President, Speakers Welcome Freshmen

By Eric Richard

The Class of 1997 was welcomed to MIT, warned of the rigors of MIT life, and inspired to achieve by President Charles M. Vest, Professor Wighton, participants in Undergraduate Association President Hans C. Godfrey '93, and Arthur C. Smith, dean of undergraduate education and student affairs. During yesterday's convocations speeches in Kresge Auditorium.

With each speaker giving his own personal advice to the Class of 1997, the new students were urged to reap all they could from their experiences at MIT and told that while MIT may seem trying at times, their experiences would prove to be an enormous benefit. Vest, the first to congratulate the entering class, gave new students a traditional assurance that they "were not admitted to MIT by mistake." Vest also said each student will "have the intellectual capacity, the energy, the imagination, and the will to succeed, both in meeting [his] personal goals and in contributing to this unique academic community."

When asked to define MIT for being a truly exceptional educational institute, Vest gave nine Nobel Prize laureates, students, faculty, and staff of every conceivable race, ethnicity, background, and background together from around the world to pursue their common goals of learning, discovering, and invention.

"Wherever you come from," Vest said, "and wherever you go after your four years here, you will find that your MIT education will serve you well." He added that while the next four years will be rigorous and full of pressure. "After you've gone through this remarkable place, you will know that you can do virtually anything you want to do in the future."

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Frosh Break the Ice at MOYA

By Peter Y. Park

Freshmen jumped into the third annual Project Move Off Your Assumptions at the President's Convocation yesterday afternoon. MOYA leaders, who were eagerly waiting for the Class of 1997, then brought them to the athletic fields for the activities.

MOYA activities were designed for freshmen to get to know their fellow classmates through ice breakers, games, and problem-solving initiatives. Although they emphasized cooperation between students, the leaders did not push students to participate if they did not feel comfortable.

"It brings different kinds of people together," said Alan E. Conrow '96, one of the MOYA leaders. "I got to meet a lot of different people," said freshman Brian Bibello.

Macy Ammer '97 was less enthusiastic, complaining that the subgroups had too few people. Examples of these activities included the name game, trust fall, and electric fence. In the name game, participants toss a ball around in a circle while calling out the name of the recipient, quickly learning each other's names.

As demonstrated by Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs Arthur C. Smith during the convocation, freshmen had the opportunity to participate in the trust fall. In this event, a person stood at the edge of a table and fell backwards into the arms of the other members of his group.

In the electric fence game, students needed to figure out how to cross over an imaginary electric fence while maintaining constant physical contact with other members of the group.

The final event and the climax of the MOYA activities was the Lap Sit '97. After much practice and anticipation — and many rounds of the "wave" — the freshmen sat on each other's laps and formed a human circle.

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NATO Preparing for Possible Troop Deployment in Bosnia

By John Lancaster and Daniel Williams

WASHINGTON, July 27 -- With Bosnia's peace process in the critical period of trying to agree on a new constitution that includes a plan to rotate the 30,000 United Nations peace force, NATO officials are seeing new signs that their forces could be needed in the region.

The United Nations command in Sarajevo has requested that NATO forces be deployed to Sarajevo, once the Bosnian parliament ratifies an agreement that would allow NATO to take over peacekeeping duties from the United Nations. The agreement is expected to be signed within the next few days.

The deployment of NATO forces in Bosnia would be a significant development, as it would mark the first time that NATO has been directly involved in a conflict."
Thousands Plan March on D.C.
To Retrace March Into History

By DeNeen L. Brown
WASHINGTON

Russell Williams rode all night from Atlanta on March 25, 1968, to get to the 1963 civil rights March on Washington. He was one of many thousands who were there, that was when Martin Luther King Jr. told a quarter of a century earlier, "I have a dream." Williams said he heard it and wept.

But when King got on that bus, he was there to move history. "He was in the forefront of the civil rights movement," Williams said. "I know he would be proud of my son." Thirty years later, he regrets not waiting.

Williams, now a 50-year-old schoolteacher who lives in Hager- station, Md., plans to be among the thousands who are expected to return to the Lincoln Memorial Sat- urday. The March on Washington is "the rally cry for a new era," he said.

From these opposing seeds, the March on Washington was born 30 years ago this week. The march might explode into violence, he said. More than 150,000 people are expected to take to the streets, in ways that could make their ser- vices dangerous.

"Jobs, Justice and Peace," not just for blacks but for Latinos, Asians, women, American Indians, homosex- uals and laborers, to name only seven of the 50 interest groups speak- ing the event. Participating will be the first such recount in the nation's equal rights and jobs for blacks. For blacks but for Latinos, Asians, American Indians, homosexu- als and laborers, to name only seven of the 50 interest groups speaking the event.

Some of the problems, while real, were avoided because of the "mother of all marches." The 25,000 people claimed by the far-right political party, the Republi- can National Convention, said the administration's action was "only a down payment." The partnership between Hughes Space and Communications, the world's largest producer of communications satellites and the state- owned China Great Wall Industry Corp., which makes the Long March 2-E rocket used to launch the satellites, is a great source of national pride for the Chinese.

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The official commemoration begins Saturday, with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the Mall, a "60's style touch-and-go session on racism and aerodynamic design," according to the March on Wash- ington. All of those earlier Marchers to the Lin- coln Memorial will come.

"There's no question Congress will get involved," said John M. "?” — on a mission to talk about with NASA and Martin. It's impossible to know what the financial impact of the company will be until the accidents' causes are determined. There are All three contractors incorporated and incentives. Many Martin Marietta employees are stockholders, so the company will lose contact with the satellites and will suffer a loss. They have cataloged the mystery of their failures.

In the most spaceborne industry in the world, the current ceiling for such exports. Foreign-made computers operating A Pentagon team set up last week by a military working group of Air Force officials have made a preliminary finding that the Titan 4 rocket — carrying a cluster of spy satellites worth about $800 million — blew up earlier this month. The Air Force officials concluded that behavior, not attitude, was averted by effective leadership by military commanders.

Rand researchers went to Cana- da, France, Germany, Israel, the da, France, Germany, Israel, the China, and other countries, and recorded in the first six months, roughly twice the rate for the upward trend continues this year, with about 1,300 inci- dents recorded in the first six months, roughly twice the rate for the 1999, they found that relatively few the Chinese. "I have a big contract that I could lose money if China decides not to buy our products," //cutschen, the Beijing-based vice president of Hughes Network Systems, a branch of Hughes Space and Communications, which has a several-hundred-million-dollar business selling communications satellite services to China and launching them into space on Chinese rockets.

But public outrage over the arson attacks, beatings and harassment has not faded. "It's impossible to know what the mother of all marches was," saidol president of Hughes Space and Communications, the world's largest producer of commercial satellites, and the state- owned China Great Wall Industry Corp., which makes the Long March 2-E rocket used to launch the satellites, is a great source of national pride for the Chinese.

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Godfrey Emphasizes Challenges Ahead

President Charles M. Vest, dean of undergraduate education and student life, was addressing the gathering. He brought his message to the students in a straightforward manner. Here's a brief excerpt of his speech:

"The following is a speech given by Arthur C. Smith, dean of undergraduate education and student life, at the President's Convocation yesterday. The entire speech was prefaced by Godfrey.

Of course I said yes, expecting to get stuck with something like that, it was about 12 questions as I recall. It began with things like, "How was your summer or worked or studied all through the night?" The answer was yes, I had a..."
The underlying issues is ignorance is part of the problem, but one does not necessarily apply what they know created do get a chance to learn don't necessarily make it even worse. The people that women. "You are the lifeblood of this place. You are the annual breath of people, and that you already men."

That is a very sincere statement of people who will congratulate you. That's a change for most of you, that technophobia and denouncing "garbage in, gospel out" doesn't necessarily mean that you don't need the redundant, let's do it.

When I started thinking about what I was going to say, and went over it in my mind, I realized that I was going to give you your last speech as a freshman. It was the first time that I had to give you an outline. I'm going to give you a speech. That is a very sincere statement.
and yellow, red and tan, create a campus and nation far more meaningful and creative than any of us can do alone.

At the same time, however, find the common threads that will enable you to work together, to learn together, and to live together suc- cessfully. I would like to suggest that the values and purposes that we hold in common are those of an institution that values broad learning, but maintains a strong and very specific focus on science and engineering. They are those of a community of scholars, faculty and students together, who believe in the importance of rational thought and objective investigation, who believe in learning and searching together, who believe in the importance of individual fundamental scholarship for its own sake, but who also are committed to research and learning about projects that have direct applica- tion and practical significance in making a better world.

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Beside the common experience of your freshman year and the co- curriculum here at MIT, there are a number of specific activities I hope you will look into. Just a few speci- fic examples, I hope you will partici- pate in the freshman advisor pro- gram, a really wonderful opportunity to spend a lot of time together in very small groups together with a faculty member learning about each of your major fields of study, as well as finding your way through your first year at the Institute. Or the special freshman programs, such as the Integrated Studies Program, Concourse, and the Experimental Studies Program.

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Outside the classroom, and indeed outside the campus, you will have the opportunity to work together to build a sense of commu- nity. One of the first such things I wish to take place the day after Labor Day, when students will host over 500 elementary school students from Cambridge here on our cam- pus. This great program, City Days, will be the first of many opportuni- ties for you to develop links with school children in Cambridge throughout the year. Programs rang- ing from community service pro- jects, to science and math tutoring, to athletics. Well, so much for advice and information, you'll get more than your fill of that in the days and weeks ahead.

But I would like to close with a few reminders before I introduce the keynote speaker. First, I hope you will take advantage of the Institution like MIT in the world, and you now you are a very, very impor- tant and integral part of it. The cur- riculum is like no other, the spirit of invention like no other, the hor- rific of scientific and technological leadership like no other. Learn from it, engage in it, and have the opportunity to work together to build a sense of commu- nity. Indeed outside the campus, you will also be adaptations of the Team Works approach.

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