Simulmatics to provide feedback from constituents to public officials

(Continued from page 3) controlling the actions of people by the will of machines. In particular, Douglas Randell, author of Pullback and The Ugly Americans, dealt with this question in a novel entitled The 493. He cited the Simulmatics Project, describing how such an operation could be used to push a disarmament personality into the office of President.

The release of The 493 in April of 1964 prompted Professor Pool to publish a book on the simulation project as a much earlier date than he had anticipated. Candidates, issues, and strategy was released only five months after Burdick's novel, in order that these sensationalism surrounding the simulation method could be corrected as soon as possible. Professor Pool asserts that the object of computer simulation is to provide "feedback" from constituents to their public officials. Simulations for important positions today must vie for enormous numbers of votes and must rely upon the nature of voter groups and trends, rather than individuals. Computer simulation attempts to provide information about these voter elements and draw scientifically sound conclusions about their behavior.

Soprano to present third series program

Soprano Phyllis Curtin will present the third of five events in the Humanities Series in Kresge Auditorium January 10, at 3:00. Actress as well as stage--she has sung starring roles in classical operas and created leading parts in ten premieres. Among these modern operas are Carlisle Floyd's "Susannah," and "Wuthering Heights," both of which were written for her.

The January tenth program will include "Six Songs" by Hugo Wolf, "Seven Early Songs," by Alban Berg, "Cantigas de Amligo" by Alfonso El Venerable, "Die sieben Horden," by Wolfgang von Mayenburg, and "Drei Vanhellen" by Richard Strauss.

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