Faculty votes to table WI motion

By Tony Zamparutti

The faculty, in a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, ended a two-hour debate on the Whitehead Institute after taking a motion to expose approval of MIT's conduct of negotiations thus far.

Robert Mann, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, said, "We [the faculty] would like to be informed, provide some input, raise some questions, work out some objections." He noted, "We are not talking about a relationship between the biology department and MIT, we are talking about a relationship between MIT and the Whitehead Institute." Gray observed that relevant academic parts of the agreement with WI will be presented to the faculty.

Robert I. Hulseizer Jr., Professor of Physics, noted, "In the past, the faculty has not either wanted nor been asked to run the Institute." He then moved to table the motion, which would have amounted to tacit endorsement of MIT's conduct of negotiations thus far, to allow for further discussion among the faculty.

Gray opened the faculty meeting by saying, "Detailed discussion of this proposal has not been far enough along for the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation to act on this.

Gray observed that the Corporation will consider the issue of the Whitehead Institute at its meeting today, but no final action will be taken.

The Whitehead Institute, Gray said at the beginning of the meeting, is "not a matter which will be brought to the faculty for an up or down vote." Later in the meeting, however, Gray asked the faculty if they wished to vote on the matter.

David Baltimore, Institute Professor and Director-Provost of the Whitehead Institute, outlined to the faculty the presentation he will give at today’s Corporation meeting. "MIT will be reviewing the recent assessment DNA research regardless of the fate of the Whitehead Institute," said Baltimore. MIT has, however, a limited ability to provide for new faculty and facilities for such research, declared Baltimore. "We will see if life science institutes, said Baltimore, which will be "wholly divorced from commercial activities.”

Sheldon Perman, Professor of Biology, raised several objections to the Whitehead Institute, "If there's an imposition of 31 odd faculty members is a significant imposition on our department... I do not see any department should be saddled with an appen-

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Dormline to add 4 new tie lines

By Jon D. Morrow

Heavy usage of MIT's dormline telephone (dormline) system and the addition of 276 new extensions at 400 Memorial Drive have resulted in the planned installation of four new tie lines connecting dormline telephones to those on the Information Center system, according to MIT Telecommunications Technical Manager Dennis Barry.

"We are planning on putting in additional circuits," reported Barry, "The way things are going," he continued, "we would probably put them in for the beginning of IAP [Independent Activities Period], which begins on January 4, 1982. "As soon as we put some information we need from the [New England Telephone Company], we will place the order with them," he indicated.

There are 2,925 telephones in the dormline system and 10 lines are currently available for research. Center 125 exchanged telephone from dormline (125 exchanged) and vice versa, according to Barry. If all 10 lines are in use, a caller attempting to dial from one system may hear a busy signal, and the call will not be completed, noted Barry.

The addition of the 10 new tie lines will necessitate "digging up the streets," Barry explained, "and everything will have to be faxed down the cables," according to New England Telephone Company Service Representative Lisa Kelly. "Each cable is designed to hold a limited amount of calls and the problem is that MIT's cables are already full to capacity," Kelly explained.

Nothing is being planned to alleviate the current outgoing streams, however, according to Barry. Dormline users share eight outside lines, which may all be in use at times, especially after 11pm and on weekends when long-distance rates are lower. "As far as I know, the last time we did a study on it, there was no need for any more outside lines," declared Barry. "We will be doing a new study sometime during this year to determine how many outside lines are needed and if the students will use them and how much we will add to the system.

MIT to get homeownership

By Laura Farhie

A homeownership queen elected by MIT students will be an addition to this year’s Homecoming Homecoming Weekend, October 22-23.

The only criteria for the homeownership queen is that she be a student. This year, a queen will be chosen according to the same criteria as the "ladies in court." The queen will be elected by the faculty of the homecoming committee throughout the weekend's events, said Olivo.

The MIT Social Council decided to have a homeownership queen because "it is an event that virtually every campus has," explained Olivo. "We are trying to make this homeownership [a] more traditional event." The MIT Social Council is invited to express their opinions about the prospect of a homeownership queen at a forum held by the MIT Social Council this Tuesday at 5pm in Room 10-250.

Panellists at SCEP’s forum Wednesday night included (left to right) Associate Professor Margery Reinicke, Lecturer Saunders, Professor Felix Villares, and Professor Morton Flinnings. (Photo by Jesse Casadei)

SCEP debates curriculum

By Sam Cable

At a meeting held Wednesday night, the Student Committee on Educational Policy discussed the recommendations of the Peace and Program Subcommittee to the Committee on Educational Policy regarding changes in freshman year/fall, assignment of credit units, and departmental requirements.

The subcommittee has proposed three major changes to the structure of education at MIT, restricting departmental requirements to 14 or 15 subjects, replacing the current method of assigning units with a system in determining "preparation hours" to be included in credit units, and perceptions that the many nine-semester Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences courses are "second-class" in comparison with the twelve-unit science courses.

Representing the subcommittee at the meeting were Morton Flinnings, chairman, and Associate Professor Margery Reinicke. Professor Felix Villares, Chairman of the Faculty and the Committee on Educational Policy, was also present.

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