UAP strives to honor promises

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The Undergraduate Association (UAP) is still attempting to meet campaign commitments made last March, according to UAP President John E. DeRubinis '83, but many projects still remain in discussion and planning stages.

DeRubinis's proposal for a Harcourt/MIT Shuttlebus pass for MIT students has been scrapped, he said, "because we're working on a campus bus." The UA is also planning to make a proposal to the MBTA for a transit system-wide discount for college students, DeRubinis added.

"What I want to do with the MBTA," said DeRubinis, "is basically get a student rate." The UAP discussed his plan with President Paul E. Gray '54, who "said, as far as he saw it, there would be no problem and that I should talk with some members of the faculty in Urban Planning," DeRubinis recounted.

"The idea behind the campus bus is that it will be a service—not a convenience. We want to probably charge fifteen cents or a quarter during the day and have free service at night—the hope being that the morning will pay for the evening service." The MIT Planning Office, The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, and Campus Police all support the plan, he said, because it "will take the load off the CP's, so the CP's don't have to keep escorting people." DeRubinis had no estimate of when the shuttle might begin operation.

The Center for Alternative Scholarship Help (CASH), a UA clearinghouse for information about scholarships available from sources outside the Institute, is also not yet operational. "Bob Wallace '82, UA Special Projects Coordinator, has just set up his special projects teams," said DeRubinis, "and in channelling people to the different committees—one of them being CASH!" He also noted, "Wallace doesn't have a coordinator for it yet!"

Another project which was suggested in DeRubinis's campaign, but has not been implemented is UA President (UAP) John E. DeRubinis '83, but many projects still remain in discussion and planning stages.

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"Mubarak was the individual with the most influence in Egypt outside of Sadat," Khoury said. "It's indicative of his strength that both the opposition and his own party agreed unanimously on his nomination (for President)."

With the death of their mentor, the Egyptian-Israeli accord seems at Camp David may be endangered. To reassure Israel and other nations as to the intentions of the new government, Presidential nominee Mubarak declared Wednesday that Egypt "will honor its treaties and commitments." Khoury was pessimistic about the prospects of fulfilling the treaty. "I think that the [Sadat and Israel's] Minister of Defence knew it was already doomed -- I think the US government also knew it, but the won't admit it." "Sadat desperately wanted the US to put some pressure on Israel to consider the Palestinian question," said Khoury.

Khoury expects foreign affairs to occupy a position secondary to economic issues on the new Egyptian government. "They are concerned about what happens to the Palestinians — but they have to think of themselves first."