UAP candidates discuss election platforms

By Tom Curtis
Editor's note: At last Thursday's UAP Forum, the four UAP candidates expressed their views on a variety of topics ranging from campus activities to financial aid. Here is a brief summary of what was said.

Campus Communication

Steve Forman '80/Terry Hammond '80: They say they are concerned about the "enormous amount of fragmentation" they see on campus. To attack this problem, they would increase campus communications by organizing several large campus-wide events such as a Homecoming in the fall and a picnic during Kaledoscope. Forman said he would like to see some kind of winter festival, which might be held in cooperation with another school like Wellesley. They would also like to increase alumni-student interaction in order to build student pride in MIT.

Jon Hakala '81/Chuck Markham '81: They want to improve the student environment by increasing the lounge space in the Student Center. Hakala says he has been trying to improve the student environment by sending women letters encouraging them to come to MIT. Markham suggested a system whereby students could exchange living groups for two weeks as a way of helping the student environment.

Mary Rorabaugh '80/Tim McManus '80: They emphasize the need for stronger communications. They would strengthen the open forum on the social life of students. McManus would like to organize a Homecoming for next fall. John Binsgamo '81/Raymond Mertz '80: Binsgamo says he wants to be a "UAU who listens to the people." He is not happy with what he sees as a "feeling of distance between the UA office and actual students." He plans to get student input by going to the students in their rooms and talking to them.

Student gov't. changes

Binsgamo: He would like to hold GA meetings around campus in dormitories and fraternity halls. Rorabaugh: She says she would be more likely to get people to come to GA meetings if she could improve the student environment by sending women letters encouraging them to come to MIT. Markham suggested a system whereby students could exchange living groups for two weeks as a way of helping the student environment.

Compulsory commons

Hakala: He is "absolutely against" forced commons for freshmen. Forman: He says commons cost too much and the food is not very good.

Forman/Hammond

"There is no real campus social focal point," said Steve Forman '80. He and his running mate Gerry Hammond '80 would gear their terms in office around improving the social life on campus. (Please turn to page 3)

Sterling Swan stars in the MIT Musical Theater Guild's production of Oklahoma, which continues this weekend. (Photo by Gordon Halff)