By Tim Kroniris

"It has become necessary to build up more effective international institutions," according to Richard Gardner, professor at the Columbia Law School and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

"I believe that the institutions in existence are inadequate or ineffective," Gardner told a Center for International Studies audience. But most diplomats don't want to make changes in the structure, he said, citing the fact that a review group considering United Nations reorganization with which he worked was not allowed to seek answers outside the existing world organizations.

He added that the urge to create a new organization outside the UN is characteristically American — other countries don't feel the same urge. "We would feel lonelier outside the UN," Gardner remarked.

Summarizing the proposals he has submitted to the State Department and the UN as head of the State Ad Hoc Committee on the UN, Gardner said that the US should make use of multilateral diplomacy and should develop stronger relationships with the developing countries. The US must treat the developing nations, which constitute three-fourths of the UN voting power, as individual countries with different interests — not as a group — Gardner said. In addition, he proposed that existing international institutions be reviewed, with an eye toward strengthening those with potential, and that a coalition of like-minded countries be formed.

Gardner, who also has worked with an international group considering UN reorganization, told the audience he recommended a "concentric circles" approach to decision-making in the UN. According to this method, an issue can be taken out of voting until the parties involved have met with a chairman and reached an agreement.

Gardner also proposed that the UN centralize much of its disparate activities by pulled together into a central headquarters, that funding groups like UNICEF should be consolidated, and that the international body draw more heavily upon experts in specialized fields when considering technical issues.

The 10 to 12 MIT international affairs experts present at the talk challenged Gardner's proposals, asking how institutional changes could be made and how he would deal with political obstacles involved. One of the listeners told Gardner he found his proposals only "seemingly pragmatic."

* The concert of electronic and computer music scheduled for 8pm tonight has been rescheduled to 8:30pm due to publicity mistakes. A panel discussion on technology and the arts will follow the concert, which will be held in Kresge Auditorium.

* MIT GOJU Karate Club holds meetings Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7-9pm, in Student Center Room 407. Call 536-1830, evenings.

* The annual fine arts show by the Wellesley Ebony Singers and the Wellesley Ethos Choir will be held in Kresge Auditorium, Wellesley College. The concert will feature the Wellesley Ethos Choir and the Ebony Singers from Wellesley University.

* The MIT Concert Band will present a concert of contemporary band music at 8:30pm Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Auditorium. The concert is open to the public, free of charge.

* Jazz Celebrations will present Michael Gregory Jackson, vocals & guitar, with Stan Stackhaun on Woodwinds, at 8pm Sunday, Feb. 29 at the Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., Boston. Donations $1.50.

* The MIT/Wellesley Upward Bound program will present a benefit concert at 8:30pm on March 5 at Jewett Auditorium, Wellesley College. The concert will feature the Wellesley Ethos Choir and the Ebony Singers from Wellesley University.

Street, Kenmore Square, from Tuesday, March 2 through Friday, March 5, the Gallery is open to the public on weekdays from 10am to 5pm.

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