

Feature

MIT students to work to promote ERA ratification

By Vanessa Cruz

"Now is the time to give your time and efforts to have the ERA [Equal Rights Amendment] ratified," claims M. C. Yee '82, a member of the recently organized ERA Action Team on campus whose main goal is to recruit volunteers to work for the ERA. As part of the National Organization of Women [NOW] Missionary Campaign, these volunteers will travel to Florida during Independent Activities Period [IAP] to work actively with NOW leaders in an effort to have the ERA ratified by this state. Meanwhile, the ERA Action Team on campus is active, providing information to the MIT community and raising funds to pay for the missionaries' travel expenses.

Among their present activities are weekly meetings and an information booth in the lobby of Building 10. These undertakings emphasize the importance of the ERA ratification and arouse passive supporters. According to Beth Lalonde, one of the team

members: "People in MIT are mainly passive supporters; they are willing to help, but they don't know what they can do."

This movement on campus is not an isolated effort, but is part of the NOW ERA College Campus Project whose purpose is to organize Action Teams in colleges and universities and which has been especially successful in Massachusetts. There are ERA Action Teams currently in many universities such as Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University, Smith College, and Wellesley College. According to Yee, "MIT is the only place where there are men working in the action team." She declared, "There are as many men as women in our group. I think this says a lot for the students in this school."

The ERA must be ratified by three more states before June, 1982 in order to become part of the Constitution. "If it is not ratified now, it will take a long time before we get to this point again," Yee concluded.

Announcements

Registration Material for the second term will be available for all regular students in lobby of Building 10 Monday, November 30 and Tuesday, December 1.

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Anyone interested in joining the **ERA Action Team** can attend their next meeting which will be held on December 1 at 6pm in the Margaret Cheney Room (3-310) or request further information in the ERA Action Team booth in the lobby of Building 10.

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Math Tutors are needed for MIT's **Secondary Technical Education Project (STEP)**. Students (work-study eligible and non work-study) are needed to tutor students at the Umana Harbor School of Science and Technology (Boston Public Schools) in Basic Math (grades 7 & 8), Geometry, Algebra I, and II and Trigonometry. Tutoring sessions will take place at The Umana School during regular

school hours. Hourly rate: \$4.95/hr. For an application please contact Robert C. Hayden, STEP - Director, MIT 20B-129, 18 Vassar St., Cambridge, MA 02139, 253-7063.

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Off Campus

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