprit or culprits. When two alarms were set off in succession in the 30 wing, second and third floors of Burton last Friday night, the night watchman saw a person dash into one door of a lavatory and, before he could follow, run out the other door. The watchman could provide no description of the person, due to the brief interval in which the culprit was seen.

## IFC Defeats Minority-Rights Amendment: Calls Halt to "Pre-Rush Week" Rushing

"Pre-Rush Week" rushing was brought to an end last Thursday night at the monthly Inter-Fraternity Conference meeting, and, at the same time, a proposed amendment to the constitution, directed at the protection of minority rights, was defeated.

The amendment, first proposed at the October meeting by Larry Spiro '59, stated: "Any motion which binds or requires specific performance of, or obligates any one fraternity must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the IFC." At the present time, IFC can bind any house on campus, or a small minority, by simply a majority vote. In reference to this, Spiro cited the criticism that has been levied at IFC for passing "blanket motions," seeing in those motions the fact that faith in the ability of individual houses to cope with their own problems has been lost almost completely for legislation. He demonstrated this by giving an example: "An MIT fraternity house is raided by the police. IFC could say that no liquor can be served henceforth in any MIT fraternity house—or they could work with the house individually until the problem was solved." As a more concrete example, he cited the near-passage of "parietal rules" last year, which was stopped only by the presidents "gentlemen's agreement." He

## Foreign Policy In LSC Talk Tonight

Professor Henry A. Kissinger, associate director of Harvard University's Center for International Affairs, and noted expert on government and foreign policy, will deliver a free L.S.C. lecture in Kresge Little Theater at 5:00 p.m. tonight. He will discuss "Problems of American Foreign Policy."

He is known to many MIT students through his book, *Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy*, required reading in several political science courses, as well as for his role in the compilation of the much-publicized Rockefeller Report, a sharp criticism of U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

## Harry Kessler, Renowned Boxer-Engineer, At SMS Meet Thursday

Harry Kessler, noted first-flinging metallurgist, will deliver a talk entitled, "Jetomic Irons" at the Student Metallurgical Society meeting this Thursday.

Kessler, one of America's top industrialists, is co-inventor of a metallurgical process, known as the "Sorbo Mat" method; used to produce finer quality metals at lower cost.

But this unique individual is as familiar to Friday night boxing fans as he is to top brass in the metals processing industry. The "millionaire referee" officiates at prize fights around the nation, and is noted for his agile ability to keep out of the TV picture, as well as keeping the boxers in it!

As one of the few men ever to receive front-page, column headline treatment in the *New York Times*, this is what *Times* journalist Frank Blunk has to write of Kessler:

"If you are having trouble in your foundry and your engineers can't pin it down, you call on Kessler. He is the number one foundry trouble shooter in the nation. . . He travels as much as 200,000 miles a year in pursuit of this work. He is in great demand at many leading colleges and universities as a lecturer on metallurgical science. And since he started refereeing boxing matches twenty-seven years ago he has become a spell binding raconteur of pugilism. The mining and metallurgical seminars in which Harry Kessler takes part have overflowed attendances. They're never dull."

When Kessler is not dashing to meet a plane schedule, or delivering a college lecture or in a high level executive conference, you can find him reliving his boxing experiences—that is, when he's not busy tending to his backyard full of roses at his St. Louis home.

Harry learned to box in high school, went on to Missouri School of Mines where, as a welterweight, he never lost a match in four years of ring

further cited a recent *The Tech* editorial which referred to the fact that large groups are being forced to suffer for the benefit of a few, an outgrowth of the current move towards "togetherness. Much discussion ensued, the majority of which was in favor of the amendment. Before the final vote was taken, an amendment to the amendment, which would have excluded rushing from the matters that would require two-thirds vote, was proposed and promptly defeated. Since the motion required a three-fourths vote to pass, the 37 ayes were not enough to overrule the 15 nos.

After a long discussion on the merits and demerits of Pre-Rush Week rushing, a subject about which several particularly naive representatives admitted no knowledge, the old game of "Let's - Kidnap - Some-Frosh-And-Snow - Them - Before - Rush - Week-Even-Starts" died at the hands of the

"togetherness" advocates. In the past, it has been the habit of many houses to send "storm-troops" to the airport and the railroad stations to meet incoming frosh who had previously announced their time and place of arrival and to meet those who hadn't, the latter point being the one that caused the most objections. The old rule simply stated that a rushee, between the time he arrived in the area and the close of the Pre-Rush Week meeting, could not "enter a fraternity or be entertained by fraternity men"; needless to say, this was interpreted by the more ingenious fraternities as excluding annexes and apartments, and as meaning "have money spent on" rather than just "be entertained." The rule now states: "No rushee shall enter a fraternity or the residence of a fraternity man or be in the company of a fraternity man between the time defined as the end of summer in A-2 (when the rushee enters transportation facility for the trip to Boston) and the close of the Pre-Rush Week meeting, except when a fraternity man is fulfilling a duty as a member of the Rush Week Committee."

The last line of the above rule originally had read: "Requests for transportation shall be forwarded to the Clearing House." This was deleted in lieu of a definite description of a ride system to be prepared by next term's Rush Week Committee if they should so desire. One suggestion, that was greeted by a heavy vote of disapproval, would have had Clearing House contact certain fraternities to pick up rushees. As it stands now, if a ride system is initiated, it will probably involve having cars and drivers standing by at the Clearing House.

After wordily discussing the point that the MIT IFC could win the top IFC trophy this year, and the fact that the delegate to the National Interfraternity Conference could do a lot to sway the judges, the group elected Joe Verderber '60 to represent them.

Less controversial issues were the rise of cost of IFC Dance tickets from \$6 to \$8 in order to get a big name band, some amendments proposed by the Purchasing Managers Council, and a new pledge training program which was tabled because the pledge of the corresponding committee was absent.

## MIT Flying Club To Reform This Spring

A flair for flight is all that's needed for membership in the MIT Flying Club, now being reformed.

Learning to fly can be a costly trial since figures for average flight school instruction run upwards of \$500; but on club basis, where each member assumes an equity in the aircraft, it is possible to obtain a license for under \$300, and to fly at a cost of \$3.50 per hour—far below the current \$10-\$12 charged commercially.

A student who has mastered basic fundamentals may solo after eight hours of instruction. Then, it is a matter of time before he gets his private license, which requires 40 hours of flight experience.

All desiring further information should call Bill Burke at CI 7-8048, or ext. 3217.



Mr. Harry Kessler

competition. But today he lives to referee. Many are the Friday nights when Kessler hops into the Madison Square Garden ring, officiates during the main bout, comes out refreshed and exhilarated. It's his greatest relaxation. As always, he will donate his fee—his "happy money"—to some children's charity.

Tickets may be obtained at Metallurgy headquarters, Rm. 35-225. The 5:30 p.m. talk will be followed by a buffet supper. All are welcome.

## "Socialism" Is Topic Of Seminar Tonight

As part of its term study of Socialism, the newly-formed Political Discussion Group will attend a lecture by Marxian economist Dr. Paul Sweezy tonight at 8 p.m. in the Alumnae Room of Radcliffe's Longfellow Hall. The group will be the guests of the Harvard-Radcliffe Socialist Club.

The Discussion Group has invited all interested members of the MIT community to attend the lecture.