Student interest in activities declining

By Craig Jangwirth

Some campus organizations have experienced a decrease in student participation this year, while student involvement in others has remained stable.

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Last year, several student activity leaders attributed the drop in active enrollment to increased academic and financial pressures. Undergraduate Association (UA) President David M. Libby '93 recently underscored the continued effect of pace and pressure, financial considerations and career considerations on students.

There has been "some change over approximately fifteen years in student participation," said Andrew Eisenmann '75, staff assistant for Residence and Campus Activities. The decrease in student participation was inevitable, Eisenmann said, "probably because of more pressures — academic, financial, and career-wise — which are national concern reflected here at MIT."

Richard, a member of the Student Activities Board, said there were "no means of directly counting numbers of students in activities," but that "indirectly (at least a dozen) activities have failed to report their existence."

In recent years, MIT student government has faced some problems getting its representatives to be more deeply involved. Last term, it made a move to correct these problems.

MIT undergraduates approved a binding referendum last March to transform the UA General Assembly into the UA Council, a body with fewer representatives.

"We'd like to see more people show up at meetings. That was one of the ideas of shrinking the size of the Undergraduate Association's legislative body, UA Vice President Stephanie L. Schleifer '93 said last term. Participation in the UA this year has so far maintained stable or decreased slightly. Libby said. One member of the UA Council has just resigned due to the rise in the self-help level, the amount a student must earn during the academic year, he noted.

Libby explained that the increased academic load on students is characterized "not necessarily (by) more problem sets, but (by) more material to comprehend."

"It's easy to get people on the Lecture Series Committee (LSC)," said Timothy Hacklebury '84, chairman of LSC, "but it is difficult to get people to devote hours to positions of responsibility."

Hacklebury added, "It's always a problem. I don't see it improving."

(For more on the UA Council, see story on page 9.)

New Course III program attracts more students

By Matthew M. Christin

Second in a series examining all-inclusive programs to Course II. The new electronic materials option offered by the Department of Material Science and Engineering (Course III) is not meant to serve as an alternative to the overcrowded Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS), according to Assistant Professor Donald R. Sadownik, undergraduate chairman.

The department began offering the option two years ago as part of a wholesale revision of the undergraduate curriculum. Under the new plan, students must concentrate in one of four options — ceramics, electronic materials, metallurgy, and polymers — after completing the required core subjects.

The materials science department began considering changes in its curriculum three years ago, Sadownik said. This period of revision followed a decade of no change in the curriculum. "We wanted to address the major changes that were taking place in material science, he commented.

Much discussion determined the "philosophy of the department," Sadownik said. The department decided to try to keep abreast of all changes in the field while maintaining the breadth and depth of the curriculum.

The addition of the electronic materials option and a group of new undergraduate materials science courses were among the biggest changes to come out of the meetings, Sadownik said.

The impetus to add an electronic option to the curriculum came from within the department, and was totally unrelated to the EECS overcrowding problem. In recent years, electronics had become so important in material sciences that the department felt compelled to include it in the curriculum, he explained.

"Consequently one year into planning, the EECS's problem arose," Sadownik said. "We were well on our way before the enrollment problem."

The department does not favor any one option, he said. All of four options have three basic phases: a materials science component, a processing component, and a laboratory component.

Feature

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In Nancy L. Gutfinkel

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By Diana ben-Aaron

Brad Waller, a senior in physics from Woodland Hills, Ca., won the annual 2.70 single-elimination design contest last Tuesday night. The problem was to build a machine to "harvest" ping pong balls from a pile in the middle of a field, and Waller clinched his victory when his "Deathmobile" swept 87 ping-pong balls to its side to defeat David Culicke '86's "Love Tractor," which was only able to reap 73 balls.

"I expected to do well, but I didn't necessarily expect to win," he 6’6”, 150-lb. Waller commented yesterday. "I first tested my machine after the first round, which was only able to reap 75 balls. A contestant assembles his machine in 2.70's Building 3 shop minutes before the first round of the contest Monday night.

Half the students are eliminated in the first round the night before contest finals. The second through seventh rounds in this year's contest took just under two hours and "went very smoothly," Flowers commented. "The contest has been open to the public since 1971, the first year, but it took the public a while to decide it's something worth seeing," he said.

The 2.70 contest is now one of the big events of the Institute year, attracting more spectators than any sports event. Almost 1000 people crowded into 26-100, the largest lecture hall on campus, which seats 700. As one student said, "It was worth seeing," he said.

"We try very hard to keep the course within the necessary load. Since it was impossible to reduce the intensity with which students go at the contest we decided to finish the course earlier," Flowers said.

Some machines will be on display throughout the rest of the 2.70 display case outside 3-133. "(In arranging the dis- play), there will be some allegiance to win- ners and some to interesting-looking things," Flowers said.

A Forbes assembly line at the contest:

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World

United States to be flexible in arms-control talks — The United States is prepared to be "flexible and constructive" in arms-control talks with the Soviet Union, announced National Security Adviser Robert C. McFarlane Sunday, Secretary of State George P. Shultz Ph.D '49 will discuss grounds for possible compromise with Moscow in preliminary talks with Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko in Geneva on Jan. 7-8.

Uruguay holds general elections — For the first time in 13 years, Uruguay held general elections Sunday. Of the 2.2 million electorate, about 600,000 voted for the first time. The principal blunder of the election was that the government had given the first-choice candidate of two of the country's three parties. In an agreement signed earlier this month, all three parties pledged to work together after the election to consolidate democracy and rebuild the depressed economy.

Nation

US colleges weak on humanities — US colleges and Universities are failing to give students "an adequate education in the culture and civilization of which they are members," said a panel convened by the National Endowment for the Humanities yesterday. Committee Chair- man William J. Bennett said in a 42-page report that the traditional liberal arts curricula remain "deficient" because of the pressures of specialization and marketing. Bennett said to remedy the problem stu- dents should be required to take a "core of common studies" about Western civilization, taught by the top faculty of each institution.

Farmers' median income low — The 1982 median income for farm families was $18,756, compared with $23,385 for nonfarm fam- ilies, according to a survey prepared by the Census Bureau and the Agricultural Department. The survey also found that only 44 percent of those employed in agriculture lived on farms, compared to 63 per- cent in 1970 and 70 percent in 1960. The unemployment rate in the farm population was only 3.6 percent in 1981, compared to 10.2 per- cent for nonfarm families. The survey found the farm population to be holding steady at roughly one out of every 40 Americans between 1980 and 1983.

Local

57 percent of Harvard women sexually active — A Harvard University survey revealed last week that 57 percent of undergraduate women at Harvard consider themselves active in some form of sexual activity. The poll also stated that 53 percent have had intercourse at least once. 54 percent of undergraduate women at Harvard consider themselves active in some form of sexual activity. The poll also stated that 53 percent have had intercourse at least once. 54 percent of undergraduate women at Harvard consider themselves active in some form of sexual activity.

Weather

Rain drops to fall — Indian summer continues today, with highs of 62-66. A storm moving our way will bring rain by the middle of the week.

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November 28th and 29th

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Listings

Student activities, administrative offices, academic departments, and other groups — both on and off the MIT campus — can list meetings, activities, and other announcements in the "Notes" section. Send items of interest (typed and double spaced) via Institute mail to "News Notes, The Tech, room W20-483," or via US mail to "News Notes, The Tech, PO Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139." Notes run on a space-available basis only; priority is given to official Institute announcements and MIT student activities. The Tech reserves the right to edit all listings, and makes no endorsement of groups or activities listed.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

A career workshop entitled "Starting Your Own Consulting Business," will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Jewish Vocational Service. Fee: $15. To pre-register, contact Meryl Glatt 723-2846 or Emily Kirshen 965-7940.


Wednesday, Nov. 28

Through hypnosis, relaxation techniques, and the use of new Nicorette gum, Beth Israel Hospital's Quit Smoking Program helps participants master the art of controlling the urge. New group starts today. Call 735-4767 for more information.

A seminar entitled "Careers in Publishing and Print Media," sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service, will be held from 7:30-9:30 pm at Gosman Jewish Community Campus, 333 Nahatan Street, Newton Centre. Admission is $5. For more information, contact Gail Liebhaber at 965-7940.

Professor James A. McCloskey, Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Utah, will speak on "Techniques based on Mass Spectrometry and Chromatography for Analysis of Nucleic Acid Constituents." The seminar will be held at 4:15 pm, Hertz Hall, Northeastern University.

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Thursday, Nov. 29

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Professor James A. McCloskey, Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Utah, will speak on "The Structure Elucidation of New Naturally Modified Nucleoside: Dietary Factor or Transfer DNA?" The seminar will be held at 4:15 pm, Hertz Hall, Northeastern University.

Announcements

Registration Material for the spring term will be available for all regular students in Lobby 10 on Monday, Dec. 3 and Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Alternative Student Graduates: The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is proposion a change in the way it is represented by graduate student delegates. Voting for graduate students will take place Friday, Dec. 7, and Monday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 4 pm in Lobby 10. Written ballots will also be accepted from now until Dec. 10 in the GSC Office (26-222, s209). Ballots and details on the proposed changes are posted and will be available in your department headquarters, some living groups, Lobby 7, and at the GSC Office.

The CIEE Scholarships for the 1985-86 Academic Year are now accepting applications. Please mail or deliver all applications to Room 241-310 by February 10, 1985.

The National Research Council plans to award approximately 35 Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a program designed to provide opportunities for continued education and experience in research for American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Black Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, and Puerto Ricans. Awards will be made in the behavioral and social sciences, humanities, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, and biological sciences, and for interdisciplinary programs comprised of two or more eligible disciplines. Deadline for submission is January 16, 1985. All inquiries concerning application materials and program administration should be addressed to the Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 210 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418.

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Pride and Prejudice, Wellesley College Theatre, Nov. 16-18.

The Wellesley production of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice this past week-end was much like a hometown high school spring production. The performance harbored a number of minor weaknesses but plot, humor and climax eventually combined for a happy conclusion.

The first act, though, started off slowly. The Bennetts, a 19th century family caught up in the pressures of climbing the social ladder were presented through a set of noted-out scenes lacking the cohesion necessary to provide for a fluid development of plot. Some actors were unable to consistently project their lines (particularly Wellesleyan Alexandra Lipunov, who played Mrs. Bennet), and stage movement was limited. Neither of these problems were alleviated by the poor acoustics of Alumnae Hall or the unconfined rows of seats, which made undisturbed vision impossible for any but the first-row.

Another deficiency stemmed from the translation of novel to play. Much of the weight of Jane Austen's original plot came from its cynical commentary on Victorian England. Each character's agglomeration of superficial thoughts, underlying motives and biased first-impressions of others were presented through a set of calculations toward social advantages. The intricate protocols and etiquette that found Mr. Darcy to be a "really nice gentleman" or "She is certainly not my type!" The transitions were limited. Neither of these problems were alleviated by the poor acoustics of Alumnae Hall or the unconfined rows of seats, which made undisturbed vision impossible for any but the first-row.

One of the saving graces of the drama was an excellent job of casting, given the available talent. Curtis Fennel, as the wife-seeking, patroness-supported Reverend Collins, was perfectly and annoyingly obedient. Elizabeth Bennett (portraying the proud Mr. Darcy) and hers was the immaculate sense of balance the ensemble attained. Gluck's Ballet Suite from Don Juan was performed by John Gibbons on fortepiano, was the most controversial item on the program. Anyone who has heard Vladimir Ashkenazy's recording of this work knows that there is a seemingly unbeatable case for the modern piano: Ashkenazy plays this piece with such deep inward reflection that it would hardly seem possible to get closer to the heart of Mozart. And, indeed, the sound of Gibbons' fortepiano was crisper and more emotionally expressive than is possible on a modern instrument. His performance, though, had a natural simplicity that, when combined with the uncompli- cated style of strings capable of reaching both precision and warmth, created a profoundness of itself. The second movement, in particular, possessed a spirituality that was quintessentially Mozartean.

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Sign up for an interview at the Career Placement Office for November 28, 1984.
The Christian Science Monitor is sponsoring an essay contest challenging readers to consider with possible scenarios that could lead to world peace in the next 25 years. Students and faculty at colleges and universities around the country are also invited to participate. Participants might consider such factors as economic conditions, the role of moral leadership, and world arms control. Essays will be judged on the feasibility of the ideas they present and will be expected to show a knowledge of the frameworks of international relations in the world today and the process by which these relations are formed. Entries of not more than 3,000 words in English, French, German, or Spanish will be accepted. The best three will be announced not later than December 31, 1984, and one will be published in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. Entries should be postmarked no later than December 15, 1984. You could even process claims by calling 1-800-367-2020.

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"I have noticed a decrease in student participation in SCC... due to greater student involvement in other activities and academic and financial pressures."

SCC has taken steps to combat the problem, however. The group changed its constitution and restructured itself in March, 1984, to "create an environment for better involvement," Person said. "SCC is very rewarding, but very frustrating,"because training new committee members quickly becomes repetitive, he added.

Not all groups have experienced a decrease in participation, however. "Participation has definitely gone up," said Carl Manning '85, president of the MIT Concert Band. Manning also noted that "people already dedicated musically come to MIT" and they find that the MIT Concert Band fills (their) need to be involved in a musical group."

"Dramashop has many more people than it can deal with. It is frustrating," commented Anna Lisa Fear '85, president of MIT Dramashop. The membership is limited by available resources — "we're frustrated by the lack of facilities and money," she said.

"We've always had good participation," she continued. "We seem to have a great number of women, more than ever. We've made an effort to get shows which have more women in them."

"The Tech has attracted more new people this year than in previous years, but that was probably because we had a particularly strong recruitment campaign," observed Martin Dickau '85, chairman of The Tech.

"The number of new staff members is about the same as it has always been," he added.

### MIT students must serve jury duty

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firmed that MIT releases the names of dormitory residents to the census commissioner. Since the laws were changed to allow students to vote, any tradeoff had to be made," Randolph said.

MIT also publishes a student directory and a staff directory. Although both of these are for internal use only, outside parties often get hold of them. "That's why the picture is such a hassle for the students," Randolph explained.

If a student is called for jury duty, he should request a referral card and pay his co-consenting, such as IAP or the summer. Students who ignore jury summons risk being called by the county a year later, without the privilege of postponing service, Randolph said.

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Sports

Men's hockey opens with win

Worcester State wins national crown

The Worcester State Lancers ended their season unbeaten Saturday, defeating the visiting Bentley Falcons, 20-14, to capture the 1984 National Collegiate Football Association championship. The Lancers, coached by John Fishner, the association's other unbeaten team, came into the final 8-1-1 this season, spending the last 25 weeks of the season unbeaten.

The Lancers won the game by keeping Bentley on defense for most of the game. Bentley led 14-11 at halftime, but the Lancers scored 9 goals in the second half, including a 3-0 run in the second quarter. Bentley's. 14-11 lead was the first since the Lancers lost their season opener to Babson before a crowd of about 150 people in Rockwell Cage. The Lancers led 9-7 after the first half, but struggled in the second half, losing 21-17.

The Lancers will now look to the NCAA championship game against the University of New Hampshire, which they lost, 21-17. The Lancers are now 10-2-1 this season, having won their last 11 games. They are currently ranked third in the nation.

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