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B.U. Professor Howard Zinn (left) and Northeastern Professor John Flynn discussed the Nuclear Free Cambridge Referendum in room 9-150 Wednesday night.

## Nuclear free Cambridge is discussed at MIT forum

By Ron Norman

Howard Zinn, professor of Political Science at Boston University, and John Flynn, professor of law at Northeastern University, discussed arguments in favor of the Nuclear Free Cambridge Referendum Wednesday night at MIT.

The referendum will be voted upon Nov. 8, and if approved, would prohibit any research or development of nuclear weapons within Cambridge, starting in October 1985. Fines and jail sentences may be imposed on violators.

The proposal states "no person, corporation, university, laboratory, institution, or any other entity shall, within the city of Cambridge, engage in work the purpose of which is the research, development, testing, evaluation, production, maintenance, storage

or transportation of nuclear weapons or the components" of nuclear weapons.

"It's hard to do justice to arguments against Nuclear Free Cambridge," Zinn said.

The intent of the referendum "is to have the people of Cambridge decide if nuclear weapons will be built," Zinn said.

"Foreign policy has always been outside democracy in the US," Zinn noted. He said the referendum is an important step in making foreign policy a democratic decision.

Flynn refuted arguments against the referendum, and implied that the referendum would be constitutional if approved.

"There is no interstate commerce in nuclear weapons," Flynn said in response to opposing arguments based on the Interstate Commerce Act.

The principle of the first amendment and its exceptions "falls outside the intent of this ordinance," Flynn said. "[The fact that] some people think that democracy is unconstitutional ... is the bottom line," he noted.

Earlier this week, Ernest May, professor of history at Harvard University and chairman of Citizens Against Research Bans, a group opposed to the referendum, said the proposal targeted

about 70 firms in Cambridge.

Eric Segal, spokesman for Mobilization for Survival — the organization sponsoring the referendum — said last week, "There is only one facility that will be affected by this act," referring to the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, the facility divested by the Institute in the early 1970s.

Derek Bok, Harvard University president, announced this week that he is opposed to the Nuclear Free Cambridge referendum which will be voted on in the Nov. 8 elections. Bok expressed "grave doubts about the constitutionality" of the proposal, adding it could be interpreted to prohibit beneficial research such as those concerning arms negotiations, the nuclear arms race, and the avoidance of nuclear war.

Although Harvard University is not engaged in nuclear weapons research, Bok said he should issue a statement. "It is a dangerous precedent for a local community ... to forbid particular kinds of research because they might lead to dangerous or undesirable consequences."

## MIT student lost in N.H.; object of intensive search

By John J. Ying

An intensive air and ground search yesterday, hampered by falling snow and heavy winds at Franconia Notch, N.H., failed to find a MIT student missing since Sunday.

Michael J. Miller, 22, a third-year student in MIT's department of architecture and a disc jockey on WMBR (88.1 MHz), was hiking at Franconia Notch with two companions Sunday when they decided to stray off the Old Bridle Path on Mt. Lafayette, heading for a mountain club hut. The

two companions decided to circle back to the path because the progress was so difficult; however, Miller decided to continue.

Three special human-seeking scent dogs and several groups of people, including professional hikers, searched for Miller yesterday. The groups, headed by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, are comprised of the North Conway Climbers, the Appalachian Mountain Climbers, the New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol, and seventeen students from MIT.

"I'm figuring they're going to find him and the worst that could be wrong is he's got pneumonia or that he's broken his leg," said Ellen Miller, the hiker's mother. "I'm not allowing myself to think

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## Mayoral candidates Flynn, King debate issues on television

By Burt S. Kaliski

Boston mayoral candidates Raymond Flynn and Melvin H. King held their first televised debate Wednesday night, with panelists from *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald*, and WNEV-TV.

The panelists gave each candidate several chances to dispute the record of his opponent but only King accepted the opportunity. Flynn instead said he preferred to run on his own qualifications.

Walter Robinson, reporter for *The Boston Globe*, asked King,

"In what ways is your opponent unqualified to lead Boston for the next four years?"

King replied, "There's a level of inconsistency" in Flynn's proposals. King referred to his opponent's prior support of cutting the budget of the Economic Development and Industrial Commission, which Flynn later said he would use to attract businesses.

"Anyone who moves from one position to another position ... does not have the leadership to with consistency play a role in

effectively leading the city," King said.

Flynn said the commission's budget "was top-heavy administratively" and the \$350,000 in budget cuts which King claimed would abolish the commission were intended to "streamline" its function.

"I prefer to deal with the qualifications that I present to the people of the city," Flynn said. He is a six-year member of the City Council, and had served for eight years as a state legislator.

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## UA advisory board holds first meeting

By Burt S. Kaliski

An advisory committee to the Undergraduate Association held its first meeting of the term Monday night and reiterated support for several functions of student government it identified in the spring.

The committee again recommended publication of a monthly newsletter which would contain a calendar, list the issues under consideration by the Undergraduate Association General Assembly, and incorporate the "UA News," now published as a paid advertisement in *The Tech*.

The group also suggested the Undergraduate Association let student activities advertise on its bulletin board in Lobby 7.

The advisory committee had identified a lack of communication as the most important problem faced by the Undergraduate Association during its initial meetings last term.

Joyce M. Whang '84, co-chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy, said lack of communication hinders her committee's recruitment of students. "There have been manpower problems as far as working on the *Course Evaluation Guide*."

Michael P. Witt '84, Undergraduate Association president, said he called the meetings last term to "get the leaders of a lot of organizations together" and to determine the purpose of student government.

The committee has previously recommended the Undergraduate Association publish a newsletter, though such publication has not begun. The General Assembly formed an *ad hoc* committee at its Oct. 20 meeting to study the newsletter proposal.

Many groups "could put [announcements] in the newsletter and not have to poster very much," Witt said.

Cancellation of the Homecoming Ball for lack of student interest "really touched off" the Undergraduate Association's interest in improving campus participation in social events, Witt said.

Rajesh R. Gandhi '86, member of the General Assembly Executive Committee, said Spring Weekend events "would be something that the [General Assem-]

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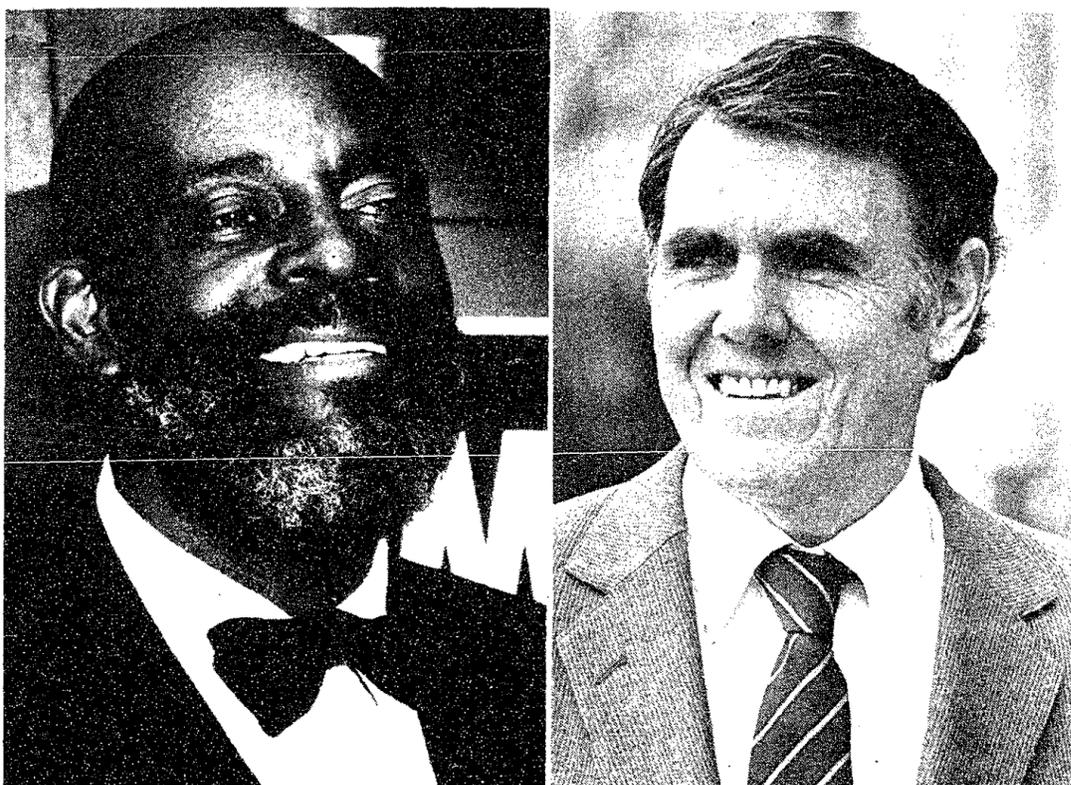


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Boston mayoral candidates Melvin H. King (left) and Raymond L. Flynn debated on television Wednesday night.

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