Brain and cognitive sciences merged

By Anu Vedantham

MIT's psychology department, in a "bold and daring step toward new frontiers of knowledge," will merge with the neuroscience program at the Whitaker College of Health Sciences, Technology and Management on July 1, said Provost John M. Deutch '71.

Emilio Bizzi, director of Whitaker College and Eugene McDermott Professor in the Brain Sciences and Human Behavior, will head the new Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences. Four to five new faculty appointments are planned, according to Bizzi.

The new department reflects MIT's increasing research in neuroscience, especially in the molecular level, and computation, according to Bizzi and Deutch. It will offer two PhDs instead of just one as is currently the case; one will be in the brain sciences and one in cognitive science. At the undergraduate level, no significant change in curriculum offerings is planned.

"I personally regard it as one of the most exciting prospects at MIT," Deutch said.

Ten faculty members recommended in April 1983 that MIT merge more on brain neurobiology, according to Dutch. "We recognized that our psychology department is not at all like a traditional psychology department.... There was no [merger]" (Please turn to page 11)

Course VI enrollment to rise EECS registration exceeds faculty benchmark

By Andrew L. Fish

First of two parts

A recent undergraduate Aca
demic Support Office survey indicates that the number of EECS majors in the Class of '89 will top what the Committee on Edu-
cational Policy (CEP) had estimated as the highest tolerable enroll-
ment. This "bold and daring step" on the part of the CEP is re-
strictions on the choice of major for non-MIT students, if a plan approved by the faculty in 1984 is implemented.

One-third or 271 - of the freshmen responding to the survey indicated they would be majoring in EECS next year, compared to 23 percent last year. Seventeen percent of this freshmen class responded to the survey: if the Class of '89 continues to enroll in EECS at this rate, the final count will be well beyond the 1986 benchmark set two years ago by the non-defunct CEP.

The Committee on Undergrad-
uate Admissions and Financial Aid (CUAFA) agreed in 1984 to restrict admitted high school stu-
dents' choice of majors if EECS enrollment did not fall below a series of yearly benchmarks.

History of EECS crowding

On Sept. 19, 1984, the CEP proposed restricting the choice of major to some admitted students. The proposal was the result of discussions of EECS overcrow-
ing over the 1983-84 school year.

By Michael J. Garrison

The Cambridge Police are forcing residence halls to hold campus casino parties, in accordance with new old poli-
cies. The police recently refused to issue a permit for the annual casino night at MIT's Baker House. "This is a political decision," Fatur said, and he was out for special treatment, he added. MIT was not singled out for special treatment. "The chief particularly wanted to hold a casino night," said Peter H. Brown, assistant police chief.

"Nobody down here knew that," replied Brown. Paolillo was primarily concerned with the integrity of the gambling equipment suppliers, according to Susan K. Fatur '89, 500 Memorial Drive social co-chairman. Fatur confirmed that, in the 500 Memorial Drive complex, there is "nothing that it was going to be a casino night." (Please turn to page 11)

Campus Police forbid casino nights

By Andrew L. Fish

"Open process" such as a bingo night, "is the type of thing that we'd like to do," said Chief of Police James Olivieri. "The chief particularly wanted to hold a casino night in Cambridge, Olivieri said.

A casino party at Harvard's Quincy House was recently can-
celled because of a new Harvard guideline prohibiting gambling events on campus. The ruling was prompted by a warning from the Cambridge Police "not to rent gambling equipment for casino nights," said Harvard Dean of Students Archie C. Epps III in The Harvard Crimson [April 25].

"Nobody down here knew that," said Peter H. Brown, assistant police chief for student affairs. "There was [a casino party] at the Student Center last month, and I heard he said, "For some reason, out of the blue," they decided it was not possible.

"The chief particularly wanted to continue the gambling engine-
ners," Brown noted.

Paolillo decided not to allow "casino nights that were not run in conjunction with some other lawful process" such as a bingo license, explained Olivieri. "To my knowledge, no one has ever been successful" in requesting a gam-
bing license from the Cambridge Police, he said.

Fatur said that, in the 500 Mem-
orial Drive case, "We had to go to the Cambridge Police to get a liquor license, and they saw on the outside the bingo night that we were planning to hold it to be a casino night."

"If we told them that students would be arrested if they tried to hold a casino party, 'Dean Brown went for us,'" Fatur said, but the police re-
ed to the court.

"There was nothing to go but for," replied Brown. Paolillo refused to issue a permit for the event, he said.

Only the mayor of Cambridge and five other judges have overruled the deci-

dion, Fatur said, and he was out of court.

"I don't think it would be worth it to follow up on the appeal," Brown said. "We just want the same from Chief Olivieri that we would be seeing our time."

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As Europe clamped down for information on the nuclear disaster, the Soviets accused the West of blowing the whole incident out of proportion. They declared that Bermuda, and Italy at the annual summit, which also included Japan, Pacific Rim countries and Canada. The EEC is represented by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, and Lord Rockfeller, the Dutch prime minister and president of the World Bank. The Times of London)

May Day rallies, South Africa

In South Africa, millions of blacks marked the first of May yesterday by staging a nationwide strike to protest against the policies of the white minority government. 

They stayed away from jobs and schools, crippled transport and stopped selling factories, mines and stores. The action was described as the largest anti-apartheid protest in the history of South Africa. Black leader Winnie Mandela called the campaign a success, saying the people have "fit die" declared a holiday.

The Soviet national ice hockey squad, who lost their opening game against the Americans in the eight-team tournament, were edged there was a fire at the Chernobyl plant. A spring (but not summer) weekend.

Mostly sunny, upper 50s.

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Northwest trade winds will bring in cooler air from Canada which will really make its presence felt on Saturday. It should stay mostly fair the next few days however, with fair weather clouds building in the afternoon and just a chance of a sprinkle in the morning, according to the National Weather Service.

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Wellesley: a reflection of tranquility

The end effect of Wellesley’s innovations is to allow students to develop the writing demands of their major as they move through the college. Many students are getting used to taking courses at Wellesley, and the number of them is increasing. Some students are finding that the writing requirements are more demanding than they anticipated, but many others are finding that the requirements are what they were expecting. Overall, the writing requirements at Wellesley are being met, and the students are finding that they are able to develop their writing skills in a variety of disciplines. The writing requirements at Wellesley are designed to ensure that students are able to develop the skills necessary to succeed in their future careers.
Research and education are needed

(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Richard Cowan '77, William M. Hesse '89, Ronald G. Indech '87 and Lawrence K. Kolodney '87)

Dear Messrs. Cowan, Hesse, Indech, and Kolodney:

This letter responds on behalf of the Academic Council and the Executive Committee of the Corporation to your letter of March 4, 1986 concerning the tenure decision in the case of Professor Frank E. Morgan '74 of the Mathematics Department. I regret that a personal accident has delayed this response.

Morgan is indeed an outstanding teacher who has contributed greatly to MIT. The support he has received bears testimony to the high esteem in which he is held by both students and faculty. I am certain he has a distinguished career ahead, and I, as so many others, regret that he will not be awarded tenure. However, I understand the basis of the Mathematics Department position, and I believe the decision, however difficult, has been reached fairly.

With respect to the three-point program you propose, I offer the following comments:

Part I. As you know, MIT policy requires that tenure at MIT be awarded for a combination of achievement in education and research. We do not see education and research as two separate activities. In fact, we believe that outstanding research and scholarship is necessary to guarantee future and lasting ability to educate. This is why research is a very important consideration in the granting of a permanent (tenure) appointment on the faculty. If the judgments between research and education are not being suitably made by a department or school, then corrective action can be taken through the process of promotion review. This balance should be applied to all candidates for promotion, not only those who benefit from a so-called "tenure fund." The grant is important for educational activities, but it should be attached to tenure fund in light of the seriousness of the issue.

Part II. As has been stated on many occasions, President Paul Gray '54 and all members of the Academic Council hold as a primary objective the recruitment and retention of minority and women faculty members. The Institute does provide special funds in-terms of equipment to attract qualified minority candidates. It is in the interest of those that the Mathematics Department has, in the past, taken advantage of this incentive program.

Part III. MIT vigorously presents its views on federal policy and programs, which bear on research and education. Currently, we view proposed reductions of federal support for undergraduate and graduate student aid as the most serious near-term budget issue. Accordingly, we are making our views known on the relative priorities we place on student aid and research to appropriate executive branch and congressional officials. If you should like to discuss this matter further, please let me know.

John M. Deutch '61
Provost

MIT Campus Police have the right to videotape all campus activities

(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Alex B. Rosen '87, Michael Levine '87, and four others)

In your open letter to President Paul E. Gray '54 [*Tap* could be used to blacklist students.] April 29 you decry the videotaping of several Coalition Against Apartheid demonstrations as "shocking and unacceptable." You also demand a copy of the Film so that "the MIT community can see for itself what is going on." We believe the administration is entitled to protect its property, including the Campus Police has been bugging March 14- arrest. It's not as if the students.

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The Tech
AIDS is not a problem limited to gays

To the Editor:

The AIDS colloquium of March 10 was a first step in the direction of better campus-wide understanding of AIDS. The general presentations, however, did not cover specifics, e.g. what is "safe sex."

It was also too easy for MIT students and staff to come away from that presentation with the preconceived notion that "Just as I thought - it's their problem." "Their" in this context refers primarily to gay men and intravenous drug users. But unfortunately, "they" might be us.

Director of the Mass. Biology Labs George Grady's question, "asking if sex is alive and well on campus (employing it might not be) was met with silence, perhaps based on incredulity.

Despite the "herpes scare," there are real questions about the incidence of AIDS among heterosexuals. The general population, but if you are contemplating having sex with anyone, you owe it to yourself to discuss some difficult issues. But unfortunately, these questions don't come up. It is our belief that heterosexuals must change their attitudes towards gays, bisexuals, and intravenous drug users immediately. Perhaps you think you are not involved; you are heterosexual who is not at risk. Do you know someone who might be?

The intrusion of these kinds of questions into a social setting is humorous and at least awkward. But we need to make AIDS "discussable," with friends and sexual partners. It is very tough to talk about, but it is much more difficult when you are at a terminal illness.

Our goal is not to be alarmist. We are concerned that AIDS continues to be seen as a problem only for gay men and other risk groups, when some heterosexuals are likely to be at risk. Of course the more heterosexuals that are at risk, the more likely other heterosexuals are at risk. Therefore we all need to be counseled and aware.

If you need information about safe sex, pamphlets are available on this and other sex-related medical topics on a self-service basis from the Medical Department, Health Education Office. The AIDS Action Committee of Boston also has information and a hotline, 156-7733.

Pat Spitzig
Visiting Scholar, CTPID & STH

Reform without tenure changes is impossible

(Continued from page 5) is in its current efforts to "reform the curriculum" useless.

The curriculum reform proposals, as presented in The Tech [Educational Reform Supplement, April 29], to "merge" the cultures of science and the humanities [Anne F. Friedlander] and to allow students "to learn about the social and environmental consequences of what they do" [Louis Mensin III]. What should appear obvious — and is therefore never mentioned — is that these issues could immediately be introduced without changing anyone's course schedule! The operational details of a particular technology and its scientific and societal effects are completely related and should thereby be understood in the engineer/ science curriculum. MIT needs programs such as science and technology in society to provide a broad understanding of technology's cultural and social role, but more than that may be necessary.

Meaningful reform is possible only if professors feel that the Institute recognizes educational innovation as a valuable contribution.
A college where the teachers know everyone's names

I later understood that reason for a man to take a course at Wellesley is to meet women. Why else would one put up with the 45-minute commute twice a day? I myself am somewhat guilty of this attitude: This semester, when I saw a female MIT student in my microeconomics course, I was surprised to think that she would want to take a course at Wellesley.

Of course there are other reasons to take a course at Wellesley. Normally, a variety of reasons are cited, like the fact that Wellesley has actual departments of history, music, and English, rather than a catch-all "humanities" department with courses filled with non-majors.

Although the idea of being surrounded by women may be at the back of everyone's minds, I haven't seen the other male MIT students in my classes at Wellesley trying to be friendly with the other students in the class. Just the reverse — in the three Wellesley courses I have had with other MIT students, the other MIT students virtually ignored the Wellesley students in the class.

On the whole, Wellesley students seem less academically motivated than MIT students. In my experience, MIT students either get excited about a class and do a lot of work or they punt as much as possible. At Wellesley, students seem to do the expected amount of work — not more, not less. Of course there are exceptions.

The teachers at Wellesley seem to take a different attitude towards their students than their MIT counterparts. Without exception, every teacher I have had at Wellesley has made a point of learning the names of every student in the class, even in my world politics class with over 60 students. For the first few weeks of the course, teachers walk in and practice naming each student in the classroom from memory. I have seen a similar performance only once at MIT.

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**Dramashop performance of “We won’t pay” is worth paying for**

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As our modern-day Lyn Laurence lead the pact a merry chase, it is they themselves who become overwhelmed, with bags of groceries which simulate pregnancies. The audience loves this, and really begins to squirm when a glass of olive springs a leak. The broad face, which calls for careful timing when everyone shows up at once, is handled brilliantly. When they hit their peaks, it is hard to imagine a cast re-creating more energy. Trostel does her best work when she literally speechless, matching emotive gestures at the other characters.

By the second act, events within the play have completely diverged from plausible reality, and the integrity of the script and the set themselves begin to break down. When Margaret’s husband throws his hat offstage over the apartment wall and through the ceiling, it reappears out in the corridor. Actors deliberately muddle their lines, and start to address each other out of character. Characters wander off stage and address friends in the audience.

In keeping with this breakdown of the barriers between audience, performers, and reviewer, I would like to address some personal notes to cast members which transcend the new performance: Rugga acts equally well either with or without a moustache, but only with the appendage can he to rival the moustache of Brian Linden ’88, who maintains the Dramashop edge in moustache handling.

Downing-Bryant continues to make a great mothe figure, overseeing her breed of “frightened little children,” and dis-arming, long, heartfelt speeches of work- ing-class wisdom. She could be trapped in worse roles. But it is intriguing to see more violence directed against rabbits.

Even if you missed the May Day perfor- mance, this celebration of working-class life will be continuing throughout the weekend. Don’t miss it.

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by Dario Fo

Performed in Dramashop in Kresge. Repeated May 2 and 3 at 8 pm. May 4 at 2 pm and 8 pm.

By JULIAN WEST

Terror who despairs of finding a proper celebration of the 100th May Day in the country that invented the workers’ holiday needed no further faith in Kresge Little Theatre. Dramashop opened their run of Dario Fo’s “We Won’t Pay!” with an articulate argument that’s broken the language barrier. Appearances by one of the characters, played by Dario Fo himself, in a small but appreciative opening night crowd.

Upon entering, the audience was confronted by a tempest wall in Milanese on which an unknown anarchist has scribbled the title of the play: “Non si paga, non si paga.” The curtain rises to reveal the interior of a working-class flat, unnoticed in workman-like style by the set crew. It is inhabited by a couple who might live anywhere in Europe but happen to be from Milan. They are equipped with very local temperaments and very Italian names, Antonia and Giovanni, and are convincingly played by Jenifer Ryan ’86 and Alex Zubatov ’87. Zubatov in particular can pass as an ordinary working-class man without overdressing his performance; his character is an assembly-line worker who was once a leader, but now spends his time justifying inaction against the oppressive Fascists.

The Fascists are running modern Italy; nevertheless, the couple’s domestic chores take over the trains. Coincidentally, the workers in the factory decide that “we won’t pay” for the catanella meals, and the housewives decide to loot the supermarket.

The housewives, in fact, are our principal concern. The play opens with Antonia’s description of events at the market, and her hilarious, often Pythonesque, justification of her actions to her friend spaghettia, played by Jo Ha Kyu. dowling-brown is especially good when her character is lampooning other characters, such as the pompous capitalist store owner.

As honest as she believes her actions to be, Antonia is caught with a flatfull of contraband groceries. To protect themselves, this is not difficult; yet the character must pretend to be a housewife. The twist wouldn’t fool an imbecile in reality. She is aided by the enmity of a Police Inspector, acoustically played by Glauco A. Ruesga G., who spouts Maoist theory and searches the flat for “grocer-lice Inspector, acrobatically played by Sue Downing-Bryant ’86. Ruesga G.’s description of events at the market, ever the Fascist, tracks wouldn’t fool an imbecile in reality. She is assisted by an “expert in the field of political science.”

The Empire Brass will perform a free concert at 8 pm in Marsh Chapel, Boston University. The concert features Renaissance music transcribed for brass quintet, and includes works by Prometorias, Vertoria, Tye, and Banchieri.

The Longy Chamber Winds will give a concert under conductor Basil Chapman at 8 pm in the Edward Friedmann Concert Hall, Longy School of Music, Cambridge. The program includes works by Dvorak, Bernard, and Hummel. Admission is free; for more information call 621-3606.

On Saturday, May 3

See above for continued showdowns

MIT Concert Band, conducted by John Ryan, will perform at 8 pm in Kresge Auditorium. The program features the Boston premiere of Peter Warlock’s “The Blue Bird,” along with guest compositions by John Williams. Admission is free.

Stay tuned for additional information.

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The Tech
The MIT faculty approved the CEP plan on Oct. 17, 1984, by a 3-1 margin. CUAFA announced prior to the meeting that it had no plans to restrict EECs admissions from members of the Class of '89. CUAFA decided not to restrict admission to the Class of '90 on May 23, 1985, after examining the intended majors of '89. Students from a major in EECS this year were fell close to their benchmark last year - 29 percent of the Class of '88. The number of freshmen members of the Class of '88. The number of freshmen responding freshmen selected the School of Science will face a significant decrease in enrollment from last year. Science majors were chosen by 25 percent of the Class of '88, but this year only 19.5 percent of freshmen indicated interest in fields within the school.

Science, Management and Humanities/Social Science down

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The only science department to show an increase over last year is Chemistry, up to 2.3 percent from last year's 2.0 percent. Only two chemistry, management last year.

Leech in the survey indicated an interest in the Sloan School of Management. This is a large drop from the 2.4 percent choosing management last year.

The School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences was chosen by 2.2 percent of the freshmen, down from 3 percent the previous year.

Enrollment in the School of Architecture and Planning stands at 1.6 percent of the freshmen responding to the survey, about the same as last year.

Overall enrollment in the School of Engineering is up five percent. Declines in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering offset some of the increased popularity in EECs and Aeronautics and Astronautics.

(Next: faculty reaction to the survey.)

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(Continued from page 1) A general realization that the field of neuroscience is developing very, very rapidly, with many exciting research possibilities," he added.

The MIT psychology program has never included clinical or social psychology, and has always been actively involved in brain science, according to Deutch. "There are many places where excellent social and clinical psychology is done," he explained. "This new department builds on the strengths we have already. It's all very exciting."

"This new department is meant to produce a new generation of brain scientists... The new department will present a new kind of collaboration between MIT's artificial intelligence and neuroscience programs... The new department is meant to produce a new generation of brain scientists," Bizzi said. "I think this will be a very important addition to the intellectual community," he said.

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Karen Krans '88 prepares to pitch against Anna Maria. MIT won 7-3, improving their record to 10-5. 