**Joint degree discussed**

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MIT and Wellesley College are negotiating a five-year joint bachelor of science/bachelor of arts degree program.

The program might be available only to a small number of Wellesley students, according to Professor Robert J. Silbey, chairman of the MIT-Wellesley Joint Committee.

MIT students may not be able to participate in the program because currently "Wellesley can only award degrees to women," Silbey said. "We didn't think it would be productive to set up a program in which only MIT women could participate."

"I want to stress, however, that all this is just in the talking stage," Silbey said.

Under the program, a small number of interested Wellesley students would apply for transfer admission to MIT after their junior years, according to Silbey. They would follow the same admissions process at all other transfer applicants.

Wellesley Class of 1984 Dean Molly Campbell emphasized, "We're just putting together a proposal. Nothing is etched in stone." Campbell is a member of the liaison committee discussing the joint degree program.

"The model I see," Silbey said, "would have a Wellesley student in her second year start gearing her program toward (transfer) and might transfer to MIT at the end of her third year."

Silbey expected only a few Wellesley students to enroll in the proposed program. "Most of the people I've talked to understand the smallness of the program," he said, "so it won't be a big change. The number of Wellesley students involved "will be absolutely less than ten."