Lack of funds slows sports center

By Stephen Benser

Although pledges for the new athletic complex have been "slow," it remains "one of the principal development priorities," according to Director of the Planning Office R. R. Sinha.

A total of $2.1 million has been pledged to date to try to offset the total cost of $8.6 million. Sinha said that it is hard to get the other donors. The largest donation so far has been one of $1.5 million.

Lees added that within a year it should be clear whether those donations are forthcoming. He stated that the complex is the "single top priority among facilities for all the institution," and it is being "pushed hard.

The project has been approved but is only awaiting the necessary funds to start. These funds will be sought as part of the MIT Leadership Campaign fund drive.

The construction schedule for the complex, which will consist of a ground level indoor skating rink and a field house built above it, will be decided by the end of the third quarter. In the wake of the '76 election

Burnham explains Carter success

By Hillary Last

Jimmy Carter's victory in the 1976 presidential election was so narrow that any one of many factors could have changed the outcome, said Walter Dean Burnham, professor of political science, in a discussion of the election results Tuesday afternoon.

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Carter must muster the "fine and gentle art of selling out," maintained Burnham. This is necessitated by the President's need to coalesce his support and to "insure public confidence.

Carter is faced with deciding between the "promotion of accumulation of capital versus the maintenance of legitimation through expenditures" on social programs. Burnham opined, "He can not balance the budget and provide services, unless unembellished approaches are satisfactory floor.

The Congressional results showed the "solidification of incumbers," Burnham asserted. "This was a 'shift to the right' in the Senate, but the House of Representatives remained in virtually the same alignment as in 1974 — less than four per cent of the incumbents "hit the dirt."