New constitution offered

By Joni McIntets

The decision to run the picture of a Tech member on the front page of Thursday's News, according to one Tech editor, was: "Just as this year's crop of Tech readers are outstanding, so were the Tech editors. We hope this tradition continues in the future." The picture was selected by the out-going student body to illustrate the new constitution which will change the structure of student government.

The major changes are as follows:

A) The General Assembly membership will no longer be a living group based. Rather, a GA member will be selected by having 30 undergraduates sign his petition.

B) The Nomination Committee will become the Nominating Committee (NEC). Under its proposed bylaws, new members, currently selected by the outgoing NEC, will be selected by a vote from people who indicated interest to the GA. The GA could determine the NEC majority vote of those NEC members cast and voting.

C) The Steering Committee of the GA would become a more powerful group than the Administrative Committee which it would replace. It would be set up to meet for meetings and in addition has presidential veto power over the actions of the GA.

Chuck Markham '81, the U.AVP, says he hopes that the new constitution will once again make the GA an effective governing body. He said he and Jonathan Hakala '81, the U.AVP, "although many of its critics say it is too vague. Chris Wheeler '81, SCC chairman and a member of NomComm, would not be taken care of in the bylaws since the proposed constitution does not mention them.

Reactions to the proposed constitution have been various:

By John McIntert

Editor's Note: This article is an attempt to present the student body's reaction to the new constitution in the form of articles submitted by members of the U.AVP and TCA. The U.AVP and TCA members were selected by a vote of the student body to represent the various groups involved in the drafting of the new constitution. The articles were submitted in response to the question: "What do you think about the proposed new constitution?"

Robert Fripp, a former member of King Crimson, has been rumored to be a leading contender for the position of General Assembly chairman. He has been involved in the drafting of the new constitution and has been quoted as saying: "I don't think the new constitution is perfect, but I do think it is an improvement over the old one."

By Leigh J. Passman

The MIT Committee on the Visual Arts (CA) is presently sponsoring an annual student art loan program. More than 150 framed prints and posters will be lent to full-time registered MIT students for the academic year at no cost to the student. The prints and posters are on exhibition in the Hayden Gallery, through Friday September 14. Students can view the art works and register for the loan program 10am-4pm daily and Wednesday 10am-4pm. A variety of prints and art works are represented. Lithographs, silk screen woodcuts and etchings are works by Abner, Arp, Calder, Johns, Kelly, Kollwitz, Dine, Haring, Grossett, Stella, and other contemporary artists available.

The deadline for registering is September 14. Anyone having questions may call the CA at 938-5923.