Sex lectures draw tremendous interest

By Lee Giguere

The heavy demand for tickets to the upcoming lecture series on Human Sexuality has caused the secretaries at the Dean of Students Office to go from 26-100 to Kezege Auditorium.

On the first day of distribution, about 600 tickets were distributed in a short time with a waiting line stretching from the lobby of Building 10 to the Foreign Student Office.

According to Barry Buchbinder, Chair of the Committee on Sex Education, which is coordinating the 6-part lecture series, tickets were prepared for the tremendous response, but enrollment had not totally unexpected. He pointed out that it would be impossible to accommodate the entire student body and that this is one of the reasons why the demand for tickets far exceeds the supply.

He also noted that people were given two tickets in order to prevent them from entering the auditorium twice, further straining the ability of 26-100 to accommodate the large demand.

Ticket holders will have to enter the lecture hall 20 minutes before the beginning of the 8 pm lectures in order to be assured of a seat. The lecture hall will be opened for general admission at 8:15 pm, and ticket holders not attending a given lecture to give their tickets to someone else.

Mark Stern, another member of the Committee, said they hoped to have the lectures broadcast by WBTS. He added that three groups at Boston's educational TV station, WGBH, have expressed the interest in carrying the series after the lectures' had been concluded.

The three groups mentioned were the Center of the University of Massachusetts, WGBH, and the Center for Human Sexuality.

British science journal criticizes Commission

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Students, faculty members at MIT set out to provide examples of high quality teaching such reports as this prove unnecessary.

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Commenting on the Nature article, Milton E. Fullman, a member of the Commission pointed out that the committee is not considering too few MIT people and failing to collect sufficient data on the interviews may be due in part to the Commission did extensive reading of similar reports from other schools as mentioned above. It is the opinion of MIT as a professional school are different from those of other science schools. On the other hand, the Commission said that the individuals in the Commission and Charles C. Eisenberg, who worked with the committee in an advisory capacity, Dr. Fullman and Eisenberg also assisted in arranging the speakers.

Kavazanjian joins UAP

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materials,” said Kavazanjian.

Freshman pass-fail is coming up for renewal this year, according to Kavazanjian, and should be discussed before approved. The committee for instituting pass-fail was the encouragement of freshmen to enjoy non-academic activities without as much pressure as upperclassmen have. Although this has been somewhat defeated by freshmen taking increasingly heavy loads, Kavazanjian still supports the system in its present form.

The main issue is to improve this social atmosphere at MIT. Without revising the special requirements, some advisors agree that weekend entertainers, such as a key variety is needed, and that the School of Music should exchange with the others that are not, and it is thought to be nationwide. It is being reported to be nationwide that the drop in the number of applications as compared to previous years.

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MIT applications drop 20%

By Pete Matera

Applying for MIT admission to next year's freshman class are down 20% from last year's record because MIT has been thought to be nationwide eco-
nomic conditions and declining interest in engineering.

Admissions Director Roland B. G drew attention to the best way to worry about the quality of the upcoming freshman class from the drop in a single year; he is confident there will be no noticeable difference. The threat, he said, is that the trend might continue.

As one way of reversing it, he is trying to improve feedback to high schools. The new format for that purpose includes space for information not only from the fresh- men advisor and his advisor, and G drew is making a special effort to have them all collected and sent to the freshmen's high schools. They will, he hopes, help schools advise prospective MIT students.

There is a demand for some drop suggested.

Current economic conditions are squeezing the ability of some people to pay, while forcing MIT to raise costs and cut financial aid. As a result, many prospective students are having to turn to public colleges. The same is true at Harvard, where the number of applications fell from 8000 last year to 7100 this year.

Regarding the lack of engi-

neering interest, G drew pointed out that many technical schools and even the engineering depart-
ments of non-technical schools, are having the same problem of reduced applications. Students who would tend to become engi-

neers if the national demand were greater are not, and it is their applications that are miss-

ing from MIT and other schools this year. There has been no tabulation yet of the interest in the upcoming MIT class, but G drew expects a decline in prospective engineering majors. However, he notes a quick re-

sponse to nationwide interests, for example, in the number who are considering environmental science.

A third trend proposed by G drew is one of moving away from the school in an urban, center-of-action type location.

During the past decade, MIT has shown an increase or only slightly decrease each year in the number of applications as com-
pared to the previous year. For example, 3240 applications were received for the class whose freshmen year was 1965-66, a steadily rising number since they were culminated in the record 4781 applications received for the class of 1974. This year the total will be a little under 4000.

Two groups which have not been affected by the applications drop this year are women and black students. Since discrimination was completed, the quota system formerly in effect for women has been abolished, according to Grew.

According to an Enroll interview with Peter Richardson, Director of Admissions, the site of the class is the same to be about 1000, which is approxi-
mately the same as in previous years.