THE ART OF BLACK DANCE AND MUSIC, at Kregau Auditorium, Oct. 16

Generating more enthusiasm than a tempest, the Art of Black Dance and Music Company brought a near-capacity crowd to its feet more than once during the troupe's exhilarating performance in Kregau Auditorium last Saturday night.

With the audience cheering and dancing at their seats, the company put on a show of incredible strength, endurance and creativity. The rhythmic and fervent drumming of the drummers and the energetic and spirited dancing of the dancers sent the audience into a fit of excitement.

The performance was an amazing one. Although the show began with a somewhat slow but meaningful start, the pace picked up very quickly and never slowed for nearly 2½ hours, when the show came to an end. The company didn't just leave the audience with a good feeling and the thrill of having seen an excellent performance, but also gave all those in attendance an educational experience.

The program spanned far and wide, depicting many aspects of the history of black art and civilization. The numbers performed brought the audience a taste of not only Africa, but also Haiti, Bahia, and Brazil, to mention America. Although the mention of the word "baileiro" might have led some to expect tuts and tights, only once were a pair of leotards seen. De Ama Battle, founder and artistic director of the company, and the troupe brought a new meaning to the word "baileiro."

Highlights of the evening included "Le Balla Haitian," "Sambo," "Boka N'dey," "Drum Call" and "Ancestral Rhythms."

"Drum Call," one of the two solo numbers by the musicians of the company, marked the climax of the entire performance, driving the audience to jump, shout, clap and dance to the rhythmic beat. This number paved the way for the most energetic and breathtaking of the company's numbers, "Boka N'dey," a ballet to black ancestors and the strength of men. This number was especially exciting because of the incredible acrobatic feats, not to mention the heights of the number, which put the audience in a state of awe.

The troupe must be commended for the balance of the program. Both the musical and dance aspects, as well as the cultural experience, played equal roles in the show's success. Overall, the show exceeded excitement and enthusiasm. It was definitely an exhilarating experience.

Robaire Warren

DORMCON

The Dormitory Council will be electing their Secretary/Treasurer at a meeting on Thursday, October 22, in room 400 of the Student Center at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in the position call David Scrimshaw at 225-8484.

HOMECOMING

This weekend is the Homecoming celebration. The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 21: Ice Cream Orgy (Student Center)
- Friday, Oct. 22: Grad Student Drinkoff (DKE, DU, BTP, Ashdown)
- Friday, Oct. 23: Afternoon Club Pup Rally (Kensee Oval)
- Semifinal Hip Hop Dance (Boston Park Plaza Hotel)
- Midnight Madness Party (BTP)
- Saturday, Oct. 24: Band Blast ("IMAGE")
- DuPont Games
- Sunday, Oct. 25: MIT Homecoming Classics 1883 8.5 mile road race
- Alley Rally (Amherst Allies)

FRESHMAN COUNCIL

The second meeting of the Freshman Council will be on Sunday, October 25, at 7:30 pm at PH Delta Theta Beta (Regnbu Rd). At the first meeting we set some goals for this year. If you missed the first meeting, you can still get in on the organization of the council. See you Sunday!

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

The Student Committee on Educational Policy will be holding its next meeting on Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 pm in room W20-400 (Student Center). Any questions call Lesley Laughlin — 838-2696.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The second General Assembly (GA) meeting of the fall term will be in room 4-163 beginning at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 22. Refreshments will be served at 7:15 pm. The topic of this meeting will be the general assembly's position on the Whitehead Institute. There will also be elections for the committee chairmanships.

Positions for the committee chairmanships will be selected at the Thursday 22 GA meeting. Nominations for the five positions as well as floor leader are open until 5:30 pm October 22. Nominations may be called in to 235-2916 or placed in room W20-401, the UA office. The position for committee chairman on Community Action has no nominations as of October 17.

Get Involved

During September, we are involved in organizing and planning for the coming year. We have lots of projects available. Now is the time to join us, elect your own committee, and commit to your position's goals. We need qualified volunteers to help. You'll find it easy to get involved, and you'll make new friends and develop valuable managerial skills and talents. It's rewarding to make a difference at MIT.

STOP BY

The UA has many projects in the works. Please call or stop by if you have any ideas or would like to help. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact John DeMullin (UAP), Ken Dumas (UAVP), Joyce Pollock (Secretary General) or Bob Wallace (Special Projects Director). The UA office is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, Room W20-401. Phone 838-2896.

HELLO!

The UA News appears regularly in the campus media. The Undergraduate Association uses it as a way of communicating important issues to the student body. Many opportunities for involvement and formal meeting notices will be posted in the UA News. Deliver all items to the UA Office, Room 401 of the Student Center.

Space is available to campus organizations for announcements. All submissions should be sent to the UA News Editor on the Friday prior to the issue in which the announcement is to appear. Deliver all items to the UA Office, Room 401 of the Student Center.

BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Technology Community Association (TCA) is looking for volunteers to work on this fall's MIT Red Cross Blood Drive. Anyone interested in scheduling appointments or staffing the donor center is urged to call or drop by the TCA office downtown from 4:00-4:50 of the Student Center (x-7919) as soon as possible, to give some more advance notice and make this blood drive successful!

COMCOM

The Dormitory Commons Committee was organized last spring to help the dorms and the Dining Advisory Board work together for improving commons. Anyone interested in being on this committee should come to the organizational meeting on Monday, October 26, at 7:00 pm in the Baker Master Suite Lounge. If you have any questions contact Cindy Boulanger at di 7281.

Are you using up your mandatory commons minimum requirement? As a regular service, the Dormcom Commons Committee will post what your balance should be each week. If your point plan is higher than your minimum, just add $1 per point to your current minimum balance. Your expected balance is as of Wednesday, October 27.

- 300 Plan — $196
- 310 Plan — $196
- 320 Plan — $200
- 330 Plan — $202

TRAILBLAZING

All students are invited to the organizational meeting for this year's Trailblazing on Wednesday, October 14, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Bush room. (Trailblazing is a program that allows students to meet alumni from MIT and discuss professional goals.) Students who are interested in volunteering to help run this year's program are urged to attend this meeting.