Perkins fires OME director McLaurin

By John B. Stetlers

William McLaurin, director of the Office of Minority Education (OME), was dismissed by Associate Provost Frank E. Perkins 15 on Aug. 24. Perkins is acting as temporary OME director.

Perkins said he based the decision to dismiss McLaurin on five points of dissatisfaction. He would not disclose the points for legal reasons.

Perkins, however, alluded to two of the reasons for dismissal: one dealing with the financial operation of the Office of Minority Education and the other concerning the administration of Project Interphase.

McLaurin was unavailable for comment.

The issue of race is irrelevant, Perkins said, although he alluded to McLaurin placing too much emphasis on programs for high school students. Perkins slammed, however, that on programs for the present minority student body.

The minority office does administer such programs as Project Interphase, a by-invitation-only summer program designed to help newly admitted students make a successful transition from high school to MIT: the Freshman Orientation week activities and other orientation issues, according to Vandiver.

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Bell reports on education

By Diane Ives-Aaron

Budget appropriations for education next year will be the highest ever and may exceed $18 billion, Terrell H. Bell, U.S. Secretary of Education, announced yesterday at a briefing for college newspaper editors.

"We're trying to make the master teacher in elemen- tary and secondary schools be equivalent to the full professor on the university campus," he said.

"We've been trying to do all that we can to accommodate that offered to students who graduate in busi- ness and engineering with a bache- lor's degree," he explained.

"And we're going to submit that provision next year will be the high- est ever," Bell said. "I think part of what we've been letting our standards slip," he commented.

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By Earl C. Yen

The Experimental Study Group (ESG), which faced an over-sub-cription of freshmen this year, selected students on a "first-come, first-served" basis, according to Experimental Director and As- sociate Professor J. Kim Vandiver '69.

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at financial assistance to help the student defray the cost of attendance. What we're trying to do is to provide choice and access to higher education," he explained. "We think the same principle ought to prevail on the elementary and secondary school level, and I believe public schools can compete successfully with private ones. Just like the public colleges and universities compete successfully with the others."

OME head dismissed

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man Watch Program, which monitors the progress of minority freshmen; and student tutorial and consultation programs.

The associate provost said he was also upset with the way McLaurin handled the dismissal of two students from Project Interphase this summer. McLaurin refused the names of the two students as a warning to others in the program—an "abridgement of confidentiality," according to Perkins.

Perkins said he did not hear of the dismissal until after it occurred.

McLaurin's dismissal was not related to that of former Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Mary O. Hope last November, Perkins said.

A concerned administrator, however, expressed opposition to the manner in which McLaurin was dismissed.

The administrator said McLaurin should have been dismissed at a time which would have allowed him time to search for another position. McLaurin left the office just prior to the beginning of the fall term.

Perkins said he alerted President Paul E. Gray '54, Provost Frank E. Low and the Director of Personnel James J. Callahan, prior to making the final decision to dismiss McLaurin.

He has not personally contacted all of the black faculty and staff members concerning McLaurin's dismissal, but he has informed leaders of campus minority groups about the action by letter, Perkins said.

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. Muller said she hopes a new director will be identified soon. She added that the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs will aid in any way possible.

Chermone Williams, special assistant to the president, said he understands that the contributions the office can make are enormous. "I hope someone will be identified soon who will carry on the activities and the creativity of the office."

Perkins plans to meet with concerned students about finding a replacement for McLaurin, he said. He will organize a new search committee within the next few weeks, he said.

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Pope concerned over unemployment — Pope John Paul II, in his visit to Canada, expressed concern over that nation’s 11 percent unemployment rate.

Koreans to cooperate on flood relief — The North Koreans and South Koreans Red Cross will join in flood relief efforts for South Korea. The South Korean government said it could cope with the floods alone but agreed to join in cooperation efforts with the North.

Soviets cut down oil exports to Eastern Europe — The Soviet Union has begun to reduce subsidized oil exports to its allies due to rising costs of production and lower overall output, according to figures from the Brookings Institution.

Nation
Mondale to meet with Gromyko — In order to come to a “better understanding” with the Soviet Union, Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale will speak with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on Sept. 27, a day before Gromyko’s scheduled meeting with President Reagan.

Local
Education offered as answer to riot friction — State officials have allocated $260,000 for an education program consisting of college and remedial education facilities in Lawrence. The program is aimed at alleviating conditions which fostered two nights of rioting in early August.

Boston high schools scores are up, but so is dropout rate — Despite the Boston’s business community promise to hire Boston graduates in exchange for the school system’s pledge to bring up basic skills, the dropout rate has not yet improved, hovering around 15 percent.

Weather
Better than sex — Well, almost. No, really, it is supposed to be pretty nice today, with bright sunshine leading up to a pleasant afternoon. The high will be around 70 today, dropping down to around 50 tonight. Tomorrow will be even warmer, reaching the middle 70’s, under partly cloudy skies.

Beece Manor

The Graduate Student Council will conduct interviews for seats on Committee on Tuesday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 26. All interested graduate students are invited to apply for seats on the following committees:

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Committee on Discipline (2 positions)*
Committee on Educational Policy (1)*
Committee on the Library System (1)*
Committee on Student Affairs (1)*

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT:
Committee on Assessment of Biohazards (1)
Athletic Board
Commencement Committee (1)*
Community Service Fund Board (1)
Dining Advisory Board (1)
Equal Opportunity Committee (2)
Committee on Foreign Scholarships (1)
IAP Policy Committee (1)*
Committee on International Institutional Commitments (1)
Medical Advisory Board (1)
PreLaw Advisory Council (1)
Committee on Radiation Protection (1)
Committee on Safety (1)
Student Activities Development Board (1)
Committee on Toxic Chemicals (1)
Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (2)
Committee on the Visual Arts (2)
Women’s Advisory Board (1)
Advisor Committee for Women Students’ Interests (1)
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Test not sufficient to evaluate writing

Guest Column/ Eric Berman

Two weeks ago I was placed in the MIT Writing Center with about 800 other freshmen for the purpose of testing our writing skills. This test was optional, but was a good method of diagnosing some potential writing problems and picking up proficient writers. Although those who received a passing grade on their essays satisfied Phase One of the Writing Requirement, a short test is not an effective way of achieving the goals of the Committee on the Writing Requirement.

The most brilliant ideas can wither and die if not communicated properly. It is essential that the writing skills of every student be evaluated, refined, tested, and improved. Some people have had good days when their thoughts flowed smoothly and they could write well. People who had one of those great days on the day of the writing test might have passed Phase One of the Writing test, but some severe writing problems would not have been detected.

Some people are very practiced in expository writing but are unable to write an essay on a topic they knew nothing about. Although some students could have passed the exam with flying colors but would have missed a chance to recognize their weaknesses.

I feel that I am lucky, because I did not pass the test. Although I knew from past experience that I can write well, I have more than my share of bad days when I cannot generate my thoughts. This test prevented me from becoming too complacent about my writing and gave me incentive to refine my skills.

I feel that it would be in the best interests of the Committee on the Writing Requirement to expand the requirement to include more regular checks on student writing ability. Only in this way can we be sure that the writing ability of MIT is up to par. People complain about John's writing. Is it quite a bit, and it is imperative that MIT produce students immune to such criticism.

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We hope to maintain the setting of a fire in Runkle as set in the movie 'The Big Lebowski.' The Senior House does not condone ourselves to the continuation of this behavior. We recognize the seriousness as well as a willingness to account for the consequences before taking an action that we know will have expressed a desire to make their feelings known to other members of the MIT community. The residents of Senior House, strongly disapprove of the action of a fire in Runkle as set in the movie 'The Big Lebowski.' The Senior House does not condone such actions. We realize that there are cases in which an individual's freedom to speak should be considered in the light of the actions individuals may have on others. Individuals should accept the responsibility of maintaining the ability to understand the consequences of their actions.

Opinion

The Tech

Column/Adam B. Rosen

Killing roaches in the dorms

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**ARTS PLAYS**

**Plenty of Character at Loeb**

Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello has further performances at the Loeb Drama Center tonight and tomor-

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bridge audiences to catch before their

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vided the pivot point, organizing the play; refining art and reality. Katie Collins took

us on a deep and troubled tour of a prostitu-

te in mourning; her relationship with The Father (Alan Mixon) was especially well developed. Robert Brustein's adapta-

tion makes the show modern and fresh.**

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**Solid Soldier's Play**

A Soldier's Play by Charles Fuller is at the Colonial Theatre until September 23 $12.50 - 19.50.

Racism is always a difficult subject for a play. Attempts to display fully its extrem-

ities are often regarded as exaggeration; instead of delivering the play's effect, A Soldier's Play does not suffer this fate.

It is 1946 in rural Georgia. Fort Neal is a black army base in a segregated American Army. It is also the scene of a murder. Artistic director/actor, Douglas Turner Ward, gives a very credible por-

trait of Tech Sgt Waters, the victim.

Waters was shot by a person or persons unknown. Then, throughout the rest of the play, he is seen in flashback through the memories of both his men and the respect-

ed murderers. Ward runs through a wide range of personae for Waters, one to ma-

chuck who is remembering him.

In an effort to cover up the entire murder, the Army assigns a black lawyer to in-

vestigate the murder. Geoffrey Ewing's portrayal of Captain Davenport is, by it-

self, worth the price of the ticket. Daven-

port's job is made all the more difficult by Waters' commanding officer, Captain Tay-

lor (Cotter Smith). Taylor is a man who

has schemes to make his point, and he is not officers.

Davenport relentlessly pursues the facts; for him, a biased system is not a valid ex-

planation. Unflinching and unswerved by determina-

tion, he forces the investigation forward to its end and conclusion, winning Taylor's reluc-

tant respect on the way.

The common soldier in this play is often shown as傻 about the get up. But when he talks about the company baseball team; but mostly, he is fair. To the Fort Neal sol-

dier, the worst part of a segregated army - with the possible exception of putting up with abuse — is not pulling "bad duty" but is not having a fair chance to participate in the Army or the war. Messrs Hudson, Duke and Jones are particularly good at acting out this sense of frustration.

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On Thursday, September 20, 1984, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, at MIT in Building #4, Room #163, the deans of admission from five law schools, University of Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, and NYU, will present a panel discussion of the law school admissions process. For further information, contact Jeannette Gerzon, 253-4737.

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In 1983 we had height, power and experience," Altman said. "While quickness would have helped, we could rely on our steadiness to win. This year we lost some of our height and power so we need quickness. That's why we have to pick up the system."

The change has meant for the team members — have undergone a demanding physical effort during practice. In order to reach the goal of a faster offense, the players have to become comfortable with the new system by the time the pace picks up. The players have been feeling the system and each other. The players have been extremely enthusiastic about the new system by the time they become comfortable with it and the pace picks up. One strength the team can rely on is experience. Six players are back from last year, in addition to four-year veterans Munro and Koster, Janette Keith '85, Jenny Smith '86, Rachel Chase '87 and LePigay '86 will be returning.

The remaining players are inexperienced at the collegiate level, but have demonstrated a lot of potential in practice. Altman plans to substitute them frequently, and some may even start. The core of the team is still intact from last year. The starters are back from last year. In addition, the team is if it can adjust to the pace picks up. That question will start to be answered Wednesday night when MIT hosts Salem State at 7 pm in duPont.
Football breaks opener jinx

By Janice Marchiabava

The men's football club broke an opening-game jinx to defeat the host Stonehill Chieftains, 19-6, Saturday afternoon. The Engineers had lost their season opener to the Chieftains in each of the last three seasons.

The contest remained scoreless through the first three quarters until MIT broke into the scoring column on the second play of the fourth quarter.

MIT's offense experienced a few problems early in the game — example was when the team failed to get the first down on a fourth and one play on the Stonehill 19 yard line. The Engineers solved their problems, however, and settled down to take command of the game.

By the end of the third quarter, the Engineer offense was on track. The team made use of graduate quarterback Dave Broecker's mobility, as he ran for 88 of MIT's 202 rushing yards.

Hugh Ekberg '87 led both teams with 82 yards rushing. Most of his yardage came on two long touchdown runs (49 and 31 yards). Dan Curtin '88 contributed MIT's other touchdown, hauling in a four-yard pass from Broecker.

Capitan Mike Ambrogi '85 led the way on the defensive side of the contest with two interceptions, one coming with no time remaining in the game, preventing a Stonehill touchdown. Chris Moore '88 also made his presence felt, blocking the Chieftain's extra point attempt and tipping a pass which then almost fell into the arms of teammates Dave Addington '87. In all, the defense held the hosts to 117 yards passing and a paltry 46 yards rushing.

Penalties proved to be MIT's biggest problem, as the team was penalized nine times for a total of 85 yards and three first downs. The penalties were typical of early-season play, however, and should not be so prevalent in future games. MIT will open its home season Saturday, when it hosts the Providence College Friars at 1:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Stadium.

Engineers, 19-6

Stonehill 0

MIT 19

First downs 19-19
Penalties 1-9
Punt return yardage 0-110
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Net yards rushing 31-110
Passing yardage 26-202
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Individual Leaders

MIT

Fan: Spikers face tough year

By Paul Pateronides

Even an unexpected encounter could not boost the enthusiasm and quiet intensity on the faces of the members of the women's volleyball team during last Friday's practice session, as the squad prepared for the upcoming season. Only a year ago, the team placed fourth in the nation among Division III schools.

The team has lost only 11 of 106 games and had won 41 consecutive matches before being eliminated in the NCAA Division III Championships. This year, however, the squad's pursuit of victory will begin under different circumstances.

Two starters have quit the team. To add to that loss, team captain Angela Marro '85 and Julie Koster '85 sustained knee and shoulder injuries, making them questionable for the opening matches. Although the two have been taking it easy, a lot of the team's success will depend upon how healthy they stay.

MIT will also face tougher competition this year. Coach Karin Altman '75, who helped plan the schedule back in January, wanted to include competitive matches with Division I and II schools. Altman feels that the matches with these stronger schools will make the season more interesting and challenging.

The season starts off relatively easy, according to Altman, with a match against Salem State followed by the Salem State Tournament. The pace picks up in early October, however. On October 5-6 the squad will participate in the Juniata (Pa.) Tournament, which has some of the nation's top Division III schools.

The tournament will be a big factor in MIT's ranking in Division III. After the Juniata tournament, the Engineers will face competition from Division I and II schools in the Springfield Invitational and the Rutgers Tournament. MIT will also go head to head against some top Canadian volleyball squads in the Northeastern International Tour. "The team will have to get used to losing," said Altman, referring to the tougher schedule.

Besides the loss of two starters, injuries, and the rigorous schedule, one additional factor will play a major role in the development of the team — how well the women adapt to a new game plan Altman recently implemented.

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