Baird seeks public support

By Bob Dowse

"Where is the constancy of MIT?"

This was one of the major points of Bill Frosh's recent urging of the faculty. He advocated the lack of a full-time commitment to the institution, in his opinion, the background and the purpose of his case which was on the same day as the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. He pointed out that while a faculty member does not hesitate to speak out on Vietnam, "birth control" seems to remain a dirty word to him. He added that they lose no time calling him, however, whenever their girls are pregnant. In a plea for public backing, he called for MIT to "turn loose its handwriting" in a joke.

One-man fight

He described the original of a "one-man fight" which he is carrying on although he himself has nothing to win. He is $50,000 in debt and is branded as a fool, which means that he cannot vote. Although the state's birth control law is "so greatly unconstitutional," he feels that he will be financially unable to carry on the fight at a higher level if the laws lose the present case. Facing the possibility of a ten-year jail term, he regretted that he doubts whether he could find anyone to take his place.

Baird charged that this area is far from being the "cradle of liberty," and where the most backward "Northern in the world" can be overturned. He pointed out that if in Massachusetts one can be imprisoned for a lecture on birth control, the question is whether he will have enough money to deprive themselves and their work.

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Frosh approve pass-fail as successful experiment

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Evaluations Discussed

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