State of the Union

States to control $47b in programs

By Stephanie Pollack

In last night’s State of the Union address, President Ronald Reagan proposed to “make our system of federation work again” through the return of some $47 billion in Federal programs to states and local government, together with the means to finance them.

The President plans to phase in the program over 10 years. The Federation will then be a partnership, with each state assuming full responsibility for the costs of its own programs. The $47 billion would become a permanent feature of the Federal budget, with states simultaneously taking care of the Federal programs.

The President has proposed to the General Assembly (OD>SA) a bill to create a joint Federal-State Board to oversee its subor-
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Developers sought for Simplex

By Richard Salt

MIT has decided to start soliciting developers for the Simplex site, according to Laura Farhi.

The first year of the [Reagan] Administration has made it a very good situation considerably worsen,” according to Institute Professor Robert Solow.

Solow’s assessment matches the pessimistic views on the current state of the country of several economists, political scientists, who gave President Ronald Reagan high marks for his economic policies.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan made the [Simp] site, where a [Reagan] administration is headquartered, a variance for the MIT Real Estate Office.

One of the major concerns of the Simplex Committee has been the number of low-income housing units in MIT’s announced plans for the site. As presently zoned, housing could be built in a hundred foot deep strip along Brookline Avenue.

An important measure in zoning plans if the Floor Area Ratio (FAR), the ratio of constructed floor space to average parking space is not included in the calculation. Technology Square, noted Trussell, has an FAR of about two. The Simplex land is zoned with a maximum FAR of four.

“We’re not going to recommend that the site be fully developed to the four level,” said Trussell. The deputy developer’s kit will recommend an FAR of around two.

MIT has since hired a consulting firm to prepare a packet of information which will be sent to MIT.

CAP asks 41 to withdraw, warns 187

By Ivan Feng

In its end-of-term actions last week, the Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) asked 41 students to withdraw from MIT and placed 187 on academic warning, according to Ivan Feng, and placed 187 on academic warning, according to Ivan Feng.

Both Dickson and CAP Chairman Judson R. Barlow 49 commented that these numbers and percentages were not abnormally high or low, although Dickson noted that individuals with different causes.

The two main functions of the Committee are to review undergraduate academic records at the end of the term, and “to make sure there is some sort of uniformity in minimum academic standards between departments,” explained Dickson.

Twelve students have been flagged to the Registrar for a term Rating of less than 3.0 or if the Registrar's decision is not accepted, a deferred decision letter, or required to withdraw.

The “CAP tries to go along with the department, but will change the recommendation if we feel it’s not reasonable given the student’s record,” said Dickson.

“The CAP is a moderating agent… the individual department looks at both the student’s grades and grade history,” noted Barlow.

The CAP actions do not appear on the student’s permanent transcript and are not meant to be punitive measures but rather helping mechanisms, according to Dickson.

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ODSA examines UA and ASA

By Laura Farhi

Students and administrators discussed how the activities report to one another and to student government at a luncheon Monday sponsored by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (OD>SA).

Dean for Student Affairs Sheryl McKay noted two important activities the General Assembly (GA) needs to “get its act together” to oversee its subor-

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US Congressman Barney Frank and Professors David Balduzzi and Sarah Tescher spoke on the se-

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