**UMOC contest: slow start**

By Margaret Brandes

After weeks of the eight days of the UMOC contest, candidates have only collected about $400.

APC had hoped in the course of the contest to collect about $2000-$3000 to donate to the American Heart Association, but has now changed their estimate of the amount of money they will collect to about $600-$700.

As of this morning, the I/O. Domenico (Eric Black '77) was in first place with $831. Close behind is Rich Goldstein '79 with $81.03; in third place is Mike Donnrock '76 with $621.33.

Nelson Oroco, one APC member, feels that UMOC has not collected as much money this year as in past years partly because of poor organization of the contest, and partly because of the candidates themselves.

Oroco believes that "some of the official candidates are not making as much effort as they could." Oroco said that he campaigned for two hours one afternoon and collected $27.00 putting him in fourth place in the contest.

According to David Anick '77, Project Chairperson for UMOC, one reason the candidates have not collected as much money this year is because Tuesday of this week was a holiday, so there were not many people around the Institute on Monday or Tuesday.

Another APC member, Marian Tomusiak '77, believes that it is because none of the candidates this year have big backing — such as a fraternity which will support their campaign. "Only one or two of the candidates are visible," she said, "because good publicity can be very expensive."

While Black is in first place now, Oroco believes that the contest will not be determined until after 3:00, when it ends. "Some of the candidates may have a large slack fund which they are holding out," he said. Last year Count UMOC (Brian Hughes '77) produced an extra $500 on the last day of the contest.

In last Friday's The Tech credit for the photograph of the Shiraz Technical Institute was inadvertently omitted. In its place, the credit should have been given to Hugh Stubbs and Associates, Inc. The Tech regrets the omission.

**Suspect in Asiarni slaying found hung**

A man accused of participation in the murder of MIT student John Asiarni was found hanging from the door of his cell Tuesday afternoon by a guard, according to Chief Jail Officer Joseph P. Long.

According to Lon, guard Francis Marano found Asiarni hanging there at about 3 p.m. Asiarni was found with a tire iron. Asiarni and Moses out of the car at about 1:30 a.m. Asiarni with a tire iron.

Police have a warrant out for the arrest of John Blodgett of Methuen, a second suspect in the murder of John Asiarni.

The assailants then dumped Asiarni’s body in a waste bin. An investigation was conducted by the Boston Police Department which indicated that Asiarni was shot in the back of the head.

**IAP is important, students say**

Students are strongly opposed to the loss of the winter Independent Activities Period (IAP), which may occur if MIT goes to a quarterly plan academic schedule, according to an informal poll taken by The Tech.

The quarterly system was proposed recently by a Self Appraisal committee in the School of Science. The Tech states "one can design a quarter system with two quarters per semester, a trimester duration and a three-week IAP before Christmas," according to Associate Dean of Students James Bruce, the Self Appraisal group’s report suggested that the quarter be 12 weeks long, thus eliminating the January IAP period.

Bruce also said that "I have some very mixed feelings about IAP. Some of the things that both students and faculty do are not in the spirit of what we intended for IAP."

In Bruce’s opinion, students in general see "not serious enough" about IAP and that "a lot of them take it as a vacation."

An informal poll conducted by The Tech indicates that most MIT students are strongly opposed to the idea of losing IAP. The following are some comments made by the students of IAP:

- "IAP is a time when I relax and have a good time. I would very much miss that opportunity. Generally I take courses I'm interested in, and do some reading on my own."
- "IAP really relates the pressures of the term. It's only the time at the instance where I have time to go to class... It's the only time in this place that feels at all human."
- "I generally use IAP as a time for getting ahead of the work. I would be very upset if they took IAP away from us."
- "I use IAP as a time to be by myself and my sanity. They can't take it away from me forever."

No students contacted in the poll felt that they would be willing to give IAP back. Bruce said that he feels that IAP should continue "it should be taken more seriously as a whole."

**Awards pouring in for black professor**

By Nivin Pei

The Eartha M. White award of the National Business League was presented to Phyllis A. Wallace, a Professor at the Sloan School of Management. It was awarded to her for her work in the area of minorities in the field of management education.

Wallace said that this award was only one of a long line of unexpected events. In recent months, she has also become the first woman board member at the State Street Bank and Trust Company, a board member of the Brookings Institution, and the first woman professor to receive (since at the Sloan School). She has also been invited to be on more advisory committees that she could possibly have time for, both in Washington, D.C. and here at MIT.

The recognition Wallace has received from this award has given her the responsibilities of a "role model" to fulfill. Wallace said, adding that she does not mind assuming the "new possibilities of having non-MIT students and a lot of people didn't know call upon me for information or advice."

At the moment, Wallace says she is writing another book which she hopes to have published in early 1976. It will be the papers and proceedings from a series of research workshops on equal employment opportunities which she ran in 1974. Besides the nearly full time occupation of book-writing, Wallace is also on a variety of advisory committees such as in the Congressional Budget Office, which looks at the bills before Congress to analyze their possible impact on the entire economy.

Wallace is also working on a panel in the Housing and Urban Development Office that maps the data obtained in the "housing allowance study" this was a project done on government-subsidized low-income housing, in which she hopes to show that low-income families would be able to find better housing on the government now used to build housing projects for them.

Two other committees on which Wallace serves are the Commission for the Status of Women in the Economic Program. a committee under the auspices of the American Economic Association which is trying to educate people that women do not conform to the "male model" in the field, and a committee which reverses projects and activities of the Director of the Bureau of the Census.

Wallace is also studying MIT "personnel problems and concerns and looking at the institute as an employer." She is interested specifically in the "membership employers, the staff." Wallace stated that she has found that the institute is not fairly utilizing IAP for women.

Besides this, she said, there is the problem of seniority and affirmative action if MIT decided to make a 10-week plan. Wallace is opposed to seniority and affirmative action if MIT decided to make a 10-week plan. She thinks that the board cut their staff for example. Seniority nullifies the effort now being made to recruit minorities and women in the event of a layoff of personnel.

Wallace has suggested that alternatives to seniority be looked into seriously, such as work sharing — the four-day work week, rotating layoff and part-time. She feels that these are real alternatives as they are present in many of the "highly seasonal trades."

In the immediate future, Wallace plans to work with women for the Sloan School, and develop proposals and encourage funding for women in management.