Hum-D requirement changes suggested
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reading, writing, and classroom discussion that demonstrate that concern, . . . [and] stress issues of general significance rather than narrow disciplinary issues."

Messner supports the present humanities distribution requirement. "It is crucial for MIT students to come to know that in humanities and social science subjects there is a history to each of the issues that are discussed," he said. "Each of us must think about human values, and writing is the medium of the exchange of ideas in all fields; the present humanities distribution requirements attempt to address each of these three areas."

Departments are now discussing the proposal, and the Committee on Educational Policy will present the topic for public discussion in March.

"It does make sense to allow each department to make its own language in defining a humanities distribution subject," said Professor Donald L. M. Blackmer, head of the Department of Political Science. "The application of general requirements is hard to do intelligently."

"We need to do some tidying-up," said Dean of the School of Humanities Harold J. Hasham. "We've got to make the list of humanities distribution subjects more intelligible, and we have to have a way of administering the requirement which causes less friction than the present committee system."

"Undergraduate students [should] be provided with a pamphlet that describes their options under the humanities distribution requirement in a more helpful way than the catalogue does," the memorandum said.

GA nixes question on activities fee plan
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reduced from $250 to $3700 over the same period.

"I don't think activities are suffering," said Undergraduate Association Vice President David Asinari '83, a member of the UA Finance Board.

The General Assembly defeated Summer's motion by a vote of 18 to 7, with 2 members abstaining. The motion required the approval of only one-third of those present and voting to pass.

The General Assembly approved a motion to call on MIT administration "to ensure that the full financial need of all students is met without regard to their draft registration status."

The assembly also elected Summer to the post of floor leader and confirmed the nomination of Asinari as UA Vice President, replacing Kenneth J. Meltsner '83. The General Assembly elected Libby and Ishai Nir '86 members at large of its executive committee.

The General Assembly will host a forum for candidates for UA President and Vice President March 3 at 7:30pm in room 4-163.

The I. Austin Kelly III Competition is now open. The award is two prizes of $2500 each for the best papers in any of these fields: Literary Studies, History, Musicology, Anthropology, Archaeology. All full-time MIT undergraduates are eligible, except previous winners. Papers must be at least 4000 words long (14 standard typed pages). Papers may be written expressively for the contest, or papers from classes may be submitted, either as they stand or in revised and expanded form. Students are encouraged to consult with faculty. The deadline is Apr. 29.

Nominations are now being accepted for the John Asinari Award for Undergraduate Research in the Life Sciences. All course VII undergraduates are eligible. For more information, please contact Tom Lynch, room 56-324, x-4711. The deadline for submissions is Apr. 29.

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