Students to get free MFA passes

By Laura Fairle
MIT I.D. cards will serve as passes for Boston's Museum of Fine Arts for "hopeful-ly beginning in November," according to Undergraduate Asso-ciation (UA) Vice President Nick Adams. The free membership to the Museum of Fine Arts is a good idea that had been kicking around for years, said Adams, who is the organizer of the program. The regular admission charge for stu-dents is $2.50 a day, he added.

The museum is giving MIT a college discount membership of $7,500 a year, said Adams. Other colleges which have membership to the museum include Tufts University, Boston University and Massachusetts College of Arts. Adams has spoken to the president of Wellesley College about having a blanket membership to the museum for its students as well.

The $7,500 a year membership will be funded within the In-stitute, said the Assistant of MIT's Council for Arts, Deborah Hoover. The UA Finance Board, Graduate Student Council and an anonymous contributor have each pledged $500, and the Department of Architecture and Planning is putting in $500 for each student. Hoover finds the Five Degrees of Success "extremely enthusiastic" and hopes that they will make significant donations. She added that the Council of Arts will make a substantial con-tri-bution.

Adams feels that many students will take advantage of the free ad-ministration. The total number of MIT students who will visit the museum will be around at the entrance, and after four years the Council of Arts will review these figures to see whether the program should be continued, explained Adams.

The idea for the free museum membership for the MIT student body was first initiated by Adams in the beginning of the summer. He wrote the proposal for the Council of Arts, and then he contacted him that the issue could not be brought up until October. However, Adams persistently continued to push the Council of Arts through the summer, and with the help of a volunteer fund-raiser on the Council of Arts, the grants for the program may be obtained sooner than projected.