**First meeting of revived GA held**

By Kent Pitman

About 150 members of the Graduate Student Union (GSU) Wednesday night — far more than had been expected — turned out to hear new GSU President Tim Morgenstern '89 announce plans for a "meeting of the minds" at the end of the term. The GSU, the first student group on campus to organize itself in the HSRC building, is expected to revive the organization, but only if student governance is made more effective. Phil Moore '77, a GSU member who attended the meeting, said that "students have struggled in vain to survive beyond Moore's term in office." Moore said that the availability of grade distribution information to MIT graduate departments would make students more grade-conscious and less self-effacing, causing undergraduates to take fewer advanced courses.

**Grading Committee reports**

By Ren Newman

Student opposition to a variety of sources praised the Ad Hoc Committee on Grading's files, released Wednesday's Tech AE. The motions, to be submitted at a vote on the October 18 faculty meeting, would meet with the redefinition of letter grades and the compilation and publication of grade distribution information "for internal MIT purposes." Oliver Committee member, Tom Davidson G8, expressed his disapproval with the form in which the latest proposals were released. "The report as released in Tech Talk does not contain any arguments either for or against these motions," Davidson commented. Newman said, "The faculty will need these arguments to make an informed decision." Further opposition to the motions came in Wednesday's meeting of the Undergraduate Association General Assembly, where UA President Barry Newman '79 commented, "I know a lot of students who are very upset about these proposals, and I'm not very happy with them either." At the same meeting, Newman unveiled his proposal to hold an "informational conference" to be held in February, to which MIT students will be invited. Newman said he will ask the GA to let the Athletic Club select the students who will represent them.

**Freshmen are politically indecisive**

By Bruce Kaplan

The results of a poll conducted of the Class of 1982 show indecisiveness over various issues concerning government and politics. The poll, conducted by the Public Policy Program at the Academic Midway, asked students' opinions about government spending, energy, foreign policy, and the candidates for President in 1980. The poll indicated that Proposition 13 was supported by 58 per cent of the incoming freshmen. California 65 per cent favored it. However, the Class of 1982 favored a fixed limit on government spending by a decisive 70 per cent. This seems to imply that a property tax cap is not the method that would meet with greater approval to bring about this limitation.

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**Professor of Political Science Walter Dean Burnham sided the students of the Public Policy Program with analyzing the results of the poll taken of freshmen political opinion at the academic midway.** (Photo by Gary Engerson)