MIT dentistry is more than ‘just fixing teeth’

With the mounting unabated interest in careers in the health sciences it is noteworthy that very few MIT students turn their eyes toward "dentistry." Perhaps this is due to the unfortunate misconception that all a dentist can do is "fix teeth." In fact, the dental practitioner today is trained in the area of dental medicine—invoking the art and science of preventive health and healing concerned with the entire oral cavity, its various structures and tissues including the teeth. "Fixing teeth" comprises but a small portion of the obligation of dental medicine to the health of the nation. Oral medicine is more accurately descriptive of this profession and to those in the vanguard oral medicine is appropriately considered as a specialty area of general medicine.

The unusual training that MIT has provided to students who have gone into medicine has made it possible for many to make substantial contributions to the profession—the teaching, research and practitioner level. MIT-trained students are in an equally good position to bring their talents to bear on the field of oral medicine while the opportunities in research, teaching and practice are wide open and the profession is clamoring for them.

The progressive schools of dental medicine are anxious to attract qualified students from MIT for the regular dental programs and in some cases for combined medical-dental programs leading to the MD-DMD degree and dental research programs leading to the DDS-DMD degree.

Dr. Henry M. Goldman, Associate Director of the Boston University Medical Center and Dean of the BU Graduate School of Dental Medicine will be at MIT on Tuesday, November 14 at 4 pm in Room 7-102. He will describe the combined programs offered at BU. All interested are urged to attend. Further information can be obtained from the Pre-Professional Advising and Education Office (10-186, S-115).

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