Inauguration: reactions mixed

By Julia Tao

"They spent $200,000, part of which was my tuition, for THAT!... our suit boycotts the whole thing. I think it was worth the money — though I might be the only person on campus who thinks so..."

These comments were typical of the mixed student opinions heard around campus during the President's Inauguration and the inaugural events of the past week. "Although a lot of the people I've talked to thought that too much money was spent on the inauguration, I didn't think that it would be overdone," remarked Ann Tuliselle '81. Other students agreed. "They did what they had to do to inaugurate a president. None of the activities were overly extravagant," said another stu-

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This week was devoted to thinking about what we are, what we mean, our role, and where we are going. Here, "we" does not mean students or faculty. "We" means MIT, that place and that institution in the history of this country and has meant so much to so many differ-

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A world problem of security. He stated that the need for new technologies has arisen from the need to develop cheap, safe, and secure alternatives to the scarce resources of the Middle East. Hitch also pointed out that serious development efforts influence the Middle East to get their decreasing oil supplies out of the ground with less reluctance.

In discussing these problems, Hitch divided all energy technologies into two well-defined groups: those that produce fuels, and those that produce electricity. Hitch noted that the fuel group is virtually free of these problems. He felt that President Carter deserves great credit for his role in what Hitch sees as the "single most important action" ensuring this freedom, that of deregulation of oil and gas prices. The time and power of oil companies, with deregulation, provides them with the technological and financial capability to work on new fuel technologies.

The electricity group, however, is so cramped by these problems that both the development of new and the advancement of old technologies has stopped. According to Hitch, this is the result of the private ownership of too many small, unintegrated utilities and of state regulation based on historical cost in environment of widely inflating capital costs. He noted that this is an almost American problem and felt that the best of the many pos-

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He recognized the high-pressure environment that exists at MIT, and asked the audience to "consider the possible benefits of more time for contemplation, for pursuit of interests and activities outside the professional realm, and for developing friendships and a sense of community."

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