Students seek Drop Date voice

By Benson Magolies

"The time has come for the students to show the faculty that they care about their education," stated John LosMoto '80 at a meeting of the League of Concerned Students (LCS) in East Campus's Talbot Lounge on Sunday.

About twenty students met to discuss responses to the faculty proposals on drop date, grading, and freshman pass/fail. A policy statement was drafted, declaring that the organization will try to unify student and faculty opposition to the various "restrictive" proposals now or soon to be before the faculty. The group grew out of a meeting in the Undergraduate Associates office that drafted a letter to be sent to the faculty. In addition to the letter, the LCS announced several immediate objectives:

1) Developing a statement on drop date read by a faculty member at the Dec. 21 meeting.
2) Encouraging students to attend that meeting.
3) Organizing students and faculty over FAP for the February faculty meeting.

According to a spokesman, the LCS is interested in increasing the students' ability to influence decisions affecting their own education. The text of their statement was as follows:

"We are a group of students concerned about our lack of control of our education at MIT. We have been watching with increasing apprehension as certain members of the faculty have proposed a variety of actions that would severely erode academic freedom. These include changes to drop date, grading policy, and freshman pass/fail.

"We wish to state our desire for faculty interest in these issues and increase student determination of academic policy. We call upon all interested students and faculty to press our case making our views heard."

The new structure will probably be built with student labor, Benson said.

He added that input on the new design is encouraged from any interested architecture majors. An organizational meeting for the competition is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Room 3/4.

According to the text on the phone card, "The finest Christmas cards..."