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Grenadan official describes country

By Bert S. Kaliski

"People are taking things into their own plans" in Grenada, declared Regina Taylor, secretary-general of Grenada’s Agency for Rural Transformation, at a lecture sponsored by MIT Hunger Action Group last night.

The People’s Revolutionary Government, which took over the country on March 13, 1979, made ten-year goals, including social reforms, development of cooperatives, elimination of unemployment, and solidarity links with other countries, she said. "Every single one of them has been implemented."

Grenada, a nation of 110,000 people in the West Indies, receives aid from the Soviet Union, Cuba, and the European Economic Community, according to Paula Webster, who speaks in a Lowell Institute on Monday, May 9, 4pm, at Harvard’s Emerson Hall, room 105. Free.

The United States refuses to recognize Grenada because of its ties with the Soviet Union, she said. The government is starting an adult educational program, she added.

UA advisors plan bulletin, calendar

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The UA could advertise meetings to computer users through the MIT computer systems, said John S. Kowtko ’83, chairman of the Student Center Committee. Michael P. Witt ’84, Undergraduate Association president, was unsure if the UA wants to contact students who can only be notified by computer, he joked. The UA will distribute one newsletter before the end of the term, he hopes.

"I don't think I want there are any on-paper changes anytime soon" to the structure of student government, Witt said. "At least not this term."

UA Finance Board Vice Chairman Kris C. Allison ’84, UA Student Committee on Educational Policy Co-Chairman Steven E. Barber ’84, UA Secretary General Beatriz Garcia ’83, UA Student Senate President Jacque Meadow ’84, and UA Executive Committee member Ishai Nir ’86 also attended the meeting.

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Grenada’s government believes "it is hypocritical to every five years allow five seconds of human rights by putting an X against someone's name on a ballot," Taylor said. The government supports "ongoing" representation through village and parish councils, she said.

"People have a chance to come together and talk about issues which affect them," she continued. The nation’s budget is presented at a national conference to representatives from smaller groups, who then take it back to the parish or village meeting for discussion.

Most organizations of women, youth, farmers, and children also participate in government programs, she said. Grenada needs "more than functional literacy," although 90 percent of the adult population can read, Taylor commented. The government is planning another educational program, she added.

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