MIT building may house solar power research lab

By Margarita Tsakonas

A MIT solar power building has been proposed as the site of the forthcoming national Solar Energy Research Institute (SERI), which is being established by the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration.

The site, at 70 Memorial Drive, was endorsed in a proposal by the New England Task Force of the New England Council, a Boston-based organization of business leaders. Head of the task force, Lawrence Levy, said that all of New England was studied, and the Cambridge location affords a wealth of resources and manpower for such a project. He added that use of the MIT building requires the approval of both

Tech Talk: No issue

By Roger Silverstein

Tech Talk was published on Feb. 23, and will not be published on March 30 and April 30, due to a faculty shortage.

According to JoAnne Miller, Assistant Director of the News Office, this is an experiment designed to help deal with the budget. Miller feels that these issues are of limited importance, since the date is in the middle of spring vacation, and the other two are immediately after final exams.

This is the first time since the News Office started publishing Tech Talk as a weekly, six years ago, that it has skipped an issue.

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Donations in the TCA office -- Rm. 450 in the Student Center -- in each contest, the Dormcon, is dedicated to the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

Dormcon Chairman Steve Piet '78, who is being established from a national pool.

ERDA and MIT

SERI's function was described by Levy as being "solely dedicated to the tasks that ERDA gives in planning, administration, and research and development."

He told The Tech that SERI "is not a way to compete with the (MIT) Energy Lab," rather, it will be complementary, "in a sense," to their efforts and those of other solar energy-related programs at MIT. Levy added that to staff the facility, ERDA intends to draw from a national pool.

One MIT professor involved in solar research who asked not to be identified, noted that "everyone is in favor of the SERI location, but we are pessimistic about politics." "SERI may be another Draper or Lincoln," he said, adding that the economic impact on MIT will be minimal compared to the impact on the City of Cambridge.

Radioactive Waste

By Drew Blakeman

"Anyone can give blood" during the MIT Red Cross Blood Drive, according to Blood Drive Chairman Steve Piet '78, who stated that every eligible person is encouraged to donate a pint of blood. The drive will be held in the Salu de Puerto Rico from March 2 through 11.

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Appointment forms are available in the TCA office -- Rm. 450 in the Student Center -- and in most living groups. Piet noted that giving blood is "not much of an inconvenience, particularly if you make an appointment." Dates and times of the Blood Drive as well as medical requirements appear on the form.

There will be two separate living group contests during this Blood Drive, one sponsored by the IFC and the other by Dorsuem. In each contest, the top three houses by percentage of donors will each win a half-keg of beer.

In addition, the house that shows the greatest improvement in donation percentage from the fall drive will also win a half-keg of beer.

For this drive to be a success," Piet said, "we'll need a lot of people to come in and give an hour of their time and a pint of blood." He added that the Blood Drive needs "many people to volunteer some of their time to help out."

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