In the news

New sculpture dedicated yesterday

By Drew Brakeman

Tony Smith's sculpture For Marjorie was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The steel red sculpture, which stands 18 feet tall and weighs 11 tons, was in front of Westgate on Wednesday.

While introducing Smith to the gathering of 100 onlookers, Provost Walter Ruemmler, president of MIT, said, "It's an affirmation of MIT's commitment to the arts. He called the sculpture a "useful and aesthetically moving work."

Speaking about his sculpture, Smith said, "This is more rational than it seems. This piece fits in a niche. He noted that a number of other works "seemed to them with their "irrationality."

"There really isn't any significance (to the sculpture)," he claimed later, "That's just the way it is." He added that he didn't want it to appear like a "real" sculpture. For Marjorie received its name as a tribute to Marjorie Eisman, a self-described "close friend of the Smith's." She explained that the original model for the sculpture was a gift to her from Smith in 1961.

The sculpture was fabricated in Newark, N.J., then dismantled and shipped to Boston, where it was stored over the winter. Some additional minor work, such as re-sodding the area underneath the sculpture and putting a final coat of paint on it, still needs to be done.

Smith feels that the Westgate site is a "perfect location" for his sculpture, noting that he spent "quite some time" finding the proper spot. According to Eisman, her model had "for MIT" stumped on the base. She wouldn't elaborate further.

Soon after the sculpture was dedicated, a group of small children began to dangle all over it. "But the evacuation Eisman exclaimed, "I think Tony must see this."

Overall reaction to For Marjorie from those in attendance appeared to be favorable. In general, most people at the ceremony made comments praising the sculpture. A demonstration, which was set to disrupt the dedication, never took place.

Ensemble and 5 students get Comptons

By Steve Kincs

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