The Charles River - site of the recent witch-dunkings

Witch burnings continue

For the second time this month, a student accused of witchcraft burned in a stake, again at 500 Memorial Drive. The student, Samantha Stevens '87, was singed out by the Student Coalition to Rid the Environment of Witches (SCREW) as a practitioner of the black arts. "I saw it with my own eyes," claims one SCREW member who wished to remain anonymous. "She's taking 6.001 (Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs), and yet she stands in front of me and mutters, 'Oh, man, that's a really hot man on campus most accusation of witchcraft - she's the winner of the competition, due to the discovery of a voodoo doll."

The incident comes hot on the heels (as it were) of a rash of witch burnings allegedly carried out last weekend. According to SCREW, only a witch can survive exposure to the water of the Charles River; a mortal will perish when thrown into the river. Eight deaths have thus far been attributed to the witch burnings. The Dean's office has been unavailing for official comment. However, high-placed sources indicate the formation of a Witch-con by Dean McAllister. The committee will meet on alternate Thursdays, providing that the moon is between three-fourths and full phase, and the name of the month in question has an 'N' in it, subject (of course) to Dean Herdians's discretion.

"Only on the surface," cackled A. "We are still carrying on a covert war against these unholy beings."

We pressed him for more, but A. apparently didn't like the sight of needles, and he fainted. B., who was recruited by the National Security Agency, didn't faint at the sight of needles, and he talked fairly easily.

"Like Her Deanship, I respect law and order, so I welcomed the opportunity to spy at Eastgate. I think of it as practice for when I will spy on all the subversive elements of this great nation, when I work for the NSA. Death to those who would oppose the policies of the Dean's Office! We need more control of student affairs and activities, and we must crack down on the use of substances that could be related to the use of substances that could be construed to be illegal in some state of mind. Bearing that in mind, we must crack down now!"

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Wiretap at Eastgate foiled

A recent wiretap at Eastgate has caused a stir among gossip columns. The wiretap, according to some sources, was carried out by the Student Coalition to Rid the Environment of Witches (SCREW), who have accused the subject of witchcraft.

According to the MIT Police, the wiretap was carried out in order to gather evidence against the subject. The subject, who has been accused of practicing witchcraft, was found to have been seen in the vicinity of Eastgate, a dormitory known for its association with witchcraft.

"We believe that the subject is a witch," said a spokesperson for SCREW. "We have evidence that the subject was present at Eastgate, and we believe that she was practicing witchcraft.

The subject has been accused of practicing witchcraft on several occasions, and we believe that this evidence is sufficient to warrant further investigation.

We have been unable to contact the subject for comment, and we will continue to monitor the situation."

Institute hosts Class of 1989

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Opinion

Confused issues

There has been a lot of talk on campus lately about the subject of witch burning. There have been complaints about the burning of Samantha Stevens at Nest House (soon to be renamed Salem House), and counter-complaints by the witch burners themselves. People are drawing parallels with Arthur Miller's The Crucible, and the witch trials of the 1600's. They are carrying crosses and asking for help from the Campus Crusade for Christ. I could go on and on enumerating the possibilities. But one issue on campus eclipses the entire witch burning controversy: the bundling of conservative reporters by liberal students.

I would like to state from the start that I am not prejudiced against either witches or witch burners; I can only say that they are less important than these conservative reporters and columnists I am talking about. The issue of witches, and the few minor, insignificant deaths that would result, is nothing when compared with the flak a columnist would get from the MIT community when he supports the noble actions of a hero like Bernard Goetz. In fact, the whole witch burning issue seems rather silly in comparison. Being burned alive or drowned in the Charles is not so bad compared to actually having to death in Ethiopia, which it isn't so bad compared to nuclear war.

The poor columnist who says anything even lightly contrary to himself is in for a real hailstorm. The MIT liberal would get from the MIT columnist would get from the MIT student body, but I would have to know you, Mr. Helms, that many of the arrested are our own members, and we are not at all undesirable but on the contrary are working for the salvation of mankind. We call for the complete abolition of witch-hunting—a radical view to many, we realize—but necessary. Everyone realizes the horror of what the witchburners are doing.
University

SuperNova this week — Beta 19 of the Andromeda galaxy (two parsecs past Rigel J) just opposite the Sun... SuperNova on Monday.

Photos' anniversary — Photos recently completed its 5,000th revolution around Mars since astrono-

World

Mexico arrests major drug trafficker — Authorities in Mexico seized Carlos Rodríguez, possibly the country's most notorious and elusive drug kingpin. He was spotted stumbling down a major street in Tijuana hauling two large laundry sacks spilling white powder on the sidewalk while singing Falla's 'Three Cornered Hat' and leaping through various objects. His inability to produce the proper change for a bus going across the border led to his capture.

Great Wall missing — The Great Wall of China disappeared last night among rumors of foul play. No one seems to know exactly how the wall was stolen, but customs officials reported a foreign-looking man crossed the border after the robbery carrying a very large sack.

Nation

Administration to send more relief to Ethiopia — The Reagan administration announced today that to help combat hunger in Ethiopia it would be sending $45 million worth of appetite suppressants to the distressed African nations. If this plan is successful, the administration has expressed willingness to follow up with twenty thousand tons of lemons or salted peanuts.

Local

Arrests at McCormick — A cache of pointed black bats discovered in a third floor broom closet of McCormick Hall has led to the arrest of over 30 students. An investigation is scheduled to begin soon.

Sports

Exercise found to be harmful — The Surgeon General of the United States released a report today which concluded that exercise can be harmful to your health. The healthiest thing that a human can do is not exercise, but to sit in a chair and stare at a green or amber computer screen.

Weather

Variable weekend — Today and tomorrow, the weather should be about the same, either sunny, cloudy, rainy, snowy, foggy, clear, or some combination of the above. Highs should be between zero and 400 Kelvin; lows should be about the same.

New group very enjoyable

Rat Poison, now appearing with Leger's Night Out at Caspar's this week only. In their first Boston appearance, the trio Rat Poison has lived up to the quality of performance demonstrated in their previous shows this month. The group has not yet released an album, but definitely has some worthy material. The show opened with 'Dead Babies,' a work which featured the drums almost exclusively, with occasional staccato interruptions from the guitar. This piece, like most the group performed, was played at an unusually high tempo, but interestingly this worked to its advantage. After the conclusion of the piece, the bassist Rex Stiff joined the group, easing into the next melody entitled 'Cat Tail Soup.' Stiff's bass part was beautifully subdued, and yet retains a virile energy necessary to overpowering passion and eroticism, 'Life Goes to College, rated 'R.'; now showing on the Sat-Somewhere.

I had reservations about this latest sequel in the Friday the Thirteenth series, but I was delighted by the latest exploits of that wonderful nut, Jason. In this movie, the summer has ended, and it's time for Jason to go back to school, as a freshman at a small New England technical university — his first big test is to do well in his first semester.

I don't want to give away the plot, but there are some beautiful scenes, such as a chase through the laser lab, or playing with acids in chem lab. Pay particular attention to the stunning special effects and technical details as Jason corners his physics TA in the High Energy Research Labo-

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Et tu, Willy?

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The direction was abominable. Sometimes characters would just turn to the audience and say something — and nobody else would seem to hear it! Get with it, fel-

Hayden Gallery: a new exhibit, the Michael Jackson collection by Mattel, begins this week.

The Creature From the Black Lagoon

The Real Thing — directed by Richard Heyman; LSC movie, 7:30 pm 10-250

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Upside Looking Down
A. Trifle Mauve

Comics

AND NOW ANOTHER INANE EPISODE OF THE LEGEND OF PHRED

JOEY THE RAT IS TRYING TO REVERSE THE DIGITIZATION PROCESS.

HERE IS TODAY’S INTERESTING PIECE OF M.I.T. TRIVIA: THE JOEY HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO HEXADECIMAL.

MEANWHILE... I’M ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND IRONIC.

NOW I LOOK LIKE MICKEY MOUSE IN SEQUINS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

PAPER ON WHICH THIS COMIC WAS WRITTEN WAS WE SEE MITCH MAX-MAN TALKING TO THE TWO SECRET AGENTS.

YOU DON’T MEAN...

IT LOOKS LIKE A COMMUNIST PLOT. I THINK HE’S A MARXIST.

YES, I’M GOING TO CAUSE THE ARTIST TO DRAW THE STRIP IN SUCH A WAY THAT PEOPLE WON’T READ IT.

I DISAGREE. HE’S A LENINIST.

A LEESED BY THE FIRST WITCH AT MIT, HER SPIRIT LIVES ON.

THE TWO AGENTS GO TO A PUB TO TALK THINGS OVER WHILE WITH SINGS...

I AM PHRED THE DRAGON, INCOMPREHENSIBLE AND PRO-OMNIPOTENT HERO OF THIS TALE. I SHOW UP ONLY INFREQUENTLY AND DO STRANGE, INCOMPREHENSIBLE THINGS TO THE STRANGE, INCOMPREHENSIBLE CHARACTERS OF THIS STRIP, THEREBY CAUSING PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE TO MOST OF THE MIT COMMUNITY. I ALSO HAVE A SAD TENDANCY TO GO QUANDO.

AND SHE WORKED, YOUR DEAR SHE-WILL.

MARIZONIA HAS A STILL." WIDESPREAD LIZ CAN DO.

YES, I KNOW, BUT WHAT USE CAN WE DO?

YES! THAT’S BRILLIANT, AND THEY COULD USE THE MONEY TO FUND OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES INSTEAD!