Science-humanities gap closed

By Ralph Nauman

The Technology Studies Program (TSP) at MIT is gaining momentum as it expands its activities to bridge the gap between the humanities and the sciences.

An example of this was the TSP Workshop seminar on Monday, featuring Prof. Robert S. Anderson, Visiting Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of British Columbia, who spoke on "An Anthropologist Observes Research Institutions." The seminar was one of a series sponsored by TSP to suggest areas of technology which can be studied using the tools of the humanities.

"It was difficult to get his professors to concur that research institutes had a significant human subculture while a graduate student at the University of Chicago," he said, "and now he has no trouble.

Anderson was pleased by "signs the somewhat dry period I've been bumbling around with for the past ten years is changing," but added, "We are still at the problem of designing proper scales" for an ethnography of the scientific community.

Anderson described individual attitudes at the Fermi Institute in Chicago, the Shiwa Institute in Calcutta, and the Tata Institute in Bombay, all nuclear physics research facilities. Noting a certain unity of behavior within the variety of the three, he concluded, "The problem of interpreting the role of domestic culture in the conduct of research is very complex.

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The TSP began early in 1973 from a concern over the schism between humanities and science/engineering at MIT. Prof. Nathan Seidman, factio chairman of TSP, described the two aspects of MIT as viewing each other "with the Grand Canyon in between them."

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