Is MIT worth it?

"We deal here with something embedded in the structure of MIT. One cannot legislate instructors know students better... They don't have the time." Professor Felix Villar, Chairman of the MIT Faculty, at Wednesday's monthly meeting.

This past Wednesday faculty members present at their monthly meeting voted overwhelmingly to endorse the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) recommendations to alter grading policy for the freshman year significantly. Although I strongly disagree with both the CEP's assertions and the faculty's endorsement of them, the faculty did have several legitimate concerns about the old system's operations. What is most disturbing about Wednesday's meeting, however, is that only two members of the MIT faculty, Political Science Professor Michael Lipsky and Associate Professor of Physics Margaret Leventhal, voted against the new grading philosophy. Professor of Political Science Michael Lipsky and Associate Professor of Political Science Professor Michael Lipsky and Associate Professor of Physics Margaret Leventhal, voted against the new grading philosophy. His reason? He claimed the student life. After all, even as MIT continues to tighten its belt, the student's assertion.

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"When I sit down and hear them bash my teammates, it makes me feel like we're playing for others -- the 20 go-to coaches, the trainers -- and that's it." -- Frank, New York Daily News, 11/5/82

The headline for the News article. "Bowing fans draw straw from Frank," gagged me worse than the free "coffee" at Eastern Airlines' Sky Bar terminal in New York City where I read it. Frank is unhappy because the Lakers are getting razzed from the cheap seats at the Garden. But that a pity. Frank is being paid hand-and-foot at a year. He has placed in only half the games this season. He has more penalty minutes than points. In the game which so annoyed Frank's ire, the Edmonton Oilers beat the Rangers by 9-2.

Now for those of you to whom hockey talk mokes as much sense as Sockers, this all means that Forek and the Rangers are playing very badly. Coupled with the fact that the team has not won a championship in Frank's life, time, I am not surprised the cheap seats. I'd expect all the seats to be boos.

Forek and his cohorts should expect to be boosed. They should be relieved that vicious critics are aware of which they are whooped. I recall the bad old days of the Garden in the mid-seventies. People used to throw beer and other substances upon the ice.

Further, Frank should be happy that there are fans at all, hissing or otherwise. Last year the basketball Knicks played before half-empty houses. Wouldn't want them there to boo them.

See, there is always some slumping player who whines to the newspapers about how, in truth, the fans are being so damn unfair and then his real reference to his mother's prediction for government issue footcash.

"There are people not corned in McLean Hospital who argue we shouldn't even profess professional sportsmen. After all, they say, would you boo the chairman of the board of Chrysler more?"