MIT adopts South Africa guidelines

By Kenneth Hamilton

The MIT Committee on Shareholder Responsibility has approved a draft of a letter written by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Sullivan Six Principles, composed of MIT and ten other colleges and universities. The letter will be sent to 200 other colleges and universities urging them to "subscribe" behind the Sullivan Principles as an ethical guideline for business activity in South Africa, and to use their leadership and influence as ethical investors in order to seek to have every American company with activities in South Africa adopt these principles.

"Most of all," the letter closes, "we ask you to contact the companies with which you do business either as an investor or purser, urging their acceptance of the Principles.

By Gordon Hunter

The MIT embargo on rhesus monkeys from India should not have much effect on MIT researchers, according to Associate Professor of Nutrition and Food Science James G. Fox, who is also the director of the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM).

Fox said he anticipates that "the embargo will be short-lived," comparing it to the 1974 embargo that MIT thought that this "repeal scenario" would have taken six to seven months.

The embargo had been announced by the Indian government last December but did not go into effect until this month, so the embargo was a "complete surprise," Fox explained.

"Since MIT has always been a leader in animal welfare issues," Fox said, "we have been preparing for this eventuality."

The training of the American veterinary medical trade is an extended, rigorous process usually involving four years of college, four of medical school, and four years of internship, and variable amounts of residency time for different specialties.

In the process, the individual is subjected to chronic stress, loss of sleep, hatred or nausea, insufferable work environments, and variable amounts of residency time for different specialties.

MIT Professor Naft-Tal is known for his work in developing new methods for treating patients, and for his important new finds on the causes of earthquakes in Japan, and for his excellent conduct in Turkey.

In its current Boston production, "The Power of Love" is a brilliant and very funny portrayal of the life of Scrooge Templeton.

A long standing tradition was once again not broken last Tuesday when the crew team won the intercollegiate competition. MIT, however, ran a very close second.

By Steve Vaughn

Rhesus monkeys such as these are used in many areas of nutritional, physiological, and psychological research. (Photo courtesy of National Institutes of Health, Division of Research Resources)

Saxton talks on minorities

By Steve Vaughn

David Saxton, the president of the University of California, urged greater support of all phases of minority education in a speech before the MIT Corporation last month.

Saxton, who is head of the University of California college system, emphasized the need for active involvement by institutions of higher education in "outreach programs" oriented toward disadvantaged students at grade school and high school levels, as a means of improving the percentage of minority applicants to college.

He cited as examples programs such as the California Higher Education Access Program (HEAP), designed by the University of California to supplement high school students' educational background and acquaint disadvantaged students with a college environment. He also mentioned the Partnership Program, instituted in 1972, which is oriented toward recruiting junior high school and high school students to college-oriented programs within their own schools.

At MIT, a program of informal classes and educational events for high school students is organized by the High School Studies Program (HSSP), a division of MIT's student-run Educational Studies Program (ESP). However, according to the staff, HSSP is achieving only a small percentage of its goals, due to lack of student interest. According to Steve Vaughn, "we have the facilities and the organization for attracting anything at all, but in any project there is some concerned student input."