TCA blood drive aims for 2000 pints

By Jay Glass

The spring blood drive sponsored by the Technology Community Association (TCA) and the Red Cross will take place this Friday, with a special drive co-sponsored with Draper Laboratories at Draper on March 5 preceding the regular Institute drive held on March 7 and 12-16. The Institute drive, located in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center, will operate from 9 a.m. to noon daily, except for the evening drives of March 8 and March 12 which will be open from 2:30-8:30 p.m. and the last day of the effort, March 16, when the suites and tables will be working from 1-7 p.m.

The goal for this spring’s drive, according to Blood Drive chairmen Jerry Marks ’79, is “to realize a full two-thousand pints collected, or approximately 250 pints per day. 2000 isn’t TDM.”

Appointment forms have been distributed to all living groups and throughout the Institute and Diary Labs. In order to get enough nurses and equipment from the Red Cross, blood drives must have registered enough appointments to justify their requisition of nurses and equipment. Large numbers of registered appointments allow TCA to obtain some directions of change for the TCA blood drive. In addition, the administrative support services for the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) would be moved to the branch of the DSA in order to strengthen the President’s office support of that committee. Louise Anton ’80, a CAP member, said that the DSA office already plays a large role in the CAP — as an information service, and is indicated the change would probably not affect the committee greatly.

The Counseling section of the DSA would expand to include a Student Assistance Services (SAS). Dealing more with student activities and problems, and less with academic matters and faculty relations, than the Undergraduate Academic Support Branch, Student Assistance would include increased personal counseling, increased graduate student support, and an international student advisor (currently the foreign student advisor in the Admissions Office). Simonides indicated that he was hoping to provide a full-time academic activities coordinator and minority students’ activities coordinator (distinct from the Office of Minority Education), but added that the exact scope and nature of these posts would “be dependent on the budget and personnel considerations.”

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The space shuttle trouble verified

By Hans von Spakovsky

A delay in the Space Shuttle launch date as revealed in a story by The Tech on February 16 has caused significant concern among MIT’s Science and Technology Community. The Committee on Student Life, which has been involved in the shuttle’s development program, has had to reassess its plans for the past two months due to this potential delay. The story behind the delay was written by Bob Mitchell.

Record number of applications sent

Richard Cohen

MIT Administration was confronted with the greatest number of undergraduate applications ever. The record number of 5220 applications is over 500 more than was received last year. The news was “something we’ve needed for a very long time,” she said. “Currently it’s difficult to get information to women students. It would be good to have someone to talk to.” The creation of the new CSA was reportedly prompted by a report to the CEP by Professor Sherry Turkle, chairperson of the Committee on Student Environment (CSE). Turkle requested that the duties of the CSE, currently listed in the MIT Catalog as being “concerned with student life,” be redirected to the committee a cleaner focus. The CEP then began to consider the creation of a new “Committee on Academic Performance (CAP)” which was "something we’ve needed for a long time." MIT representative would talk to individual high schools about MIT as an "incredibly reliable" one. CEP member told The Tech there is "a clear indication the CEP will dissolve the CSE.

It is hoped the new committee would improve relations between the Dean’s office and the Faculty. Numerous faculty members have indicated there is no faculty channel to the Dean’s Office. However, one member of the DSA staff reportedly expressed concern to the CEP that the creation of the new committee could be "deadly night at Feedback ’79". MIT representative would provide a women’s community coordinator, increased graduate student support, and an international student advisor (current- ly the foreign student advisor in the Admissions Office, Simonides indicated that he was hoping to provide a full-time academic activities coordinator and minority students’ activities coordinator (distinct from the Office of Minority Education), but added that the exact scope and nature of these posts would “be dependent on the budget and personnel considerations.”

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Other potential changes an- nounced by Simonides include a full-time part-time business pro- fessor for fraternities, increased support to graduate student activities, closer DSA ties to the Placement Office, and a review of the residence/orientation program.