IAP again wins approval

By Seth Stein

The January Independent Activities Period, now in its second year of a three-year experiment, has proved very popular among both students and faculty.

A survey directed by Professor of Nuclear Engineering Kent Hanson, chairman of the IAP policy committee, revealed only minor changes from last year's results. Separate questionnaires were sent out to students and faculty to find out how they used IAP and how they felt about it.

Sixty percent of the faculty members responded, of which 80% felt that IAP had been a good thing for them personally and another 17% were unsure. On the question, "Do you feel that the IAP is a good idea for the Institute?" 65% said yes with 12% uncommitted. Eighty-six percent, compared to 79% last year, felt that the students considered IAP "useful and satisfying." Faculty attendance at IAP was roughly comparable with that during a regular term - 80% said that they had been on campus at least 75% of the time.

Although the student response to the questionnaire was lower than last year - 40% relative to last year's 55% - the results were comparable, with more than 90% feeling that IAP was good both for them and the Institute as a whole. Ninety-three percent of those who responded felt that this year's IAP was "as good or better than last year's." As for participation, 80% of the students said they had been here at least 70% of the time.

In discussing the results, Professor Hanson noted that when the IAP was proposed, there was some concern that students might feel that the faculty were not meeting their responsibility to teach - a concern that did not materialize. Most students, according to the study, were satisified with the way they spent IAP. Grad students had the chance to do five straight weeks of work on their theses, and many

AAAS elects three professors as fellows

Three faculty members have been elected Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its annual meeting in Boston.

Professor Howard Green of biology, Arthur K. Kerman of mechanical engineering, and Robert W. Mann of mechanical engineering were among 18 scholars and scientists from Massachusetts elected during the meeting. In addition, Professor of Physics Bernard T. Feld was elected a vice-president of the Academy.

The Academy is the second oldest learned society in the United States. Its 2,200 members include representatives from the mathematical, physical and biological sciences as well as law, public affairs, administration, theology, fine arts and the humanities.

Westgate II Open House

Opening this fall, Westgate II will accommodate over 400 graduate students in 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, and 4 bedroom apartments designed primarily for single occupancy. Located at the west end of the campus (adjacent to the athletic fields and the Westgate apartments), this 24 story tower overlooks the Charles River basin, the cities of Boston and Cambridge, and is within walking distance of MIT. Westgate II will go to full occupancy in the fall.

There are 44 one bedroom (two student), 44 three bedroom (three student), and 46 four bedroom (four student) apartment units. Apartments are self-contained with living-dining area, study-bedrooms, kitchen, and bath, and include wall-to-wall carpeting, drapes, and kitchen appliances. Units are unfurnished, but a limited supply of rental furniture may be available.

Six units are especially designed for handicapped persons. The building also includes community-seminar rooms, recreation space, and laundry facilities at the first and twenty-fourth floor. Additional storage space is available in the basement. Two tennis courts will be available to the building. Limited parking will be provided nearby without charge.

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