Harvard declines commercial role

By Richard Salz

"Our friends up the river made the right decision," commented MIT Biological Professor David Baltimore, speaking at an LSC-sponsored lecture on Tuesday, was commenting on the announcement by Harvard President Derek Bok that the university would not participate in the formation of a firm to exploit recombinant DNA technology.

"It's clear that the kind of proposal considered by Harvard has all sorts of difficulties and problems with conflict of interest," commented Fred LaRusso, Professor of Law, Science, and the Public Interest who observed that universities may wish to get involved commercially in this area of research.

"But they realized that at a later time, that it would be a "serious mistake" for either MIT or Harvard to enter the field now," Luskin's statement explained that Harvard has declined to take a commercial role in the potentially lucrative field, because "the preservation of academic values is a matter of paramount importance to the university and owning share in such a company would create a number of potential conflicts with these values."

Baltimore amplified on this, saying, "We can't allow ourselves to be open to the charge that we are abandoning our basic academic principles." While Harvard will not get involved in a commercial venture "at this time," Bok's statement left open the possibility of other ventures if a means of preserving "traditional academic values" can be found.

Harvard was to have been one of the founders of and would maintain a significant stake in the firm. The company would use biological patents held by the university to compete with other firms in the area of commercial "gene-splicing."

By Sarah Bigman

It's a rip-off," said one East Campus freshman about the newly initiated forced commons dining plan. A similar attitude seems prevalent among all freshmen on campus.

"I think it stinks," remarked Keith Glassman, a freshman from MacGregor, required to be on the 419 point plan. "It's required to be on the 419 point plan his first year, said he, "and I feel it should be done anyway."

Glassman explained that he would still have opted for a meal plan, but not for one as large as his present plan since his meal schedule does not include Friday and Sunday with dinner hall hours. Because of his schedual and the high cost of the point plans, he often eats at Lobdell.

Glassman also commented that while the food is "not all that bad," commons should "just not be forced. If the dining halls aren't doing well, they should close," he said.

"They could still support a solid system without forced commons," said Mark Polak, a freshman from Gary Oberbrunner of Bexley Hall, who chose to be on the 360 point plan because he saw combined room and board as the administration would have wished.

"I'd be on it anyway," said Polak, "and the food quality is a general rule." On the food quality, Polak commented, "I don't think it's that good, but I don't like cafeterias food as a general rule."

Gary Oberbrunner of Besley Hall, who chose to be on the 360 point plan his first year, said he saw combined room and board as the closest infringement of students' rights.

"It's definitely wrong," said Oberbrunner. "Just because other schools do it [mandatory commons] is no reason for MIT to do so." He commented that while one-half of Besley's 100 freshmen begin on commons, more and more cook as time passes. Oberbrunner, who usually eats at Twenty Chimneys, said he...
Revised SALT process is urged by Leslie Gelb

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he continued, a recent poll showed 50 percent of those questioned in a sample of influential disarmament. Also, the Labor Party, which stands a good chance of winning the next election, is opposed to the NATO decision.

Thompson discussed the current Soviet deployment of the multiple, ground-launched, medium-range, SC-20 missiles. However, he insisted that they do not provide the forces with any strategic advantage; in fact, according to a press article which Thompson quoted, the Soviets now have 150 SS-20s and are building them at the rate of one every five days. The present historical trend, Thompson claimed, is a drift toward war. He called for action as an alternative to complicity with disaster. "It is not individual mortality which is in question," he said, "but the destruction of Western civilization."

Official pronouncements and also press stories must always be read with skepticism and one eye on their intended propaganda effect, he said. He cited "deterrent" as a word whose real meaning is "proliferation". However, he warned against limitations on press freedoms. Thompson is active in the British group Europe Against Nuclear Disarmament or END. END seeks a nuclear-free Europe, calling for the halt of the deployment of the cruise, Pershing, and SS-20 missiles as an initial step. He also hopes to establish improved lines of communication between East and West at all levels.

In his separate talk, Gelb advocated a new approach to arms negotiations. By setting long-term objectives, he asserted, a guiding framework would be established and real progress could be achieved in step-by-step agreements. The broad objectives should be set and worked toward in eight or ten years, he proposed. Such a statement of goals would be given weight by signed executive agreement promising to bargain in good faith.

The period of eight to ten years corresponds to the time required to get new weapons systems from the drawing board to deployment, Gelb stated. Therefore, he continued, this time span allows the two parties to predict what their particular fears and hopes are and to foresee areas of mutual interest. Gelb par for possible long-term goals: ensuring the survivability of land-based missiles, limiting anti-submarine warfare, achieving a comprehensive test ban, and limiting under-table aircraft like "Stealth" and the cruise missile.

Frosh: mandatory commons is wrong

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she remarked that although the same arguments are used for the students who are_flip them, she added, "I've been eating commons. I have $9.50 and I'm living on $4.68 is quite expensive for House dining, especially for House commons, which is having a sale!"

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Corbato appointed as computer "czar"

By Tom Loredo

Dr. Fernando J. Corbato was appointed Director of Computing and Telecommunications Resources in the Office of the Provost last summer by Professor Francis E. Low, MIT Provost. Corbato oversees the use of computing services for education, research, and administration in the MIT community. He is also responsible for assessing the priorities of the computing needs of the MIT community so that plans for future evolution of computing and telecommunication can be made. The appointment resulted from a recommendation made in the Report on Future Computational Needs and Resources issued in 1979 by the Ad Hoc Committee. Following the committee's further recommendation, Corbato has set up an advisory committee, the Committee on Computing Environment. This committee is chaired by Professor of Physics Robert Hulsizer and had its first meeting Thursday, November 20. Professor Corbato has worked extensively on the design of multiple access computer systems. In 1960 he led the effort to develop the Compatible Time Sharing System which led to the development of the Multiplexed Information and Communication Service (Multiplex) now in use at MIT and elsewhere. For this work he recently received the Harry Goode Memorial Award from the American Federation of Information Processing Societies.

Professor Corbato was born in Oakland, California, in 1926. He obtained his BS degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1950 and a PhD from MIT in 1956, both degrees in physics. He joined the MIT Computation Center, eventually holding the positions of assistant director in charge of programming research, associate director, and deputy director. In 1962 Professor Corbato was appointed associate professor by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. In 1965 he became full professor, and from 1974-78 he held the position of associate department head for Computer Science and Engineering. Recently Corbato has been Carl H. Hovis Professor of Computer Science and Engineering for a two-year term ending this year. He used the professorship to study large-scale integrated circuit design technology.

Corbato has written many technical papers and has co-authored several books. He is a member of the editorial board of the MIT Press, and a fellow of the National Academy of Engineering, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Professor Corbato lives in West Newton with his wife and four children.

Wastes defined

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World

Iran possibly ready to negotiate — Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian parliament, indicated unofficially that Iran may now be prepared to negotiate with the US on release of the 52 American hostages. In a conference held on Tuesday, Rafsanjani said, "The United States has accepted the conditions. We have accepted to release the hostages." He indicated that Iran would release the hostages "gradually." US officials, including Secretary of State Edmund Muskie, expressed cautious optimism at this latest pronouncement of the Iranian government. Muskie recalled that this is not the first time in the year-long hostage crisis that Iran has promised to release its American captives.

Pope chastised — Barbara Enzi, chairman of the League of German Catholic Youth, chastised Pope John Paul II in her visit to the Vatican Tuesday. Enzi criticized the pontiff for "too many prohibitions" in the church's positions on marital life, sexuality, birth control, obedience of the clergy, and the role of women within the church. The Pope sat six feet away from Enzi during their meeting, with bowed head, and chose not to respond to any of her criticisms.

Local

Hearing ordered on 2½ challenge — The Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, and the AFL-CIO have filed suit in Suffolk Superior Court testing the constitutionality of the new law. Justice Ruth I. Abrams ordered that the case be heard promptly. The suit names Revenue Commissioner L. Joyce Hampers and other state officials as defendants. Plaintiffs are asking the court to issue injunctions prohibiting the new law from taking effect on December 4 as planned.

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

Weather

Milder today with southwest breeze, some cloudiness but mostly sunny skies. Highs will be in the upper 40's. A weak cold front will pass through with nearly no precipitation. Lows near 35. For Saturday, quite mild with highs near 50 with partly to mostly sunny skies. Lows Saturday night near 45. Chance of rain 30 percent today and Saturday.

By James Franklin
Scientific hubris

Steve Solnick

An article in Tuesday's Times declared, "Scientists Urged Triage for Species Believed Endangered." In it, Dr. Thomas L. Lovejoy of the World Wildlife Fund is quoted as saying, "We're already on the threshold of mass extinction of many species. And I thought there ought to be at least one species that we would give us a conscious choice in choosing to save one species after another." Triage is a wartime system used to allocate medical care to war wounded.

The Greeks had a word for this kind of task. They called it hubris. It described actions which were generally offensive to the gods. Cases of man overreaching his bounds. Unseemly ego.

It is not hubris for scientists to stretch the bounds of science to its limits. Or even for man to alter his environment. This is the essence of the wonder of science.

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The average, healthy American diet requires 9 acres of cropland to meet. That's roughly 1600 pounds of grain annually (for a well-fed American). A car running on gasohol, in which 90 percent of its fuel is replaced by grain alcohol, now requires an additional 8 acres of cropland to supply the grain for alcohol. A car which runs entirely on alcohol would use over 7.8 acres of cropland!

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Problem sets help not hinder students

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tions to register for a reduced load (with reduced tuition, it

should be added), to take a leave of absence with the assurance of

continued enrollment, and to spend the "Junior Year Abroad" or a

"Domestic Year Away." It's no wonder that so many of our old-

sters feel as though there should be a problem. But the

ronist in chief of our oldest campus newspaper is convinced

there is a problem, and points his finger at the weekly problem set

as the culprit that locks students into such structured, overwhelm-

ing activity that they have no time left for anything else. Let's be

very careful here. Problem sets are supposed to make life eailer

for the students, not harder. And this is not just a faculty percep-

tion, but is a feeling of course without problem sets. Students want

problem sets and find them useful. In the absence of course to

provide a structure and a schedule. Other kinds of educational ac-

tivities are important—men essential—but can't supplant the well-organized

course as a means of bringing the basics life-size and ready to be

independent.

The editorial tells the story of two Harvard students who simply
took off in mid-semester, stayed away for a month, and returned
to (we are lead to assume) live academic program. There are op-

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Zappa in concert

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TALBOT HOUSE WEEKEND

Approximately 20 graduate students, including 15 Council members, spent an October weekend at Talbot House in Vermont in order to devote a significant amount of time, not normally possible at Council meetings, to discuss two of the more important issues for graduate students: housing and tuition and financial aid. Greg Smith, a member of the Corporation, was kind enough to sit in on our discussions and provide insight into the Institute’s policies. Results of the discussions were reported to the full Council at the October 23rd meeting of the GSC.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The HCA Committee, chaired by Richard Celko (X–Illinois), is tackling the difficult question of graduate student housing. Top on their list of priorities is examining the issue of graduate housing tenure proposals. The Committee is in dialogue with Dean Druin, chairman of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, to offer advice on student feeling about the issue. The Committee is attempting to offer some proposals for alleviating the long-term situation in graduate housing, which has been called a “crisis” situation for two years now. HCA would also like to expand its membership and welcomes any graduate student interested in housing and community affairs.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The APP Committee will be concentrating its efforts on investigating the tuition and financial aid question. They are working in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the GSC on the issues involved. The latter, and members from the APP, meet with Deans Wadleigh of the Graduate School Office and John Curry, Director of Finance, and will be meeting with the Alumni Association and members of the Fund Raising Campaign.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee, chaired by Richard Celko (X–Illinois), sponsored the recognition of several new graduate student clubs. It has made several appropriations to cover recurring activities and is attempting to ensure that all GSC-recognized clubs are aware that they may be able to get some funding from this Committee.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee has completed most of its interviews for Faculty and Presidential Committee. Several Committee seats are still open and need graduate student representation. They are: IAP Policy Committee, the Medical Advisory Board, Prelaw Advisory Council, Committee on Safety, Committee on Toxic Chemicals, and the Dining Advisory Board. CALL THE GSC OFFICE AT x3-2195 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REVIEW COMMITTEE — The Council renewed the charter of the Affirmative Action Review Committee which intends to complete the survey of department committees. It started last year.

GSC/Ashdown House Dance Committee — During the Halloween weekend, the GSC and Ashdown co-sponsored a large party which was a great success. It hopes to be holding another graduate student dance next semester.

the graduate — this summer the Executive Committee decided to discontinue publication of the graduate and will be following the IAC’s method of reaching its constituency through news reports in The Tech. This column represents the first of what is hoped to be a monthly report to the graduate student body on the activities of the Council. Feedback is always welcome.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Council is November 20th, at 5:30 p.m., in 50-221 (Walker Memorial, Riverside). All members of the graduate student community are invited to attend. Please RSVP at x3-2195. We look forward to seeing you there!
Preapplication forms are now available for the 1981 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship competition. NSF plans to award approximately 400 new 3-year fellowships for study leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. Eligibility for NSF Graduate Fellowships is limited to individuals who are citizens or nationals of the United States as of the time of application and who have not completed postbaccalaureate study in excess of 12 semester hours. Preapplication forms are available in the Graduate School Office, room 3-136. Application deadline is November 26, 1980.

Future growth of the American economy is the subject that economist Lester Thurow will discuss at the Cambridge Forum on Wed., Nov. 26, 8pm, 3 Church St., Harvard Square, Cambridge. Free and open to public.

The MIT Press and Yale University Press will sponsor a joint Holiday Book Sale, Dec. 4 & 5 from 10am to 9pm at the Student Center near the main entrance, at 84 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Thousands of books representing hundreds of titles will be discounted up to 90 percent. Gift books, art and architecture, photography, linguistics, history, engineering, economics, math and physics, music, and life, earth and space sciences are among the varieties and subjects at discount.

The Boston University School of Theatre Arts will present Thomas Middleton and William Rowley's Jacobean drama, The Changeling, Dec. 2-5 in Studio 104 at the University's School for the Arts, 835 Comm. Ave. All performances will begin at 8pm.

The Boston premiere of Aarichoke, by Joanna Glass, will be presented by the Boston University School of Theatre Arts, Dec. 2-6 in Studio 210 at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave. All performances will begin at 8pm.

Approximately 45 fellowships will be awarded to students enrolled in doctoral programs in the humanities and social sciences at US graduate schools. All requirements, except thesis, must be completed by June 1981. Winners will receive grants of $400 per month for up to 15 months of full-time dissertation research and writing. A supplementary grant of $1,000 may be requested for related expenses. Deadline for receipt of applications is January 12, 1981. For further information see Dean Jeanne Richard, room 3-136 or write directly to: Newcombe Fellowships, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Box 642, Princeton, NJ 08540.

When you need some notes at 3:00 a.m., you find out who your friends are.
Cross country prepares for Division III Nationals

By Bob Host

Coming off a fourth place finish in last weekend's qualifying meet, the cross country team prepares for the NCAA Division III championships tomorrow in Rochester, N.Y.

Six of the seven runners on coach Chris Lane's squad enjoyed personal best times in the qualifying meet, with only Bob Walmsley '84 missing a personal best, falling five seconds shy. Walmsley '84 missing a personal best would probably compete for the best finishing meet, with only Bob

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Basketball prospects good

By Bob Host

With nine players returning from last year's squad, coach Frank O'Brien's basketball team will set out to improve upon last year's 13-9 record, its first winning season since 1972. The Engineers closed last season with eight wins in their last 11 games, but will have to do without the services of guard Jim Mere and center Geoff Holman, which O'Brien described as "tremendous" loss.

"Things look optimistic for the 1980-81 edition of men's basketball," the coach noted, and one source of optimism may be senior captain Bob Clarke, who ranked fourth on the squad last year in scoring with a 10.5 points per game average while averaging 8.7 rebounds a game, good for second on the squad. In addition, Clarke was named to the weekly ECAC Division III honor team last year.

Another senior with court experience is Keith Baker, who missed most of the second half of last season with a hand injury while averaging 4.3 points a game. Last season, Baker's free throw percentage was a dismal .361, compared to a .669 mark in the 1979-80 season.

Baker's backcourt mate, Mark Branch '83, enters his second varsity season after finishing second on the team in scoring (14.8) and first in assists (112 for the season) and free throw percentage (.700) last year. Branch was named to the ECAC Division III honor team last year, and was named to the All-East Division III freshman squad by Eastern Basketball magazine. Hailing from the same high school as Pete Mattivich, Branch scored in double figures in 19 of the 22 games in which he played last year.

Junior Dave Deliefs, who played a reserve role last year, is vying for a starting role in this, his third season on the varsity squad. Another reserve who saw action last year was sophomore Michael Greer, who participated in 20 of the team's 22 games. O'Brien mentioned the need for "a physical player to come in and do the job" for the team this year, but with a nucleus of Greer, Branch, and Clarke, the team, which finished one win shy of a Division III playoff berth last year, may do better than expected this year.

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