**Course XVII: good for graduates**

By Richard Parker and David Olive

The Political Science Department has much in common with many MIT departments. Like the others, it has a strong graduate program and a distinguished faculty. The student faculty ratio in the department is about 1:10, and the students are divided between the philosophy and political theory groups. However, there is more similarity among the courses.

The department, though offering many courses, is very narrow. The emphasis is on the theoretical aspects of political science, and excludes detail study in the philosophical or psychological areas of the field. It is in this respect that "mathematics is a prerequisite for graduate study in political science at the Institute (and probably nowhere else in the world)." wrote Christopher Reid in his book, "Cambridge, U.K., the U.S., and Computer Analysis." It is a great deal of the department.

The American politics branch is just beginning to develop.

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**Election rules announced**

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Professor Walter Dean Burnham has been added to the faculty and his presence gives the American politics branch credibility: it does not need the optics of an experienced professor. There are a few faculty members exploring political science from the psychological and philosophical viewpoint, although these branches of XVII need to be expanded with an emphasis on undergraduates — unlike the past.

"The department began as a graduate department and has only recently attempted to involve undergraduates," stated Eugene B. Salkoff, the former chairman of the department, who is presently head of the Center for International Studies added, "We ask all new professors before we hire them, about their interest in undergraduates. Presently our faculty is very strong, individually distinguished and interested in undergraduates."

"Our research indicates that much of the faculty within the department, appears to be organized as an individual and as a part of a collective."

"The election for UAP-UAVP candidates was classified and has not been announced."

The candidates, then, were:

1. The 1971-72 candidates, the candidates of the previous candidates of MIT.

2. A group of students and teachers, organized to support the UAVP candidates of the previous candidates of MIT.

3. "The referendum collective would appear on the ballot, but it is not clear how it will be handled."

The department has many visiting faculty and research fellows who are also employed elsewhere. They have added to the opportunities available for research.

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