Sayles' work to be re-evaluated

By Gerald Radeke

"A more comprehensive evaluation of the program," said Director of Women's Athletics Mary Lou Sayles is needed." Provost Walter Rosenblith said last Wednesday in a statement after investigating the Sayles case.

Rosenblith's inquiry began when Sayles, who was appointed by Vice President, Teated, March 14, that her contract would not be renewed when it expires later this year, said President Jerome Wiesner and asked that a high-level investigation of the circumstances surrounding the contract termination be made.

In an interview with The Tech in February, Sayles said that she was being fired for "incompetence, specifically dis-teaching and coaching." She added that "there is no way I feel like I'm incompetent." This position was supported by Wiesner who directed Sayles to investigate the matter. The statement he made Wednesday was the first public statement on this finding.

The provost noted that a group of women faculty members are "trying to come up with a description of the role of the director of women's athletics." Once the Athletic Department accepts this description, Rosenblith recommended, a search for a new director of women's athletics "to which Professor Sayles can be a candidate if she feels qualified" should be conducted.

Sayles should also be considered for "another position in harmony with her education and experience," he said. "I am very pleased with the Institute's response to the problem," Sayles commented on the Rosenblith statement. "I think they've addressed the issues.

The controversy over Sayles and her dismissal was caused by the fact that "from the very beginning, perceptions on what Professor Sayles' job was said to be directed. Sayles felt her major job was to direct the women's athletics, getting women's athletics organized, recruiting new women athletes." The only organizational position to which Rosenblith felt she was qualified was that of the Athletic Department for that reason her responsibility was teaching, coaching, as well as administration.

When asked what criterion had been used about the women's athletics program, Rosenblith asserted that "it would serve very little purpose to pursue any review," and then repeated that "we need a more comprehensive evaluation of Professor Sayles."

Sayles also declined to discuss the criticisms of the program, saying that she would be addressed in the report of the committee studying the program, which she said will be released next week.

GA hits 1976-77 exam schedule

By Eileen Mannix

The General Assembly of the Undergraduate Association met for the first time this term on Monday, May 10, and spent most of its time setting up committees. Amongst the most important of the one hundred members were in attendance, only slightly above last week's total of fifty-five.

One of the first orders of business was to approve the nomination of Charles Shoonan as executive secretary. A white hot schalted this in short order.

Two emergency resolutions were passed today calling for a change in the examination periods in the 1976-77 school year. The calendar currently calls for the fall and spring examinations periods to begin on Friday, following the last day of classes without finals. The GA directed the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCAPE) to present a recommendation to the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) for the fall term on Tuesday, May 11, expressing the GA's strong opinion that the schedule as currently stands, and recommending that the examination period be reduced to three days.

The second emergency resolution calls for more student input in the Institute Art Policy. It says that "since the purchase and placement of art by the Committee for the Visual Arts has a direct effect upon student life, the MIT student body should be consulted in the choice and placement" of the art. The GA recommends that "all decisions concerning the purchase and placement of art should be postponed until the beginning of the fall term in order to guarantee student input in these decisions."

The General Assembly also approved four emergency resolutions. The first to pass was one to serve an investigatory panel for the Rosenblith statement. As its name suggests, this committee will be concerned with the design of the Committee for the Visual Arts, and other groups affecting the physical environment. A discussion of the establishment of fact-finding committees that will cover essentially every controversial aspect of Institute policy took up most of the time at the meeting. A motion was passed to establish an academic senate to consist of five persons; any academic senate members must be members of the committee, with the stipulation that the chairman must be either a member of the GA or a graduate student appointed by the GA. It is emphasized that these committees are to serve an investigatory purpose only, and not to prepare for the GA monthly oral or written form; the GA will then make any or no decisions based on the information presented to it by its committees.

The GA also approved the appointment of five of its members to the Agenda Committee, which will prepare the agenda for each meeting.

Research university must sell itself

By Nilan Pei

Research universities must make a greater effort to sell themselves and restructure their research departments or face the extinction, Professor of Geophysics, Frank Press, Head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences said this week.

Press, latest recipient of the James R. Killian, Jr. Faculty Achievement Award, made this statement at his second Award lecture entitled "What's the Future of the Research University?"

It is time for twenty research universities that Press aimed his talk, including schools such as MIT, Harvard, and Caltech. He defined the research university as a "doctoral training center." There are 280 such institutions in the United States, accounting for 48 per cent of all the "academic basic research" that is done. There are 280 such institutions in the United States, accounting for 48 per cent of all the "academic basic research" that is done. There are 280 such institutions in the United States, accounting for 48 per cent of all the "academic basic research" that is done.

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Productivity in the private sector increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.6 per cent in the first quarter. In the preceding quarter, productivity increased 0.6 per cent.

Professor John M. Deutch, physical chemist and faculty member since 1970, has been appointed head of the Department of Chemistry effective July 1. Deutch will succeed Professor Glenn A. Berndt who will return to research and teaching after serving the customary five-year term as department head.

The Adult Performance Level Study released last week, revealing that less than half of all Americans are functioning with any degree of real competence, has generated a spate of activity that is sending adults back to school to acquire or sharpen basic skills, according to a story in the New York Times. The weakening of the universities will have sent adults back to school to acquire or sharpen basic skills.

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