Faculty debates HASS proposal

By Akbar Merchant

The Committee on the Undergraduate Program has proposed a new humanities distribution requirement which calls for a distribution requirement of three subjects, each in a different "field." The proposal lists five fields: Culture, History, Historical Studies; Literary and Textual Studies; Mathematics and Values; and The Arts.

The faculty debated the proposal during Wednesday's general meeting, and will vote on the matter at the April meeting. Much of the debate centered on the definitions of the categories of distribution subjects listed in the proposal. The proposal would reduce the number of HUM-D subjects to 50, since in no less than five fields, this year MIT offered 125 HUM-D courses. However, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has reduced the number of subjects to 98 for next year.

"It's a whole new crew," Parfomak said. "A lot of the officers, though, have the same background experience within their own houses." Parfomak comes to the chairmanship after having served last year as co-editor of InFoCus, the IFC's newspaper. Before serving as InFoCus editor, Parfomak served one semester on the LeFoCuS staff. Parfomak has also served on the IFC housing policy committee.

According to Parfomak, his goals as IFC chairman are much the same as last year's. Parfomak feels that although IFC/MIT relations are in general very good, MIT views the IFC as being divided.

"A lot of the fraternity/administration problems arise from a lack of understanding," said Parfomak. "We need to get more organized and present a unified position to MIT." Rush is another big issue on the minds of fraternity members. Parfomak doesn't foresee the MIT administration making any major changes in fraternity rush, although he feels that the overall aspect of R/O week will be emphasized. The high percentage of women in next year's entering class will again make Rush highly competitive for fraternities, according to Parfomak. "There will be an even higher number of women to next year's class," Parfomak said. "Many fraternities will be at a disadvantage."
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The number of HUM-D subjects to be reduced to approximately 50, divided more or less equally among five fields. The use of vague terminology such as "approximately 50" and "more or less equally" is comforting, said Travis R. Merritt, director of the Humanities Undergraduate Office.

"If we have 50 HUM-D subjects and someone proposes one more or less equally" is comforting, said Professor Catherine V. Chvany, the council of the CUP, the Council of Humanities Undergraduate Officers.

"We have to reject it," Cartwright said. "There are only a few key fields, he argued.

Professor Catherine V. Chvany expressed concern that foreign language is not included in any of the five distribution fields.

MacVicar quickly responded that under the proposed students will have five other humanities concentrations.

The Hoodoo Gurus Headlined at Strat's Rat last night.

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ICF seeks to improve house involvement (Continued from page 1)

"Our student body is full of people who want to be involved," said Bob Nakamura, alumni relations chairman; and Timothy J. Collins, '89 of DTD, alumni relations chairman.

"We are Steven P. Margossian '88 of the engineering Undergraduate courses in addition to the distribution requirement. Students could take foreign language as a humanities concentration.

The proposal is endorsed by numerous humanities professors James Munkres of the CUP.

"The other newly-elected officers are Stephen A. Brobst, financial advisor; Edward Devoe, '87 of Delta Kappa Epsilon, pur- pose chairman; T. Tupper Hyde, community relations; Jeffrey M. Hornstein, '89 of Delta Tau Delta, community relations; Steven B. Chanin, '88 of ATO, financial advisor; Edward Devoe, '87 of Delta Kappa Epsilon, purpose chairman; and Timothy J. Collins, '98 of DTO, alumna relations.

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Immunity sought for Poindexter and North

Congressional investigators have decided in favor of a plan that would grant limited immunity to two key figures in the Iran-contra affair. Former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter and his former deputy, Lt. Col. Oliver North, would be allowed to break their silence in three months without the fear of prosecution. But until that time, independent counsel Lawrence Walsh would be in a position to question both men without granting them immunity. House and Senate panels are expected to open joint public hearings on May 5.

United States conducts nuclear test

The United States has conducted its third nuclear test of the year at a site deep beneath the Nevada desert. The Soviet Union responded to the year's first test in February by ending its unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing.

Possible AIDS vaccine tested

A French researcher reportedly has given himself an experimental AIDS vaccine. In an article in the British journal Nature, he wrote that the vaccine spurred his immune system to create defenses against two varieties of the AIDS virus. American scientists are saying that the results are encouraging but do not prove the vaccine works. Presumably the AIDS disease is incurable.

Clemens rejects latest Sox offer

Boston Red Sox Manager Lou Gorman says the ball is now in the court of pitcher Roger Clemens. The Sox Gorman's response after learning that Clemens' agents had rejected the team's latest contract offer. It added nothing to the $50,000,000 battle. But Gorman sweated the package of incentives by $100,000.

Senators warned they would vote against future requests to block rebel aid

The Senate voted Wednesday 52-48 to reject a resolution that would have stopped $40 million in aid to the Nicaraguan rebels. Under the bill, the rebels might not be a permanent one, because some Senators warned they would vote against future requests unless Reagan vigorously pursues peace talks.

Concerted efforts to sell off dairy herd on Interstate

The program was undertaken to get the dairy industry to sell off their herds and to stay out of dairy production by slaughtering dairy cattle has reached one million head.

Restrictions against driving faster than 55 miles per hour may soon be eased. The House approved legislation Wednesday to let states raise the speed limit on rural parts of their interstate highways to 65 miles per hour. Before that time, independent counsel Lawrence Walsh would be in a position to question both men without granting them immunity. House and Senate panels are expected to open joint public hearings on May 5.

Weather

Los Angeles under cloudy sky

During the past few days our weather has been influenced by a quasi-stationary low pressure system positioned just to the south of the Maritime Provos. If you have enjoyed such weather (most people haven't) then you will also enjoy the next 2-3 days. It looks as if this weather pattern will remain stationary until at least Saturday. That means that we can expect clouds, below normal temperatures, and a little snow for our region until then.

Today: Mostly cloudy and not as warm as yesterday. High temperatures will be near 49°C (5°F) and winds will be mostly at 5-10 mph (8-16 kph). There is a chance of snow showers.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a continued chance for snow showers. Low temperatures will be near freezing with a continued north wind.

Saturday: Continued cloudy with highs near 50°F (5°C) and lows near freezing with a continued north wind.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and warmer! Highs in the 40s (6-9°C).

From the Associated Press wire

Compiled by Najia Desai
Work to stop HUM-D reforms

To the Editor:

I want to agree with the letter of Ezr Peisach (‘87, 84 Massachusetts Ave.) in the March 13 issue, and I want to agree with the letters of the protesters, having apparently found the source of the noise. I am as deeply troubled by in- 

night Editors:

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Ezra Peisach

84 Massachusetts Ave.

Poyner letter comparing the pro-

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I do not care for the freedom to kill or die in order to maintain my country’s status in the world, but if a threat to my country’s survival arises, I will be resolved to use both moral and physical weapons to defend it. I do not believe that the United States has no moral authority to use force, if it is necessary to protect our freedom and our country’s rights. I love the United States, and I believe that it has the right to defend itself. I am proud of our stance.

As far as the decision to join the military, it was not an easy one. I enlisted in ROTC because I am a Christian, and I believe that the United States is a Christian country. I believe that the United States has a right to defend itself. I believe that the United States has a right to defend our country’s freedom and our country’s rights. I believe that the United States has a right to defend our country’s sovereignty. I believe that the United States has a right to defend our country’s culture and our country’s traditions. I believe that the United States has a right to defend our country’s history.

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US forces intervene abroad

To the Editor:

It would be wise if we all could share the views expressed by Brad McCracken in his letter "ROTC students deserve our respect," March 17. Unfortunately, his history does not bear out his identity.

McCracken's "mission set forth for the Reserve Officers Training Corps" is self-contradiction and deception. Talk about the "highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty" can undoubtedly be found in the programs of analogous Soviet institutions. Yet one can well imagine McCracken's (or any rational person's) reaction if one were to quote the Soviet versions as proof of the Soviet military's lofty ideals and noble intentions.

McCracken states that ROTC members "enforce the rights set forth under the Constitution." This contention ignores much of post-World War II US history.

Perhaps the military wants to enforce its Constitution, but it certainly has not shown much respect for human rights or even human life in Guatemala (1954), the Dominican Republic (1965), and South Vietnam and the rest of Indochina (1952-1975), all of which were targets of direct aggression from the US military.

The massive number of interventions carried out by the United States should dispel the illusion that the military exists solely to defend the homeland.

Also, the military is not displaying McCracken's values of the "highest responsibilities of citizenship and government," when it tears, trains, and directs the Nicaraguan contra or the Salvadoran army which, under US tutelage, has murdered over 6,000,000 people during the past seven years.

In addition to actual defense of the United States, the military comprised of conventional and nuclear forces serves as a policeman for the US empire.

Organizations such as the Rapid Deployment Force and the Marine Corps have moved about the world in large numbers. And, weapons such as aircraft carriers or amphibious craft serve offensive purposes almost exclusively.

The case of nuclear weapons is more complex. Undoubtedly, deterrence works at one level, but the US nuclear arsenal has another dimension. Every president since Truman, possibly excluding Ford, has considered the use of nuclear forces to estimate the United States from its various crises, which have usually occurred in the Third World.

The world has come close to nuclear war on several occasions. Most nuclear confrontations have occurred over the Third World, a pattern known as "the Deadly Specter".

This connection between foreign intervention and nuclear war may well be the single greatest threat to peace today.

The US military, of which ROTC is a part, does not alleviate the threat of nuclear war, but instead aggravates it.

Erik C. Mar '88

Class cheered for ROTC students

To the Editor:

I am writing in reply to the letter written by Richard P. Powers '87, Daniel S. Gross '87, and John D. Gold '89 about the Training Corps demonstrators on March 3. "Protesters are singling out for that which, not their actions," March 17.

The writers are under the false impression that the cheering inside was for the protesters. I was there in that lecture and the cheering was not for the protesters. We began to cheer when the two ROTC men left the classroom. If the protesters had remained outside the lecture hall a little longer, they would have heard us cheer the young men when they returned.

I am also offended by the writers' lack of respect for fellow MIT students. This class was 18.02 lecture, a required course which were targets of direct aggression from the US military.

By rudeely interrupting our lecture.

Sandra M. Schlipf '87

Seniors should fund activities of their choice, instead of Gift

To the Editor:

The Senior Class never voted on the Senior Gift. "You are here" signs, at a cost of $5000 for one, were chosen by a small committee to be gifts from the United States to its students. This class was chosen by a small committee to be gifts from the United States to its students.

If the Committee to be gifts from the United States to its students.

Seniors are not obliged to donate or pledge money for $5000 signs. Money can be earmarked for a specific campus activity, for example:

"College students are no longer members of the MIT Endowment Fund for Development which is "a charitable trust that will accept alumni contributions to MIT, but withhold them from the Institute until the MIT portfolio is free of South Africa-related investments. Upon divestiture, those contributions will go to MIT. If MIT does not divest by 1994, the contributions will go instead to Amnesty International and the United Negro College Fund."

I urge others, seniors to think about what message they want their gift to give (if they decide to give a gift). Instead of a gift with the message, "You are here," why not consider a gift that asks, "What are you here?" You can make a difference if you want.

Lori Loescho '87

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The March 10 article, "Keyser: R/O Neglects Learning," by Eric L. Chang '90 does an excellent job of presenting my point of view concerning the problems with Residence/Orientation Week.

There are, however, two points which I would like to clarify. The article suggests that I have proposed to extend R/O by a week to ten days to allow more time for academic orientation. This is, in fact, not the case. I have made no proposal as yet and would much rather wait for the report of the Committee on Academic and Residence Orientation before I make my proposal.

Secondly, the article quotes me as having said that the Inter-Fraternity Conference is not a good body to deal with long-term issues relating to R/O, such as the effect that the changing demographics of MIT will have on the residence system.

I would like to expand on this. As presently constituted, the IFC changes annually. This means that there is very little institutional memory built into that organization. More importantly, the concerns of the IFC are predominantly local and male-oriented.

However, in the next few years, something like 40 percent of the student body will be female and the effect that this will have on the residence system will be profound. For one thing, it will mean that the fraternities will have to put even greater effort into rush since the pool from which they will have to draw will be diminished.

Indeed, this situation will be exacerbated by the admissions policy aimed at keeping the size of the freshman class under 1000 in order to avoid overcrowding in the dormitories.

The IFC should certainly be a part of policy development when taking these changing demographics into account, but it seems for the reasons stated above that it cannot deal with these problems on its own and will have to be part of a still larger group which, as far as I can tell, does not yet exist.

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ROTC students are targets of leftist campus disinformation campaign

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By BARBARA MASI

T o INaugurate its amazing theater space, The Cube, the International Honors Program created a media event lab. Lab director, Professor Richard Leacock organized the collaboration with "Antenna," an avant-garde theater company. In presenting "Radio Interference," a truly high-tech theatrical experience. Audience participation theatre, the media are the messages.

Radio is an all-encompassing medium. We do get a little scared when we think of the future. The "1950's; TV comes in 30-minute bites and the attendants strongly encourage us to go to any of vignettes in any order. Each audience member is outfitted with a walkman upon entering the theater. As the tape plays, a theatrical scene - a磨的 out. They laughed and were terrified. The effect is audience headache. "Eternal Fame" was merely kiddie dressing up. A large film screen was placed above a mirror and a makeup table. The film told the audience the step-by-step secret of looking and acting just like Andy Warhol, the art icon who was clearly the god of contemporary culture. John Reynolds, one of the event's creators, explained why he chose the students. The audience will be moved up the evening of Warhol's death. Several scenes are based on serious issues about human communication, though it seems they are not always clearly articulated. When the audience is told to be a TV newscaster team, one for sports, one for entertainment, you will not be quite sure what you're doing there. What does the medium do, and the theater group? With this in mind, Leacock led an IAP activity to give students a chance to contribute to the upcoming production, the goal being to develop the Media Lab's technical tools for use in theatrical performance. IAP 2002, MIT students' contribution for "Radio" is barely visible this time around, plans are to continue such collaborations with student contribution expanding and growing in sophistication.

In the case of "Radio Interference," unless you arrive in an exceptionally receptive state of mind, you will not be quite sure what you're doing there, but you will have a good time.

In audience participation theatre, the media are the messages.

In "Radio Interference," the performer is the audience. The tape sets the stage. The performer is immediately aware of the audience. The performer is the audience.

So what is "Radio?" It is a mad mad mad carnival, an exploratorium with "Antenna." A theatrical performance about human communication, though it seems they are not always clearly articulated. When the audience is told to be a TV newscaster team, one for sports, one for entertainment, you will not be quite sure what you're doing there. What does the medium do, and the theater group? With this in mind, Leacock led an IAP activity to give students a chance to contribute to the upcoming production, the goal being to develop the Media Lab's technical tools for use in theatrical performance. IAP 2002, MIT students' contribution for "Radio" is barely visible this time around, plans are to continue such collaborations with student contribution expanding and growing in sophistication.

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BY PETER DUNN and JULIAN WEST

S. JUDD, REVEAL ME OF WHAT'S been nominated for Best Film. All I can remember are "Hannah and Her Sisters," "Room With a View," and "Platoon.

The other ones are probably the dark horses: "Children of a Lesser God," and "The Mission," with their horse: "Children of a Lesser God," and "The Mission," both very fine films. I am in just the opposite position as you - I'm not as attractive, Allen's use of camera lines, number of minutes on screen, or acting in film. Or at least just playing Dacott Garson.

As for Best Director, this is my most difficult decision. The stars are (Hannah) "Round Midnight," played by "Platoon." I fear that Oscar night in 1985. Mia Farrow and Michael Caine in a scene from "Hannah and Her Sisters," Woody Allen's film which is nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture. However, I was associated to her nomination, I don't think it means anything, other than to say that space ships have joined the mainstream.

My other theory is that the Academy feels that its nominations were too ambitous this year, so they nominated "Alasks" and "Save the Oscars just to add a little diversity. And of course, it is going to win some, as Best Visual Effects, and Best Sound Effects.

We should discuss the Supporting Actors and Actresses. With all the so-called major characters in "Hannah," "Platoon," and "Room," who gets nominated for Best Actor/Actress and who gets relegated to Supporting Actor/Actress? Is it determined by number of spoken lines, number of minutes on screen, or acting in film. Or at least just playing Dacott Garson.

Anyway, my pick for Best Supporting Actor is Willem Dafoe in "Platoon." True, Dafoe's co-star Tim Robbins is also extremely good, but in my mind this seemed the more difficult to do with Dafoe because he was so much better than just good. Moreover, it is hard to play something his folks tell me that the director role to play. Best Supporting Actor is bound to choose either Bob Hoskins or John Lithgow for "Room." I think it hardly a contest. Michael Caine deserves to be in the Best Actor category for his performance in the infamously delayed "Hannah," but his performance was too subdued to beat out Dafoe or Garson.

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Nimoy tells of "Trek" history

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erny of natures produce an "in-ternal struggle," Nimoy said, "as we all recognize and identify with Spock.

Nimoy recounted to the de-
gate that after the freeway dis-
nal discussion he once had with Spock about who was truly the real one to whom the fans were re-
sponding. Nimoy denied, both in his lecture and in the interview, that he was tired of the role. He blamed rumors to that effect on an irresponsible press.

While the development of the character's situation may have appealed to Nimoy and Ronald Reagan, the then-presi-
tdent thought the first pilot "Star Trek" episode was "too cerebral," he said. It was not until a second pilot was produced that NBC picked up the show, which went into production in the sum-
mer of 1966.

The show, Nimoy said, had "an air of possibility," at least an air of possibil-
ity. NASA's lunar launch had more to NBC's liking - Spock, Nimoy said, NBC picked up the show, which

why Paramount would want to lose $18 million in future movie revenues.

Nimoy himself had misgivings about Spock's death. In his lec-
ture, he described watching the finished "Star Trek III" for the first time, and wanting to walk out of the screening room because he could imagine the rumors such an act would start.

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Students in EECS were "reason-
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Students generally
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An exception was the depart-
ment of brain and cognitive sci-
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department's teaching low rat-
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tive and brain sciences," com-
mmented Professor Emilio Bizzi, head of the department. The sur-
vey reflects the teaching in the de-
partment before the merger, Bizzi
explained. "New faculty in the areas of neuroscience and appli-
cated psychology has been added and teaching reorganized to reflect
the new department," he added.

Funding: Overall, students found funding to be satisfactory,
according to the survey.

Guidelines: A majority of students appear to be uncon-
cerned about repercussions or re-
prisals when seeking help within their depart-
ments, the report
said. Students were less satisfied with recourses for grievances,
which scored only 6.18. Graduate
administrators in some depart-
ments said they were surprised
that students in their department
felt uninformed about recourses for grievances.

The department of civil engi-
nering scored only 0.18. Graduate
students split their re-
Adequate guidelines: Sevent-

y-five percent of the students
surveyed believed that the depart-
ment adequately informed them
of degree requirements. Thus, a
quarter of the graduate students
do not have satisfactory course
guidelines, the GSC extrapolated in its report.

The department of civil engi-
nering is expanding its booklet
containing course requirements and information on RA/TA per-
formance evaluations, Madsen
explained.

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Sports Update

Swimmers continue to set records
MIT women swimmers continued their unceasing solid performances at the NCAA Division III National Championships held in Canton, Ohio, last weekend. Yvonne Grierson '86 was named All-America following her second place finishes in both the 100 and 200 yard butterfly events. Grierson clocked a 57.11 in the 100, and a 2:07.17 in the 200. The 200 yard medley relay team of Grieve, Lauren Carter '89, Cheryl Sampson '88, and Angies Poles '86 placed 16th in the Nationals. The relay team is the first in the history of women's swimming at MIT to place in any relay event at the Nationals, and Grierson's combined performance was also an Institute best for an individual swimmer.

Track member places in NCAA Division III Championships
MIT indoor track 35 lbs. weight man Scott Deroit '89 placed fourth in the NCAA Division III National Championships held at the University of Chicago last weekend. Deroit threw a personal best 57.4” to earn All-America honors. Wisconsin-La-Crosse' Tony Strevec's winning throw of 68’9” breaks the NCAA Division III Indoor Championship Meet record previously held by MIT's Pat Parris '85. Paul Cafferty of Worcester State took second in the event (52’2 1/4”).

Ex-coach nominated to Track & Field Hall of Fame
Former Boston University and MIT (1923-1958) track coach Oscar Hedlund is being nominated for induction into the Track & Field Hall of Fame by MIT alumni Alvin Guttag.

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