By Tony Zamparutti
A state referendum question on nuclear power plants and nuclear waste disposal could pose a significant threat to MIT activities and "other institutions' activities in the state," Provost Daniel S. Low warned at Wednesday's faculty meeting.

Question three on the Massachusetts ballot November 2 would declare a moratorium on waste disposal sites. A state referendum question on low-level nuclear waste disposal sites.

Most public debate on the refer-

endum has concentrated on its first provision, the moratorium on new power plants.

"I think it is something we should vote against and talk against," Low said.

MIT and many other Massachusetts institutions send radioactive waste to the state of Washington for disposal. Federal regulations "will allow . . . other states to declare moratoriums," Administration Protection Officer Francis X. Macone told the faculty.

In effect, producers of radioactive waste will have to find disposal sites in the region.

Many other Massachusetts institutions generate low-level radioactive waste.

The UROP office took steps two years ago to encourage faculty support of undergraduate research, and budget cuts have not yet affected the program, according to Associate Professor Margaret R. MacVicar, Director of UROP.

The Institute provides UROP students with $250,000 annually from unrestricted funds. MacVicar noted. The major source of funding—$1.1 million last year—was research budgets.

Faculty support for UROP rose from $73,000 nine years ago to its current level, MacVicar continued. Although federal funding of MIT research dropped recently, she said it has not yet (Please turn to page 5)

The faculty discussed proposed changes in freshman evaluation policies Wednesday but did not vote on the plan presented by the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP). Discussion of the plan should continue at November's faculty meeting.

Debate centered on the CEP's plan for a formalized system of hidden grades in spring term. Although the CEP has the power to enact many of the proposed provisions and "to conduct experiments," Chairman of the Faculty M. H. Villard would not allow the faculty to vote on the proposal. Professor Harvey Sapolisky said Sappho, Associate Chairman of the Faculty, chaired Wednesday's meeting because Villard was absent due to illness.

The CEP also recommended new freshman evaluation forms for the end of fall term. The fall term forms would use a "check-box" system to evaluate freshman performance.

Hidden grades, Professor Arthur C. Smith '55 claimed, "Another mechanism is the registrar's grade sheet."

Under present regulations, institutions would initiate evaluation forms for freshmen that do not submit them.

"The faculty has failed in the primary form of evaluation," Professor Robert I. Hulsizer, Jr., PhD '48 declared. "I think it is ridiculous to invent an internal grade sheet just because the faculty can't fill out the forms."

"The existence of letter grades should not be unduly traumatic" to freshmen, Smith claimed. In addition, the hidden freshman grades will be useful when students meet with their sophomore advisors, he said.

"Up until the CEP report appeared in the Undergraduate Association presented to the faculty. The UAP has speaking rights at faculty meetings.

Students have not, therefore, (Please turn to page 2)