Faculty debates WI proposal

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day where the tail very much was the dog," said Penman.

The Biology Department may lose three major professors to WI: David Baltimore, Robert Weinberg, and Harvey Lodish, whose replacements will be hard to find, claimed Penman.

Penman added, "Many of us think the use of recombinant DNA is a fad."

Provost Francis Low said that the "opportunity for MIT is in the life sciences." WI will "give a flavor to MIT which we have not had before. . . It will bring un¬graduates into that area and depolarize the pull of engineering," declare Low.

Jerome Lettin, Professor of Biology, raised the question of WI patents. "I think on the whole engineering," declare Low.

Boris Magasanik, Professor of Biology, said that although he had initial doubts about the Whitehead Institute, he now sup¬ports the arrangement. Magasanik added that in the past "any new proposal [in the Biology department] was opposed by Mr. Penman. . . I would have been very worried if Mr. Penman had been in favor of the Whitehead Institute."

Gene Brown, Chairman of the Biology Department, said he did "not want to tell everybody that there were no concerns" about WI in the Biology Department. There is a "spectrum of opinions" in the department, said Brown. "The fact is, only three people have said they are opposed" to the Whitehead Institute, claimed Brown.

Penman replied "it is untrue we are the only three" opposing WI. He also took exception to Magasanik’s comment about his claimed opposition to all progres¬sive measures considered by the biology department in the past.

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