By Bart S. Kalshi

Student government's "problem in communications," declared Michael P. Witt '84, president of the Undergraduate Association (UA), at a meeting of an advisory committee Wednesday afternoon.

The committee discussed the responsibility of student government to voice and defend student opinion, one of four functions it characterized as "non-negotiable" last week.

"We don't have the right control" of student members of Institute committees, said Ishai N. '86, member of the UA General Assembly Executive Committee.

The UA Nominations Committee "has not been doing its job for the last few years," said its chairman, David M. Libby '85. A student committee member feels he is presenting a personal opinion, Libby claimed, while members of the faculty and administration assume the student member is representing the views of the student body.

The Nominations Committee should require students serving on MIT committees to report to the General Assembly, said Robin L. Barker '85, vice chairman of the committee.

If a committee representative is not interested in student government, the General Assembly should not pressure him to appear, said Charles P. Brown '84, former chairman of the UA Finance Board.

"We want to get people involved," Witt said. "We might want to get people involved.

When the president of the Undergraduate Association is elected, "he is supposed to be capable of representing the student opinion.

On the Nomination Committee "should try to present a strong point in one way or another" to the administration, Libby said. "In some cases," he continued, "a single representative of student interests to the administration "could be dangerous."

You're in the service of the government," Libby continued. "If a group decides not to participate... then they're foregoing their representation."

Letters to the editor of The Tech are "a way of getting issues into the air," Brown said. "It helps in a limited way toward that goal but doesn't meet that goal of voicing and defending student opinion.

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Nom. Comm. makes changes

By Michael Battat

The Undergraduate Association (UA) Nominations Committee is changing its procedures in preparation for spring hearings scheduled to begin Tuesday for seats on various committees, according to UA Finance Board chairman M. Libby '85, chairman of the committee.

"People who had been on [the Nominations Committee] previously told new members about operations," Libby said. "All members who understood the committee's workings, he said, left MIT, forcing Libby and vice chairman Robin L. Barker '85 to reorganize with little available written material on committee operations.

The revisions, which will affect new nominees, may facilitate better communication among student representatives, his committee, and the undergraduate body, Libby claimed.

The Nominations Committee nominates students to Institute committees, presidential committees, special committees, and Undergraduate Association committees, Libby said. The particular committee makes a final decision on nominees, he added.

Students selected to committees are asked to periodically report their committees' activities to the Nominations Committee if the system deteriorated about three years ago, according to Libby.

Written records of activity prior to 1983 disappeared, he continued, and the Nominations Committee was forced to rely upon the experience of its senior members who understood the operation of the committees.

The revised procedures are more complete than those prior to 1980, Barker said. "It's really going back to the old system."

The Nominations Committee plans to hold periodic open campus forums to inform students.

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US delays draft aid rules

By Ron Norman

Students applying for federal financial aid will not be required to prove they have complied with draft regulations until July 1, 1984.

The United States Department of Education this week instructed universities "not to certify applicants' draft registration until the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment is decided."

The Education Department's original regulation was scheduled to take effect July 1, 1983. A federal district judge in Minneapolis last month issued an injunction against application of the Education Department regulation, until a suit questioning the law's constitutionality is decided.

The United States Justice Department plans to send a letter to colleges explaining the injunction affects all universities, not just those in Minnesota.

Two steps need still be taken, Gallagher explained. The courts must reach a decision on the constitutionality of the law, and Congress must formally act on the Simon Bill which will postpone the law's enforcement for seven months.

The Minnesota injunction requires colleges not make students applying for financial aid fill out a form certifying their registration or stating why they are not required to register. The Department of Education has issued 1.4 million Pell Grant applications asking for certification of registration.

Students may volunteer the information, but colleges must not delay action on applications which omit the information, according to James W. Moore, director of student aid programs of the Department of Education.

MIT previously announced no enforcement of the Solomon Amendment. President Paul E. Gray '54 was not available for comment on the new decision.

SCEP prepares Guide

By Daniel Crenn

The spring issue of the Student Committee on Educational Policy Course Evaluation Guide, available beginning May 2, will contain evaluations of approximately 175 subjects, 60 more than last year, according to guide editor Joyce M. Whang '84.

The course of the Schools of Engineering Science produced about $10,000, and the Undergraduate Association Finance Board budgeted $4000 for the guide. The Student Information Processing Board deducted the remaining $1000, and the Information Processing Service provided computer time.

This was the first year the Student Committee on Educational Policy, a general committee of the Undergraduate Association, experienced any difficulty in raising sufficient funding for the guide, said Steven E. Barber '84, the group's co-chairman.

The group has probably reached a plateau in funding, he added.

The guide is comprised of evaluations of the largest undergraduate subjects and is intended to assist students in planning their class schedules. The guide will distribute the guide with next term's registration material in Whitman, said Whang.

The expanded guide covers all humanities distribution subjects except those with extremely small enrollments. Whang said. No other subjects in the Department of Humanities are included because the department requested evaluation of either all or none of its remaining subjects.

The Course Evaluation Guide rates teaching, workload, administrative policies, and overall student satisfaction for each subject.