**Faculty to discuss CEP plan tomorrow**

By Tony Zamparini

This morning, the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) recommendations on the freshman year are expected to be circulated. The CEP report would take effect immediately upon faculty approval.

"I am not aware of any kind of discourse among the faculty" about the proposal, Felix Villanueva, director of residence life, said. The CEP proposal is "by their view a minor deviation from the plan," he added.

The CEP last month recommended a formalized system of hidden grades for all freshmen in the spring term, along with new evaluation forms for the end of fall term. The fall term forms would use a "check-box" system to evaluate freshman performance.

Both the Undergraduate Association General Assembly and the Student Committee on Educational Policy oppose the CEP plan for hidden grades at the end of spring semester. The two bodies recommended the present system of evaluation forms be replaced with a faculty-initiated "check-box" system.

"Even though the CEP plan is encroaching on pass/fail, it is probably defending it," Villanueva said, "because a lot of professors want to do away with [pass/fail]."

Both MacVicar and Vandiver are members of the CEP.

"The last time there was a serious proposal to alter pass/fail there was a good deal of student discussion and faculty interaction about the proposal," noted Louis Messier III, Special Assistant to the Provost, "I have not heard any discussion from the faculty on the proposal at all."

Mathematics Professor Arthur Mattuck said he had informally discussed the CEP plan with other faculty members. "The people I've spoken to support it and I suppose they'll go and vote for it."

"One man had a switchblade," Ferrell said he knew some self-defense methods, according to Kenneth L. Moll '85 of KS, but had been taught how to disarm a man with a weapon in his right hand. The assailant held the switchblade in his left hand. Moll continued, and when Ferrell resisted, he was stabbed. Moll said he heard, shortly before 9 pm, a man scream and saw two tall men, one on a bicycle, and Ferrell standing on Memorial Drive outside Kappa Sigma.

The victim ran toward Burton House shouting for help. Moll continued, then ran back toward Kappa Sigma.

**ODSA examines SCC**

By Ron Norman

The new $140,000 Student Center Committee (SCC) budget has faced debate over the role of the group's money and the committee's purpose.

The offer of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) report to the MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs, released last Friday, raised specific questions regarding issues related to the Undergraduate Association (UA) and the Student Center Committee (SCC).

"Much discussion has revolved around the role of the SCC, the use of its unallocated reserves, its relationship with the UA, and to the Student Center as a program in and of itself," the report states.

Several other questions in the report were raised by SCC in its response to the UA's annual spring elections.

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The assisants fled east on Memorial Drive, he said. He and two other KS members brought Ferrell into the house.

Moll said Ferrell had a severe hand wound and had been stabbed in the side. Another KS member called the Campus Police while Moll attempted to address the suspects.

None of the equipment was taken. Neither he nor other witnesses would be able to identify the suspects, Moll said.

An ambulance took Ferrell to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was put under respiratory intensive care, Glavin said.

**Slaughter addresses blacks**

By Will Doherty

The Tenth-Annual MIT Black Students' Conference on Science held last weekend offered a forum for prominent blacks from a variety of fields in science and engineering, Friday and Saturday.

Participants in the conference included students, staff, alumni and prominent black leaders, like Dr. John B. Slaughter, director of the National Science Foundation.

Slaughter, the first black director of the National Science Foundation, was the conference's keynote speaker. He addressed two major themes: tapping underrepresented human resources and combating serious education problems in science and technology.

Stressing that "minorities are a part of the pool of human resources that have not seized the opportunities that are available to them," Slaughter seemed optimistic for the future. "For well-educated women and minorities, job prospects are continuing to improve."

Minorities accounted for only four percent of the entire workforce, six percent of the bachelor's degrees, four percent of the graduate degrees and less than two percent of the students and participants in science and engineering, Slaughter said.

In 1978, women occupied less than 10 percent of the jobs available, Slaughter said. "The higher the education level, the higher the dropout rate," he lamented. Dr. Slaughter advised students at the dinner to continue their education beyond a bachelor's degree because "we're going to need all the minority graduates we can get to fill those places."

Slaughter concluded his remarks by affirming, "Yes, there is a place for the black experience in science and technology."

John B. Turner, associate dean of the Graduate School, pointed out that 14 years ago a black undergraduate could "walk for miles before finding a person of color" on the MIT campus. He was quick to add, however, "we've come a long way since 1967."