Course IV: not just design

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IV's requirements are not set but extremely flexible. For the first four basic areas of concentration, each student is required to take one introductory course from four of the department's five fields of study (including Urban Studies and Implementation). Once this is completed, the student should take two or three advanced courses outside his area of concentration. Aside from these stipulations, the student is granted virtual freedom in compiling his own coherent set of advanced subjects in his specialty designed to secure a strong background in the field. "The framework is for students to build programs for themselves. We try to simplify with where they're at now."

Unfortunately, this informal approach may be the greatest asset of the department. "Once you decide upon Course IV, if you don't already have a good idea of what you want, it's hard to understand what it is you're supposed to do." As executive officer, Cross has as advisor to approximately 45 students within the department, three times the load of other departmental advisors. "This is mainly because I hand all of the old and special cases. Many students find they have lost direction by their junior year, and it's my job to help find a track they'll fit on." Crosser quickly added, however, that a majority of the students have little or no trouble coping with the flexibility of the department. Many, in fact, go far as to develop better programs for themselves than those required. "If a student walks up to me and says 'I want to take this,'"

'Big screw' to be awarded

By Wendy Feltes

"Screw unto others - especially those who've screwed you." And if you want to get back at kids who screwed you to the wall last term - can regulate by casting a ballot for him in the Big Screw Contest. The preliminary ballots will be cast in the Building 10 lobby till April 19, after which the five leading candidates will be chosen as semifinalists. At Kaleidoscope on May 4, ballots will be cast for a penny a vote, to decide who among these five potential winners will be elected the "professor who screwed most students than any of his competitors." For all his efforts, he will be awarded an appropriately sized model of the Institute screw: a three-foot long aluminum lighthouse screw. He will hold his prize for one year, after which he must return it for presentation to his successor.

The contest is open to all faculty associated with MIT, or any member of the administration, a non-faculty member associated with MIT, or just about any person, place, or thing to win, although, as Roylance puts it, "We're not sure of the winning criteria." Astonishing number of computer cards have been filled under "Misc." as they contain the name of an object not directly associated with any department. Some examples of votes one would find if he peeked into the box entitled "Misc.":

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Ma Bell, x5858, the Registrar, Student Center elevators, 50-340, 77 Mass. Ave., Multics, Briggs Field, all T.A.'s, MIT, Bursar, William Barton Rogers, Curtis Reeves, Jerry Roylance, $3100, Building 13 fridge, the Coop, H. Kissinger, the state of Iowa, Richard Milhaus Nixon, ROTC, the God Squad, dorm line, Chem Engineering Building, Course X . . . Yes, you can vote for just about anything.

You can even vote to screw Professor Stephan Chorover, Psychology

Respondents: Dr. William H. Sweet, Mass. General Hospital
Hubert E. Jones, Urban Studies

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