Course VI to eliminate 25% of TA's

By Steve Kirsch

The character of instruction in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will be substantially altered next fall due to a referendum in the number of its teaching associates (TAs), according to Professor of Electrical Engineering Frederick H. Hill, III, executive officer of the Department.

The Department employs some 300 TAs, a large number of TAs it requires for the unique type of highly individualized instruction known as "tutorial." For the last four years, the Department has been faced with a budget that has not kept pace with the number of its students, according to Associate Dean of the School of Engineering James D. Prata '59. During this period, the Department chose to "slip into insolvency" in order to maintain the level of its educational program, insured Hill.

Tutors "are reservoirs," impotent funds that have accumulated over the years, are running out. The Department plans to reduce its 300 TAs to around 50—a level that Hill predicts can be supported by the present budget. The cut will be in two stages: half this fall and half in the spring. TAs will not be cut evenly from each subject, according to Hill. Lab subject complaints will continue to have TAs. Core courses will not tutorials.

Furthermore, lectures are fast becoming a focus in feedback systems. They may not exist next term.

Graduate school acceptances

MIT publishes favorable stats

By Barbara J. Hill

A university's reputation for turning out successful graduate school candidates is an important provision point in any student's image. It is a crucial selling point for prospective students, and therefore, if not surprising that most college and graduate schools are pigeon-holes for the ablest graduates. Sometimes, however, the facts are truly favorable, i.e., publishable, as in the cases of both MIT and Harvard.

MIT, with its penchant for producing killers, and Harvard, MIT with its penchant for producing geeks, has been widely publicized. Perhaps that's why this year's MIT and Harvard acceptance letters are so popular.

The above graph shows the number of students from MIT, Harvard, and other US schools that were accepted into graduate schools.

Loui wins new election for chairman of Dormcon

By Vivek Pai

Warren Loui '78 was elected Dormcon, Council Chairman in a new election last night. Loui defeated the incumbent, Loui, who ran against him in the previous election.

Loui had a 250-vote lead over his opponent, Loui. The election was conducted by a secret ballot. Loui, who had been a member of the council for the past two years, was re-elected with 56% of the vote.

Loui's campaign focused on improving the living conditions in the dormitory. He promised to work closely with the administration to address the concerns of the students. This year's election was one of the closest in recent memory, with Loui winning by only 250 votes.

Loui's victory was a clear victory for the candidates who had campaigned on issues such as safety, security, and infrastructure improvements.