

BAKER LETTER

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ARTICLES DUE TUES. 7 P.M.

MASTER SUITE PARTY

This Saturday, April 16, there will be a Master Suite Party featuring the Masterbeats (??--ed.). This is the group that most of you missed last week. Don't be out of it twice. The party begins at 9:00 and the Wishing Well will be working. Don't forget!

We'll see you there.

J & B (433 & 319)

S.E.X.

The first in the S.E.X. Seminar series will be held on Thursday evening, April 21, at 8 P.M. Dr. Joseph Brenner of the MIT Medical Department will be the speaker. Dr. Brenner is presently a staff psychiatrist here at MIT and Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard. He has also specialized in internal medicine and obstetrics. The topic of Dr. Brenner's talk will be "Sexual Appetites in the College Student."

The seminar will start with a Buttery (complete with refreshments) in the Dining Hall at 8 P.M. Those interested in further discussion should please see me before Thursday.

Jerry Grochow (118)

AND WHAT WILL YOU BE EATING FRIDAY NIGHT?

Friday night of Spring Week-end, there will be three choices for dinner: roast beef, baked stuffed shrimp or filet mignon. For guests the cost is as follows: roast beef, \$1.75, shrimp, \$2.00, filet, \$2.25--all plus tax. For residents there is an extra charge of \$.50 for the filet. If you or your guest wants the filet, you must pay me 50¢ by 1 A.M. Friday, April 22, 1966. You will pay Mrs. Hamner the rest--(\$1.75 + \$.12 (tax) = \$1.87). Please note that signing the list on the Social Pole does not guarantee getting filet--only paying before Friday does.

Dave Lapin (634)

FROSH COURSE SELECTION

The following upperclassmen have indicated their desire to help interested freshmen with their course selection by giving information about the courses listed:

Course	Name	Class	Room
1	Carl Jones	'66	639
2	Greg Wight	'67	308
	Steve Marcus	'67	515
	Chet Sandburg	'67	618
3	Greg Garmon	Grad.	620
4- A	George Claflen	'68	320
5- 2	Bob Steele	'67	115
	George Starkschall	'67	631
6- 1	Allen Post	'66	238
	Don Mattes	'67	334
6- 2	Bob Pindyck	'66	527
	Bill Christiansen	'67	416
	Rich Lufkin	'68	247
6- 2A (Coop)	Matt Fichtenbaum	'66	523
	Mike Marcus	'68	116
7	John Rible	'66	415
	Steve Skiles	'67	619
	Dan Belin	'68	217
	Steve Straus	'68	318
	Bob Young	'68	520
8	Harvey Newman	'68	515
10	Jim "Tulsa" Stuart	'67	417
12	Rich Johnson	'67	344
	Frank Sheeman	'68	234
14	Dave Lapin	'67	634
	Jou Jacobsen	'68	217
15	John Rudy	'67	433
16- B	Peter Young	'67	522
17	Erik Jensen	'67	242
18	Ted Chang	'67	624
	Joel Shwimer	'67	231
	Gerald Jay Sussman	'68	407
21	Tim Carmey	'66	616
	Tulsa	'67	417

Jerry Grochow (118)

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(Who Twisted? ed.)

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See the article by Dave Lapin about the Friday evening supper and don't forget that money for Baker Women's Dorm goes to George Stark-Tschall. PAY NOW. Those who do not pay by Thursday April 21st will lose their assignment. Also, for those who are not attending the weekend---sign up for Eunuch Squad. BWD is impossible without these hardy souls who protect our guests.

Sunday afternoon there will be a coffee house run by SocCom money and Freshman Council talent. We will have a semi-professional folksinger and admission will be free, no coverage and no minimum. Details as to time and duration later.

More on SocCom policy! A month ago SocCom voted not to have a large party before Spring Weekend. Now the situation prohibits us from having a large party before the end of the term. The government is sponsoring tests on Saturday May 14th and 21st, and therefore we cannot depend on workers either Friday night or Saturday morning. Without this labor a large scale party is impossible. Any later than this brings us into finals week of quite a few colleges. For these reasons we will try to have as many small parties as we can. If competent refreshment directors (capable, willing, and over 21) can be found we will have master suites twice a weekend. Other alternatives include going en masse to a Red Sox game (almost as good as the Mets) and a dated steak fry. Any other suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

P.S. Gene Sartin (room 345) and Chuck Cooper (room 340) have Spring Weekend tickets for sale, so if you or any of your friends at the 'Tute want one, please contact us or them.

DOINGS OF INSCOM

As one of his new innovations, Frank March (UAP in case you don't know) has decided to hold bi-weekly "Press Conferences." These conferences will be attended by representatives of all the dormitory newsletters as well as reporters from such institutions as The Tech and WTBS. Anybody interested in Inscm and willing to write a short piece for the B*L may be the B*L representative (please contact Ye Olde Editor or Ye New Present B*L Rep, i.e. me).

The first conference was held this week. Such items of interest as the state of Mr. Bishoff's taste buds and proposed acquisition of a TV for one of the Student Center lounges were mentioned. On a more important level, The Committee on Student Environment needs interested members. You can sign up in the Inscm Office this week. A Bakerite, Giorgio Piccagli, is the chairman of this newly formed committee and will be glad to give you further information. The Committee will attempt to co-ordinate all present activities concerned with student environment (e.g. Commons Committees and Parking Committees) as well as undertake new activities and keep close contact with the Faculty Committee on Student Environment.

Also mentioned: a platform will be built around the library in the Stud Center so that you can go outside and look over the wall; Goodwin Metal and four Baker Awards will be given out to the winning faculty members at the Awards Convocation on April 23; the Class of '68 will hold a referendum about proposed changes to the design of the Brass Rat (watch The Tech and Building 10 Lobby for more info).

Next Press Conference: tentatively April 25.

Jerry Grochow (118)
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(YFBLRICPC==Your Friendly Baker Letter Representative to the Institute Press Conferences)

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAS MT. HOLYOKE GONE?

The Freshman Council has lost its Mt. Holyoke picture book. Could the person who has made all those gorgeous girls lost please bring them back to room 206? Thank you!

Bill Berry (605)

JOCK'S CORNER

In Softball this week Baker A has rescheduled their game for next Tuesday. Baker B beat DU. Hellcats beat Lambda Chi Alpha B. The DKE's scraped by Alumni team. Our own Alley Cats lost to Bexley. The Bearcats swamped Club Latino last week. Even though they scored more runs than the other team, the Batmen lost the game. They were forced to play ineligible players because not enough of the regulars showed up and they had to forfeit.

In the Volleyball world, Baker 2nd Volleyball team lost to TEP in a close one(2-1) and thus tied for 7th place in Institute competition. Baker Tutors finished an undefeated season, and we expect good things from them in the playoffs.

In other sports, Baker 2nd lost to AEPI in squash, thus completing the regular season with a 3-1 record and making themselves eligible for the playoffs. Baker 7th ping pong lost to Sigma Xi. Baker A Badminton beat SAE and are doing well in the playoffs.

Remember Cycling is coming up soon, and we're a little short of bikes. Those people who have bikes (in suitable condition, please!) and would not mind them used for one afternoon, please contact one of the Athletic Chairmen.

We also need gloves for some of our softball players. Many errors have been attributed to faulty equipment (Sure it's the gloves' fault--ed.). Again, if you have a glove and would not mind its being used, please leave your name with the Athletic Chairmen.

When making up the softball rosters we had the option of putting a large number or a small number of players on a team. Last year the teams had over 20 people on each team. Although they did not have to worry about forfeits, each member of the team only had a chance to play for some small portion of the game. This year to give everyone a chance to play, we limited the teams to about 14. Needless to say we have had a few forfeits. We felt that if a person signs up for a sport, we expect him to show up for at least $4/5$ of the games. We hope the captains have been using a little initiative in getting together their teams. Let's hope with this last weekend we have seen the last of our forfeits.

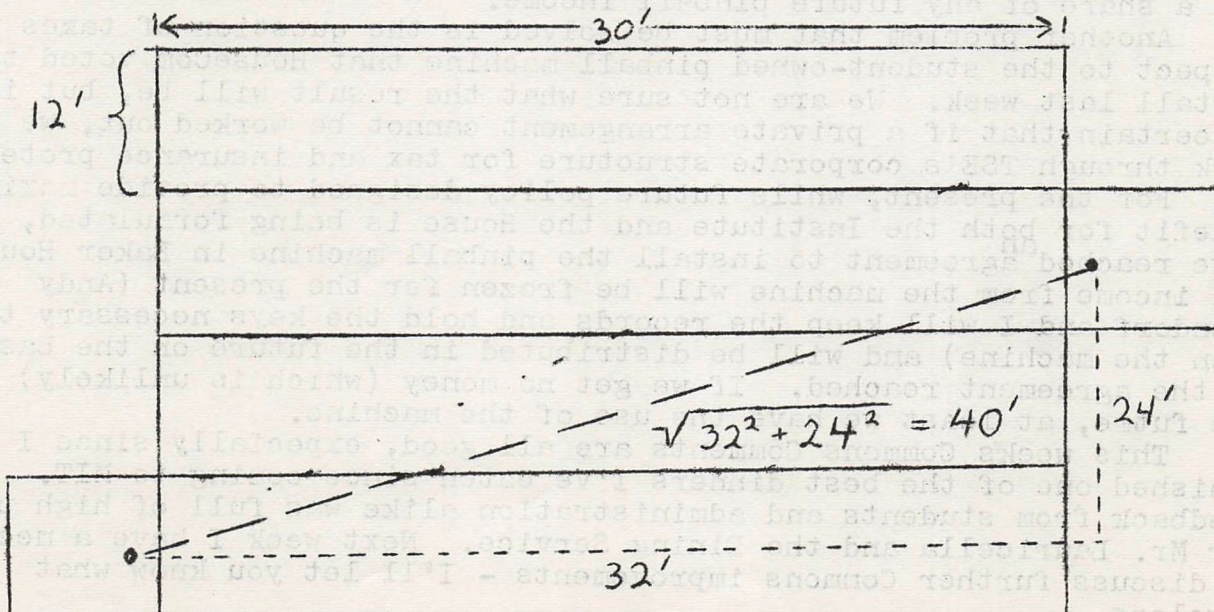
Jack Anderson(306)

Art Rosales(506)

Jerry Sevick(424)

OUT OF THE KLEIN BOTTLE

There is a very neat answer to Don Mattes' puzzle about the spider (educated in the facts of Riemannian geometry) who desired to reach his prey by traversing the shortest possible apth across the walls, ceiling and floor of a given room. (Remember that the dimensions of the room were $12' \times 12' \times 30'$, and that the spider sit on one $12' \times 12'$ wall, six feet from either side and 1 foot up from the floor, while his bug-dinner is located on the vertical mid-line fo the other wall, one foot down from the ceiling.) Unfold the room as pictured here:



I should explain that the correct solution method to the problem really involves unfolding the room in all possible fashions, calculating the length of the straight line connecting the spider to the bug for each of these possible unfoldings, and then choosing the shortest path from among all those considered. Andy Egendorf, Don Uhl, Heskell Baher, and Bill Friedmann submitted solutions.

This week I have a simply-stated number theory problem which possesses a completely elementary, simply-stated solution. Given two integers, which I shall refer to as "the smaller" and "the larger", show that if the smaller ends in 5, and if twice the square of the smaller is one greater than the square of the larger, then the larger must be divisible by 7. The solution method to this problem is quite general; it can be applied with success to a variety of number theory questions.

In conclusion for this week: the search for a new editor for this column has already terminated. Andy Egendorf has graciously volunteered to assume the duties of this column around the end of April. Many Thanks, Andy!

Quent Klein (132)

THEY SAY COFFEE IS GOOD FOR A HANGOVER.....

Sunday of Spring Weekend, Baker House SocCom and Freshman Council will present a Coffee House. Starting at 2 pm, folk type entertainment will be provided by Georgia Minder who will do three $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sets at 2, 3, and 4 pm.

Dave Lapin (634)

FROM UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S WIG

I'm pleased to announce further progress in our dealings with the administration. It is evident that we are dealing with reasonable men who will listen to reasonable ideas. Wednesday, I talked with Mr. Bishoff about the installation of a new pinball machine in Baker House. The situation is as follows:

At the present time the administration is reviewing its policy on House income sources, for example ownership of or contracts with vendors of pinball machines. There is a good possibility that the House will get a share of any future pinball income.

Another problem that must be solved is the question of taxes with respect to the student-owned pinball machine that HouseCom voted to install last week. We are not sure what the result will be, but it is certain that if a private arrangement cannot be worked out, we can work through TSE's corporate structure for tax and insurance protection.

For the present, while future policy designed to provide maximum benefit for both the Institute and the House is being formulated, we have reached an agreement to install the pinball machine in Baker House. All income from the machine will be frozen for the present (Andy Egendorf and I will keep the records and hold the keys necessary to open the machine) and will be distributed in the future on the basis of the agreement reached. If we get no money (which is unlikely) in the future, at least we have the use of the machine.

This week's Commons Comments are all good, especially since I just finished one of the best dinners I've eaten since coming to MIT. The feedback from students and administration alike was full of high praise for Mr. Lauricella and the Dining Service. Next week I have a meeting to discuss further Commons improvements - I'll let you know what develops.

Finally two reminders: 1) President Johnson will be at family style on Monday - jackets and ties are appropriate. 2) Remember to sign up with Dave Lapin for filet mignon Friday night of Spring Weekend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

You complain about getting people to do the dog work for B*L. Surely B*L could get a subsidy from HouseCom of a few dollars a week and adequately compensate Jack and Paul and all the other typists B*L could ever need. Don't bitch: move.

Richard Wolf (641)

(Thank you for your obviously well thought out solution, Mr. Wolf. I'm sure that you spent all of 10 or 15 seconds researching the matter before you benevolently bestowed the product of your wisdom upon me. May I respectfully suggest that you have your head wedged?

HouseCom can ill afford any more financial strains this year, and I'm not going to be the one to add to its burden. B*L depends upon the willingness of residents to roll up their sleeves and pitch in on the work and this is as it should be. Can you imagine the state in which things could be if everyone in Baker felt the way you do? Every House officer, hall chairman, JudCom member, and B*L staff member would refuse to do anything unless paid. At this point Baker House would cease to be the great place that it is, and this would be unfortunate indeed. If B*L can't manage to sustain itself without attaching itself to the jugular vein of HouseCom, then I say let it die.

Don't bitch about my bitching, Mr. Wolf; try offering to help out for an hour each week on whatever you can manage without tying a lead weight to your cum as I'm doing. - ed.)

Holy Reality! My compliments to the other RW. He seems to have a glimmer of what MIT life is about. I would just like to mention that the Bakerite is fairly intelligent, inquisitive, and practical ONLY in the natural sciences (myself definitely included). In ANY other field of reality, the scientist (ergo the Bakerite) is a howling heathen, and a devil worshipper, yet he looks good compared to the average American who does not even understand science, and the average citizen of this planet who cannot read.

The only obstructions a Roof Walker will encounter are broken glass. (N.B. people who walk in harsh (real) environments usually develop callouses on their soles).

By the way, Rick, if you are going to ^{make} subjective comments, you should really sign such articles with your name, not your office. And if sex obscenity turns your stomach, please also consider: Viet Cong terror tactics, TV commercials, and war. Do you really find smut more obnoxious than acne commercials??? (Yes!!! But your point eludes me - ed.)

New Topic: old idea - a reply to JMH.

The change between childhood and adulthood takes place when (and if) the person realizes that he has worshipped false gods. (Some false gods are women on pedestals, natural science as a way of life, and a specific religion). Like life, this change occurs over a long period of life and only through experience.

I understand the process takes place this way: a boy or girl falls deeply in love with someone. This love is so intense that it blinds the person to reality. It is called worship. The person endows the other person (or profession, or religion) with qualities which it never had and could never have. The believer is betrayed; his gods prove false. Sometimes and only sometimes, the person examines his own beliefs, ideals, and expectations and comes to a more realistic (scientific) understanding of himself, girls, chippies, rabbis, and streetsweepers. This process is called insight, or psychotherapy, or growing up.

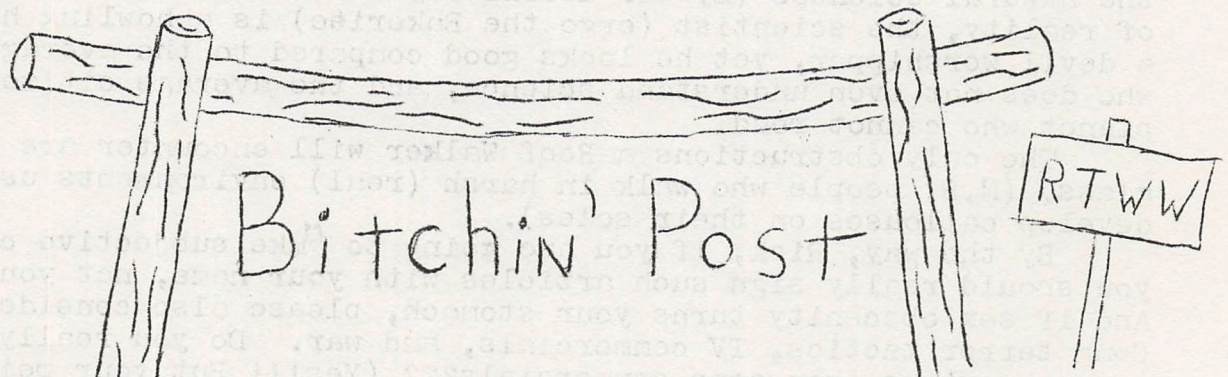
PS. If engineering and science, and baseball, and tennis, and teaching are skills which are acquired only through long and hard study and practice, then how does that 27th isle, 3rd row activity we call sex qualify for different treatment?

Richard Wolf (641)

(I see that you haven't come up for air yet, Mr. Wolf. I'm glad that you made an honest appraisal of your abilities outside the realm of the natural sciences. I quite agree with you: you should stick to science and refrain from making up little stories that you think describe reality. May I hypothesize that reality is relative to the observer and a person's values and goals need not conform to yours in order to fulfill oneself in a happy, fruitful, life.

Do you really think that sex is merely a skill, on the level of baseball, etc.? I strongly disagree with you. A girl I know attempted suicide because a guy didn't understand that intimate relations between two people entails more than just being a skillful manipulator. If your outspoken "advice" brings about a similar occurrence, I hope you're more successful than the other guy was in his suicide attempt soon after the girl's. In freely running off at the mouth about things in which you are perhaps not adequately equipped to give advice, you should also take note of the horrible responsibility with which you burden yourself. Leave it to the experts in interpersonal relationships; you'll sleep better at night.

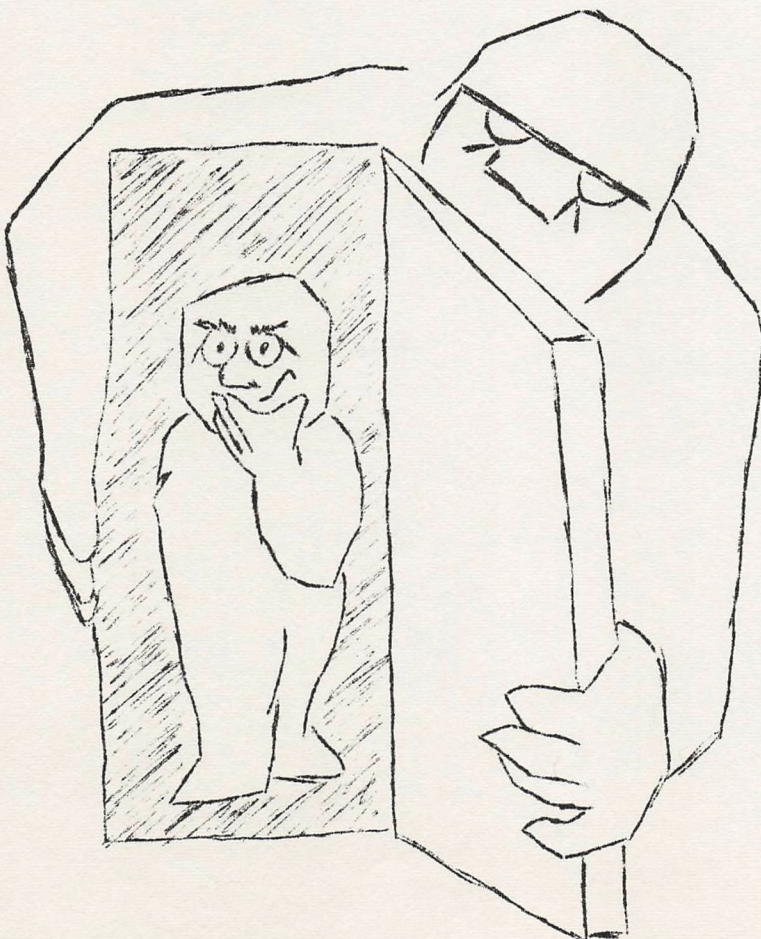
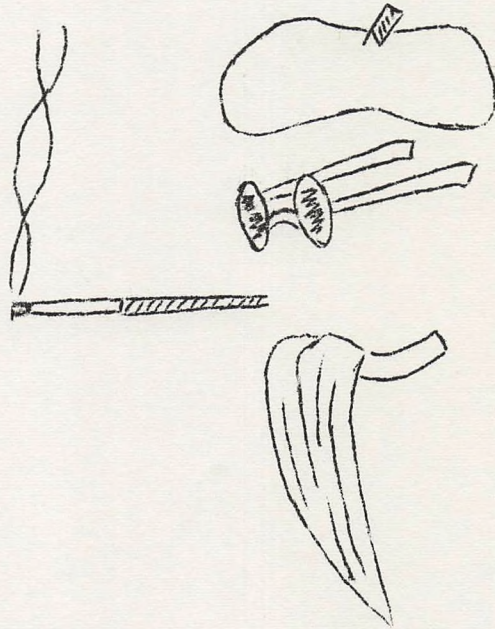
I'll continue to sign myself as "ed.", firm in the knowledge that most people are intelligent enough to know that editor's comments in no way reflect anything beyond personal views on my part. - ed.)



I just can't get myself in a bitchin' mood after a meal like Wednesday's. I was really impressed. The atmosphere in the dining hall was unlike anything I've ever seen in Baker House. It's amazing how great people are when they are well fed. I noticed a few who got there early and stayed till 7 o'clock. They weren't stuffing themselves either, instead they were just sitting around talking and

enjoying each other's company. Guy's who hardly knew each other were talking to each other as if they were old friends. I even noticed some of those strange ones, who normally only come out for exams, with smiles on their faces and talking like normal people. If a simple good meal can bring out such changes, just think what possibilities lie in the future if general dorm conditions could be improved. Judging from the smiles on peoples' faces as they left the dining hall it doesn't take much to turn this dorm into a close-knit happy bunch of guys. Maybe all the frats have over us is a good cook. If the Institute is so good as to smile on us again, I think someone should supply a little music and I'll bring down a bottle of wine and Baker House will never be the same again. I think now I'll hang up my ascot and climb in bed to end a great day.

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