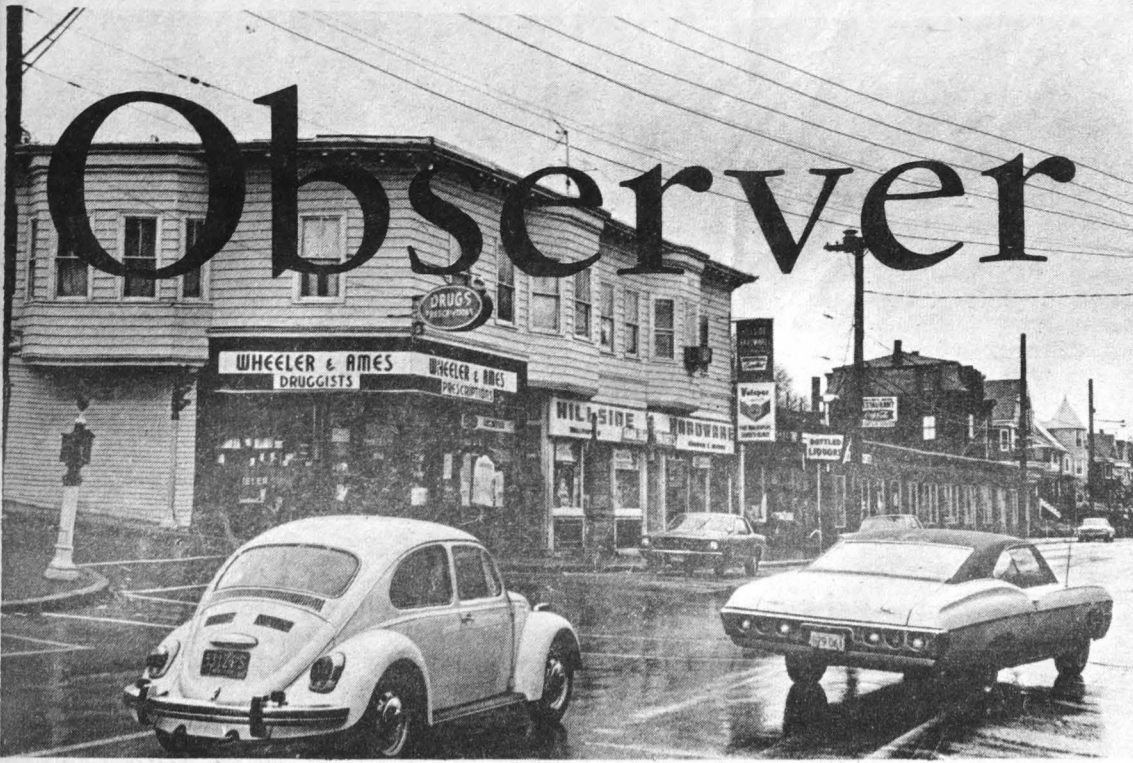


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Tufts University

housing hassles

New Lottery Scheduled To Fill 340 More Spaces

BY LARRY TELL

After over 1000 man-hours of work, the Room Selection Committee has assigned 1640 people to University housing for next year, and has outlined plans for filling an additional 1090 beds by next September.

Out of the 2800 beds originally made available, 1640 have been assigned, 750 are reserved for incoming freshmen, 70 are for RAs, and 340 will be assigned in a fourth category scheduled for sometime within the next four weeks.

This category will include approximately 340 beds in singles, doubles, triples, and quads. Many of the triples and quads have yet to be filled.

This category, which is scheduled for sometime within the next four weeks, would give preference for all rooms, except singles, to prospective sophomores who applied in the other three categories but were not assigned to a room. They will be asked to re-apply, and will be given four priority points and a new random number.

Students who have been assigned University space but have rejected it, and those who have not applied for a room previously but now desire one will also be able to participate in the fourth category. For those groups, priority points will be assigned in the same manner as in the previous categories: three points for prospective seniors, two for prospective juniors, and one for prospective sophomores. Those who have yet to place a \$100 room deposit would be required to do so before applying in category four.

For the limited number of singles which will be available because of rejections, a waiting list will be drawn up based upon the random order which was determined in the original drawing for singles. Students desiring to

be placed on this list must submit a new application listing their choices. In addition, those who have been assigned doubles after being rejected for singles may apply for the waiting list with the stipulation that they will forfeit their double if accepted into a single.

A complete list of all the available rooms will be published before the application day for category four. Instructions for obtaining forms and filing applications will be published by the Committee as soon as they are available.

"We were equitable"

Commenting on the overall procedure of room selection, Mike Consiglio, a Committee member, noted that "to the best of our knowledge, we were equitable." He said that many students had approached the committee claiming mistreatment. These cases are investigated by the Committee, which has retained the application forms and other pertinent information. From these complaints, Consiglio says that "10 to 20 were mistakes, and we will rectify them." Most of the mistakes involve machine and clerical errors.

Many complaints appear to the Committee as unjustified. Some result from a misunderstanding of the information booklet, which Consiglio admits was "confusing." In addition, some people did not get into the dorms they desired because of class quotas, which insured a distribution the Committee felt were important to maintain in the larger dorms, and especially in those which will have the most freshmen — Wren and Haskell.

In discussing complaints about certain undesirable rooms, Consiglio stated that "we realize the obvious inequality of rooms. We cannot change that. We are told by the Administration to house so many students, and we tried to do it fairly. We sympathize with those who went through the system and got bad rooms . . . The system wasn't flawless, but compared to what had been done in the past it was a 100% improvement."

Under last year's set-up, three committees were involved — those for co-ed dorms, men, and women. Much confusion resulted from the separation of assign-

ment responsibilities. In addition, the committees turned the work over to the Dean of Students office after the initial rooms had been assigned. Thus the equity of selection guaranteed by the student committees wasn't necessarily carried out.

Under this year's arrangement the student committee will follow through on the room assignments, as can be seen by the designation of the fourth category. The Committee plans more activities after those rooms are filled.

After May 1, the total picture of the number of freshmen requiring rooms and the space filled by current under-graduates will be known. Assuming that not all of the 2800 beds are filled, which the Committee thinks may be likely, a process of "thinning down" will reverse the procedure undertaken earlier in the semester, when the capacity of many rooms were increased. An assessment of the remaining rooms will be made, and some

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political scene

"Our Lives, Our Fortunes And Our Sacred Honor"

BY STEVE WERMIEL

Watching Richard Nixon's televised address to the nation Wednesday night was like a recurring nightmare, but more tragic and gruesome than ever before. I had honestly come to believe that we had progressed beyond the point of justifying the slaughter and devastation of a people in the name of American honor.

I was wrong. Above all else, "We have it in our power to close a difficult chapter in American history, not meanly, but nobly — so that each one of us can come out of this searing experience with a measure of pride in our nation, confidence in our own character, and hope for the future of the spirit of America."

And for that reason, we will not withdraw from Vietnam today, or even this year. For that reason, we can ease our consciences and maybe even forget about the thousands of women and children whose bones are melted together from American

napalm, whose faces look like the drippings from a burning candle. We don't have to worry about the Vietnamese whose homes are a pile of ashes and whose ribs are sticking to their spines because they have no food. It's alright that American pilots accidentally wipe out entire villages of people leaving survivors with bits and pieces of bodies, perhaps hunting for the remainder of their own bodies, perhaps searching for a deformed arm or leg or hand of a baby or a husband or wife, just a little something to remember us by.

It's all okay, now. Everything is going to work out. We have our heroes and they are going to save face for America, and after all, what else matters in this world. Relax, America and leave the war in the hands of William Calley and Ernest Medina; and don't worry because they will make you proud to be an American.

Unlock your doors and let

Med. School Faculty Resolves Increase In Minority Admissions

BY MARK BRODSKY

By a nearly unanimous vote Wednesday evening, the General Faculty of Tufts Medical School adopted a resolution calling for a "minimum goal, not a ceiling" of seventeen per cent minority students in each entering Medical School class, to be instituted "as rapidly as" sufficient financial aid can be raised.

The resolution, previously endorsed by the Executive Council of the General Faculty and the Medical School Admissions Committee, states that the Medical School Committee on Extending Educational Opportunities (CEEEO) "extend the opportunity for medical education at Tufts by admitting as many qualified minority students as can be recruited in addition to those admitted without reference to CEEEO."

However, it is added that "this charge is to be implemented only as rapidly as the administration, faculty, and student body through separate and joint efforts can make available sufficient funds to ensure adequate financial aid for each extra student above" those five places per year previously reserved for CEEEO admittees.

Since 1968, CEEEO has recruited and admitted fourteen minority students, many of whom are Black Mississippians apparently attracted to the Medical School through Tufts' Community Health Program located in Mount Bayou, Mississippi. Additional minority students have been admitted through the regular admissions process, run by the Faculty Admissions Committee.

Currently, about 25 Black students attend the Medical School out of a total student body of five hundred.

Many observers feel that Wednesday's resolution stems from a set of demands presented to the Tufts administration in February by "the Black Students of Tufts Medical School." Among other things, the students demanded the admittance of "a minimum of twenty-five Black students in each entering class, beginning with that of 1971-72."

Kenneth Brown, spokesman for the Black students, could not be reached for comment on the meeting's outcome.

Dr. William Maloney, Dean of the Medical School, termed the Faculty's decision "an extremely responsible response on our part . . . It does show that we're clearly on record that we desire this school to respond to the educational and social needs of this country."

He stated at the meeting that the seventeen per cent figure was arrived at because "seventeen per cent of the nation's population is considered to be in minority groups. The national percentage will be a valid figure," he said.

The resolution defines "minority" as "Spanish surname, Black, American Indian, and Oriental."

"I believe that it is the intention," continued Maloney, "to not passively sit and await applicants . . . but to make an active effort in (such) recruitment." He claimed that this recruitment would be "consistent with the Affirmative Action Program," and would be "an aggressive attempt, an active attempt to find people in minority groups who can be considered" for admittance.

The University's recently-revealed Affirmative Action Program was established to eliminate deficiencies in Tufts' hiring and recruitment procedures, outlined last fall in U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare study.

No isolated issue

Responding to a charge of several faculty that intensified efforts by Tufts to recruit Blacks might deplete the enrollment of all-black medical schools, Maloney replied that administrators of "two major black medical schools" have encouraged "any opportunity that can be offered to their people."

Dr. Jack Geiger, formerly head of the Community Health Dept. who resigned to take a position at Stoney Brook University, agreed with Maloney pointing out "this is not an isolated issue that just affects Tufts." He also examined an allegation that admission of more minority students will deprive others of financial aid. "We're talking about a policy of relative

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CORRECTION

In the article, "Somerville School Daze" in Tuesday's paper, Miss Ellen Suskind, teacher, was misquoted. Comments about the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and the lack of pressure on teachers in the city, were erroneously attributed to her.

I am not usually prone to rash suggestions, but if one more person dies in Southeast Asia in the name of American honor and saving face for this country, then on the precedent of the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of General Tomoyuki Yamashita, Nixon and Johnson and Westmoreland and Abrams and

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Corrections: Fletcher School

The article entitled "Fire-bombs Ravage Fletcher Deans' Offices" under my by-line on page 1 of the March 22, 1971 *Observer* ostensibly contains several errors.

In the fifth column of page 1 the article states "Fletcher enrolls . . . 45 mid-career State Dept. officials . . ."

According to Mr. Allan W. Cameron, Assistant Dean of the Fletcher School, there are only 24 people classified as "mid-career." "Mid-career" people, according to the Dean, are those who are currently engaged in some field of diplomacy as a career and have taken a break in their professional lives to study at Fletcher. The 24 "mid-career" students at Fletcher come from the following agencies or departments: Judge Advocate's Office, U.S. Army (1); U.S. Navy (7); U.S. Air Force (1); Agency for International Development (6); State Dept. (1); U.S. Information Agency (1). These people are taking courses at Fletcher as candidates for a masters degree. Moreover, the following mid-career people are working

on their Ph.D. requirements: Army (1); Navy (6).

Additionally, eight graduates of the Air Force Academy participated in an annual program at Fletcher to provide recent Air Force Academy graduates with training in international affairs. These eight are no longer on the campus as their programs started during the summer and ended in the early Spring, 1971, at which time they received MA degrees. Since they have not previously engaged in diplomacy as a profession, they are not considered "mid-career" by the Fletcher School.

Additionally, four individuals employed by government agencies are at Fletcher as visiting members of the teaching or research staffs. These people are considered "mid-career" but aren't students. Two were with the USIA, and one each with AID and the Air Force.

Moreover, a Visiting Professor of Diplomacy-Diplomat in Residence is a retired U.S. Diplomat, though he is now a private citizen; an assistant to the Dean, who holds no official title at Fletcher, is a retired U.S.

Army officer, though he too is officially a private citizen at this time.

In column 5 of page 1 of the same edition I stated that Dean Gullion "was an embassy official in Vietnam when Diem came to power in 1954." According to Gullion's *Curriculae Vitae*, however, he was assigned to Vietnam as Consul-General, Counselor, and Charge d'affaires only during the period from December, 1949, to October, 1952.

In column 2 of page 5 of the same edition I stated that "many of the school's (Fletcher's) graduates go on to careers in the State Department, governmental agencies, dealing with international problems, and international industry and banking." Various Fletcher students and administrators claim that this is not factual. However, their assertions have not been verified, and pending receipt of a breakdown of recent Fletcher graduates' post graduate occupations which is now being prepared. *Observer* is not prepared to correct the original statement.

—ANDY GOWA

WORLD OBSERVATIONS

From the Observer AP Wire

Room, April 7, 1971

Viet Cong Reply

PARIS AP—The Vietnamese Communists derided President Nixon's latest troop withdrawal program Thursday and cold-shouldered his call for serious negotiations.

"President Nixon has renewed his call for serious negotiations," U.S. Ambassador David K. E. Bruce told the 108th session of the Paris peace talks. "I await your positive and constructive response. An early peace in Vietnam and early end to the killing there demands no less."

The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong response was to reiterate its old demands for a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Vietnam.

Impossible to Prosecute

Ex-Soldiers at My-Lai

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced today the government has found no way to legally to prosecute former soldiers involved in the alleged My Lai massacre.

During the early stages of the Army's probe into the incident,

at least 31 Soldiers or former soldiers were under investigation for the possibility of committing crimes at My Lai.

Democrats want equal time

WASHINGTON — Democratic National Chairman, Lawrence F. O'Brien, asked the major networks today for free prime evening time to reply to President Nixon's Wednesday night broadcast.

O'Brien said in telegrams to ABC, NBC and CBS:

"In view of the clear difference between the Democratic party and the administration on this critical issue of troop withdrawal, the FCC's Fairness Doctrine obligates your network to present comparable time for the Democratic party to present its case directly to the American people."

Date for Complete Withdrawal?

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott said today President Nixon told congressional leaders he has a
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sports feature

Young blood—best blood

BY DOUG CLARK

No longer are the talented tenderfeet of freshmen restricted to sub-varsity levels of competition at Tufts, for the Varsity Soccer, Swimming, Wrestling, Cross-Country, Lacrosse, Baseball, Track, and Tennis teams have adopted freshmen as regulars this year.

The reasons for this are three-fold. Desire for record improvement is evident; the relative non-success of Tufts' teams is no secret. Freshmen are supplying additional talent and, hopefully, an impetus for improved performance. Second, an upper-classman tends to be shackled with more 'off the field' obligations and has, therefore, less time to devote to athletic adventure. A freshman, on the other hand, is usually less involved in studies, and, being fresh from the fervor of high school sports, often exhibits more enthusiasm than upper-classmen. Third, this system enables a freshman to compete a full four years at the varsity level rather than spending an entire season seasoning.

Although not always true, upperclassmen tend to lose interest in a particular sport. This fact, coupled with the discouragement of a usually poor to mediocre freshman team, account for the high dropout rate of athletes between their freshman and sophomore years. The elimination of this discouragement will reduce that dropout rate.

Five out of the eleven starters

on this year's 8-5-1 soccer team were freshman. Gabe Gomez, one of the freshman regulars and the team's most valuable player, found little difficulty in adjusting to college athletics. Gomez observed, "I found really no competition; in fact a senior quit the team when he heard that I was out for his position." Six goals and seven assists explain how Gomez reacted to intercollegiate competition. Three of the five freshmen were chosen as Greater Boston All-Stars while Gomez and Dale Graden placed on the All New England Squad.

Another freshman, Ira Orchin, compiled the second best record (7-4) while grappling for the varsity wrestling squad this winter. Orchin found he had to make a different type of adjustment when he came to Tufts. "There was virtually no pressure to attend practice and when the captain quit, I found little inspiration to work hard." Accordingly, at Tufts the individual must rely more on motivation from within, whereas in high school an athlete often depends on a particular coach or a captain to do the pushing for him.

The consensus among TU coaches is that the freshmen add enthusiasm and youth to their lineups. Coaches also concur that freshmen tend to be more coachable; that is, they are more eager to accept criticism from coaches. Further, many coaches prefer to work

with athletes for an additional year, rather than wait a season for recommendations from freshman coaches.

It is evident that freshmen are not overstepping their limits in assuming positions on varsity teams. Coaches concur that they add enthusiasm, coachability, and youth to their line-ups. More important is the hope for the future that the youth of the freshman supplies. This reporter feels that freshmen eligibility should be expanded to include all sports at Tufts and a junior varsity should be substituted for existing freshman teams. Perhaps the football and basketball of last year could have posted better records if freshmen had been eligible to play. In any case, young blood is the best blood.

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Laird should be held legally responsible for violations of the laws of war and tried for war crimes against the people of South Vietnam.

On February 4, 1946, Yamashita, the commanding general of Japanese forces in the Philippines appealed his death sentence for war crimes to the Supreme Court. The majority opinion upholding the sentence was delivered by the then Chief Justice, Harlan Stone. The precedent established was that a commanding general with or without knowledge or participation in acts of brutality is still re-

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of the newly created triples and quads will revert to doubles and triples. Also, current plans call for the retention of study rooms in Carmichael, and one on each floor of Houston and Miller.

The Committee also will place incoming freshmen in University housing. Roommates will be matched on the basis of a computer questionnaire which was devised by several members of the Psychology Department. The student will be questioned about himself and about the kind of roommate he desires, rating the relative importance of the various factors. This pro-

cess will take place in the late spring and early summer, at which time the freshmen will be matched and assigned rooms in various dorms. No freshman, however, will be placed in alternating room co-ed configurations, and those living in other co-ed dorms must have parental permission. This was an Administration decision.

Among the possible improvements in the system which have been suggested for next year are a single application date for all rooms, and having room assignment done over the summer rather than during the academic year.

Lives, fortunes, honors

responsible for the actions of his men. Stone cited "a deliberate plan and purpose to massacre and exterminate a large part of the civilian population . . . and to devastate and destroy public, private and religious property therein . . ." as the specific acts for which Yamashita was held to be guilty.

According to Justice Stone, "The question is then whether the law of war imposes on an army commander a duty to take such appropriate measures as are within his power to control the troops under his command for the prevention of the specified acts which are violations of the law of war . . . and whether he may be charged with personal responsibility for his failure to

take such measures when violations result."

The answer to Yamashita and now to Nixon and Laird and Abrams is clear and concise — the commanding general has full responsibility for the actions of his men.

And the implication should be made clear to Nixon and to the 8 out of 10 Americans that *Newsweek* claims think Calley's sentence should be overturned—that Americans can no longer consider the destruction and complete devastation of human lives in any part of the world to be noble and facesaving. In short, Mr. Nixon, the way that America comes out of this war is not and cannot be a consideration any longer.

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All students are strongly advised to attend early registration for the following reasons:

A. Assurance that seats will be reserved for you in the courses that you wish to attend in the Fall semester.

B. Early registered students will not be required to attend the procedures which take place on Registration Day in September.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Early registration will take place April 20-May 4, in the Eaton Mem. Room.

2. The following schedule will be adhered to:

April 20 & 21: Graduate students and prospective seniors.

April 22: Prospective juniors and sophomores.

May 4: Last day of early registration.

NOTE: The maximum number of courses in which one may register at early registration is four. This will prevent students from being excluded from courses that are filled up before September. Additional courses may be added during the first two weeks of classes in September.

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Passover Seder

Passover begins tonight at sundown. Tufts Hillel will conduct a Seder beginning at 6 pm in Curtis Hall Lounge.

Tuberculosis Association

The Massachusetts Tuberculosis Association Chest Mobile will be on campus in front of Cousens Gym on Thursday, Apr. 22, 1971 9-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. All Graduate and Undergraduate students anticipating certification for teaching positions

should take advantage of the opportunity to have a free chest X-ray at this time.

TCU Caucus

There will be a meeting of the TCU Student Caucus on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Curtis Hall Lounge. This will be an organizational meeting for the new government; old members are invited. For questions call Fred Anderson at 776-0690.

People's Multimedia

The Juche collective of Cambridge will present a series of films, slides, tapes, and a rap on new American grassroots and revolutionary communal life at 8:30 in Freefer's Chayes Lounge. Admission is free sponsored by Innovation.

Torn Ticket

General meeting for anyone interested in working on Man of

La Mancha Monday night, April 12 at 6:30 in Miller Lounge.

Burrito Concert

The Flying Burrito Brothers featuring ex-Byrd members Chris Millman and Michael Clarke, will appear in concert with Tony Kosinec at Cousens Gym on April 18 at 8:30. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance, \$3.00 at door — on sale at Bookstore and Wren Hall Snack Bar.

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deprivation," he said.

Referring to recent CEEO recruitment efforts, he asserted that the seventeen per cent goal of the resolution is "broader than the efforts of the last five years."

Moreover, Dr. Norman I. Krinsky, Professor of Biochemistry, indicated that although no evaluation has been undertaken of CEEO admittees, only one of the fourteen students admitted since 1968 has dropped out. He also noted that five CEEO recruits have already been admitted for the entering class 1971-72.

Dr. Strauss added that since the regular admissions process is currently in progress, an estimate of the number of minority students admitted would be difficult. However, he said that approximately six Blacks have been admitted thus far. Over 150 Blacks have submitted applications.

Admissions statistics for the Class of 1974 show that of 178 Black applicants, 24 were accepted; however, only 10 entered. For the Class of 1973, less than half as many Blacks applied and six enrolled; 14 Blacks applied to the Class of 1972 and five came to Tufts.

WORLD OBSERVATIONS

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fixed date for ending all U.S. involvement in Indochina—provided the North Vietnamese release U.S. prisoners of war.

Several congressional figures indicated they had expected, or at least hoped, Nixon would announce a definite date for an end to U.S. involvement.

Terrorist Bombing

SAIGON — An explosion wrecked a popular discotheque

crowded with U.S. soldiers and Vietnamese on the Saigon waterfront tonight, killing at least two and injuring about 40 persons.

It was the first major terrorist incident directed against Americans in the capital since last December.

It was not known whether the blast was set off by the Viet Cong or by South Vietnamese with anti-American sentiments.

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