Richardson outlines admissions

By Paul Schindler

Last Friday's article about the Hecht report was the first in a series of articles that The Tech intends to publish which face the MIT Admissions Office. Today, the questions of student personality and female undergraduates are discussed by Peter Richardson. The Tech concludes its coverage of the Hecht report.

MIT cannot really control the type of students that end up in the student body, according to Director of Admissions, Peter Richardson '48. One thing is certain though, said he, there will certainly be a record percentage of women in the class of 1978, whose applications are now being processed.

Richardson, in a recent interview with a panel of student reporters, admitted that the "pre-select" process, by which students decide whether to apply to MIT or not, yields a student body which is "already biased" towards studying the exclusive offer of a certain assignment.

The one part of the admissions process that MIT directly controls, admission itself, "works very well to pick from the group [that applies] those students who have variety and diversity," according to Richardson.

But the third part of the process, the acceptance of the admission offer, once again allows students with diverse interests to end up somewhere else; last year 1700 were admitted to enter with a class of 900.

"Remedies can be applied to the two parts of the process that MIT can only affect indirectly, according to Richardson. The applicant pool can be increased by bringing MIT's image into closer correspondence with reality," the admissions director beheld.

Richardson believes; a recent study by Associate Director of Admissions William Hecht (see story on page 2) has shown that the best way to get information to potential applicants is through students by current undergraduates.

Any time I can get an undergraduate to talk to a prospective applicant to MIT I am going to come out ahead. If that under-

graduate is in a reasonable way the deal that person. The more you can get undergraduates to talk to appli-
cants, the better chance I have to get them to come," Richardson said.

Similar solutions are likely to be effective in getting a better yield from the admitted group, he stated, although there are many factors involved in an applicant's decision at that point. "Of those who do not accept our admission offer, one-third of the ones we contact choose financial aid as their reason. The most important factor, though, is the reputation of the Institu-
t." In a concrete move to im-
prove the information flow, Richardson sent out a letter to all students today, encouraging them to visit their high schools, and offering four hours -- 2pm to 4pm, December 12 and 13 -- during which they offered to come.

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study in the library. Although other libraries such as Dewey allow a limited number of carrels and lockers for specified periods of time, the Student Center Library has no such provisions.

The Student Center Committee (SCC), which is responsible for making policy on this issue, has repeatedly decided to permit student sleeping in the library as long as the student involved maintains a reasonably clean area. According to sources within the Library administration, special policies are in effect for some students; one student who frequents the Library has reportedly received authorization from the Medical Department to live there unhindered.

SCC Questionnaire

A questionnaire was distributed recently by the SCC in the Library, dealing with furnishings and uses of the facility has led many students to question the Committee's correctness in its stated policies. The questions asked if the respondent felt the furniture should be changed to allow or discourage sleeping, and whether the respondent felt the Library should be used for such purposes. Suggestions for adding coffee and food vending machines to the lobby outside the Library were also mentioned on the questionnaire.

"It seems to me," one student told The Tech, "that they're asking whether the Library should be a place to study or another dormitory. I don't think that having people live there is a proper use of the facilities." The SCC questionnaire cited sleeping on the existing furniture as one reason for the high rate of wear that has plagued the Library's facilities. The furniture has been provided directly by Physical Plant in the past, there are, as yet, no indications that this policy will change, as the results of the survey are still being processed.

Questions of Access

According to Student Center Librarian Francis E. Haslett, other problems enter into the consideration of the Library's use. The checkers at the door, for instance, have been given discretionary power to determine if users of the Library are members of the Institution community, due to problems when the Library opened with use of the facilities by students from other colleges in the area. Haslett explained that institution identification is not required at all times of persons entering the Library, but that the checkers challenge only those people whose MIT affiliation is open to question. "Some students, who see someone walk in ahead of them without being challenged, complain that they are being unjustly harassed, while it might just be that the checker is not as familiar with them," Haslett said. "We feel that the majority of the users will benefit by these policies."

Usage Declined

Haslett told The Tech that usage of the Library had declined in recent years, due to the increased numbers of departmental reading rooms and other library facilities. She pointed out that this had "eased the problem of students living some-what." The Library has, according to Haslett, many uses beyond that of study. It is, to many students, a place where they can always go and count on finding other people to associate with, at all hours; it provides other services, such as areas for reading newspapers and other periodicals. The librarian feels that these are important side benefits at MIT, "where work and isolation can be so much a strain, emotionally and physically.

Haslett cited problems with users who don't return books to the shelves, or who hide or remove books, as an important problem for other users. "Ten or twelve years ago, students had a misunderstanding of respect for regulations and courtesy," she said. "The students are much more uncivilized on that kind of thing now.

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Richardson: Admissions seeks variety

(Continued from page 1) single act, I don't think is cor-
rect," Hecht added. "In this one year, we've worked very hard
at MIT, and successful news
office efforts to get publicity for
the booklet.

When asked if the Admissions
Office would now take up the
task of recruiting women, he
replied, "It is not a question of
somebody taking something up
now, it is a question of following
through."

"A lot of people at the Institute have worked very hard
to recruit women," said Hecht.
"People in the news office, in
my office, we've had support from
the second floor, the up-
per levels of the administration.
We have had a lot of help from
students. A lot of people have
been working on the problem."

Richardson was not willing to
give all the credit for the rise in
applications to the efforts of the Institute, preferring instead to
credit societal forces. "The
national psyche is such that we
picked a good time to do these things. The whole issue of
women as professionals has come under considerable dis-
sussion, and it is beginning to be
discussed in the high schools.
Our timing is good; we can't
take credit for that.

Part of the uncertainty as to
how many women there will be
in the class of 1978 stems from the
differences between this
year's pool of female applicants
and those who applied in years
past. Richardson believes,
"We have stimulated applica-
tions from a group of people
which is not identical to the
group that applied last year," he
said. "This year's have been
stimulated, enticed if you will by
our activities. The real ques-
tion is will that interest be sus-
tained as they learn more about
us."

Richardson says that, in spite
of the increase in the number of
prominent applications from
women, the "old-blind" admis-
sion policy of the last few years
will continue.

"The only pressure I have felt
at this point is the pressure of
people asking what will happen
next, No one in the administra-
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year or the year before. We are
trying to make sure that the qual-
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**GSC urges Congress to impeach Nixon**

By Bill Conklin

The Graduate Student Council recently passed a resolution urging Congress to impeach President Nixon. The text of the statement appears below.

In a meeting which followed the passing of this resolution, Karei Kovanda, vice-president of the GSC, and Mike Postojovsky, secretary-treasurer of the Council, attended by Johnny Lin, treasurer, the only active Council officer (the Council had no president at that time). The resignations followed the defeat of a motion by Alan Robock to disband the Council. Elections for new officers will be held in February. Until then, discussions will be held to reconvene the Council, according to Robert Sacks, a member of the Council.

The Graduate Student Council of Massachusetts Institute of Technology strongly urges the immediate impeachment of President Nixon. This would benefit the nation as a whole, and in particular. (By Bill Conklin)
Experts address social change

By Howard D. Sitzer

MIT students have a wide variety of professions to choose from if they want to affect social progress in the future, according to a panel of social-planning experts.

The panel, which addressed a Political Science Forum on "The Role of the Expert in Social Change," last week, stated that, "The many facets of social policy today require a comprehensive planning and implementation process." This, they added, has encouraged specialization in fields affecting social policy, which in turn "emphasizes the options open to an MIT student who wants to select a career relevant to social change."

Ellen Feingold, an advocate planner employed by Justin Gray Associates of Cambridge and president of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, reflected on her profession's utilization of specific tools relating to the physical environment. She emphasized that lawyers and planners are limited in having been "taught to solve certain kinds of problems" and that they are only "passionately detached from the nature of the intellectual conundrums in which they are trained."

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The planner finds himself involved in a public planning process in which a community confronted with an issue must create a means of grappling with it, Feingold added. She described an eight-month struggle she was involved with in New Bedford, Massachusetts, attempting change in a zoning law which had been an obstacle in planning an apartment complex with ample parking facilities.

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Howard Margolis, a research associate for the Center for International Studies, discussed the specialist's work with details in the less familiar areas of policy analysis. "The expert is used before the decision is actually made," he pointed out, "in order to gain a sense of the task at hand and the various options in solving the problem."

Margolis distinguished between the counsel-advocate role of the lawyer and the inflexible role of technicians. "The technician is concerned with presenting and accurate and objective study based on quantitative methodology. The ethic of the profession forbid the intervention of any political process."

Each panelist agreed that his profession takes on a social rather than private orientation when focusing on social change. "Individually, each contributes a significant area of expertise in approaching the different aspects of social problems," one pointed out. "For those committed to social change in the world, particularly at MIT, many alternative occupational fields exist for the realization of this goal."

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VISIT OUR SOUND ROOM!
Basketball squad wins opener
MIT basketball team rolls over Yeshiva 83-52 on Saturday

By Glenn Brownstein

The 1973-1974 version of the MIT basketball squad opened its season last Saturday night at Rockwell Cage with an overpowersing 83-52 victory over Yeshiva.

After a slow start, in which Yeshiva gained an early 6-2 lead on MIT missed shots and turnovers, the Engineers took full control of the game, shooting 55% from the floor in the first half.

Yeshiva was unable to stop MIT's scoring, as the team's shooting percentage was 51% in the second half. MIT shot nearly 50% from the floor for the game, compared to Yeshiva's 35%.

MIT's victory was built on a strong inside game, as the team controlled the boards and outrebounded Yeshiva 56 to 44. The key to MIT's victory was their defense, which forced 36 turnovers and picked up 19 steals.

In the second half, MIT continued to slowly backstroke, as the team's shooting percentage was 51% in the second half. MIT shot nearly 50% from the floor for the game, compared to Yeshiva's 35%.

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For the next seven minutes, though, the Tech hoopsters were fairly even, and MIT's defense held Yeshiva to a 6-0 run. As turnovers and fouls continued, Yeshiva was only able to manage a 7-1 advantage, during this period Yeshiva could not manage to pull closer.

MIT's outside shooting to any degree and their resulting three-point shots early in the period for a score of 30-16. However, the Techs were forced to go inside to score the last four points of the half, and MIT led 51-28 at the break.

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The win should also give the free throw line. The highlight of the game was Larry Batt's 20-point effort, as he was 7-9 from the field and 5-6 from the line. Bat's lead was 50-36, and MIT's 50-36 halftime lead was extended to 51-38 after the first 10 minutes of the second half.

The team's defense was solid, as they forced 22 turnovers and picked up 11 steals.

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MIT gymnasts beat BSC
Squad sets school records in last two events to pull out victory

In a stunning upset, the MIT men's gymnastics team beat Boston State last Saturday in a meet held in the nation's capital. The team was able to put up the maximum five men in four events and four men on the other two (the top three scores count). This had a psychological affect on Boston State, who put four men up on two events and only three men on the other four. It allowed MIT to use their depth, as well as stellar performance on the other side of the court.

The team included a number of players returning from last year. Gerry Adolph '72, who capped Saturday in place of the injured Cavolowsky (broken arm), is considered to be the most improved player on this year's squad.

John Mills '75, who had a good half season last year, is back, although not in top shape. He was coming off a broken ankle suffered earlier this fall. In addition, the Engineers added to their squad depth.

Richard Porter '77 and Roy Henricksen '76 (who played freshman ball last year) were the most improved player on this year's squad. Miller's knee cartilage injury in August and is not yet ready to play.

First time performers include forwards Marc Thompson '76 and Ben Mallard '75. Two backcourt men Peter Maimonis '77, Glenn Perkins '77, Kenmo Arrandon '75, and Samuel Deu '74. Perkins will be out for about a week with a sprained ankle.

This year's squad, despite early season injuries and a tough schedule that includes a Florida trip and high-rated teams like Brandeis, Howard, Chicago, and Maine, is expected to improve on last year's mark as well as gain experience for future seasons.

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