CPE will bring Course VI plan to faculty at special meeting

By Daniel Cren

The Campus Educational Policy (CPE) will recommend the faculty establish a screening process for freshmen athletic teams, according to Charles H. Ball, associate director of the MIT News Office. The proposal will consider the proposal at Tuesday's special faculty meeting.

The proposed screening would consist of a written application and an examination near the end of the freshman year. A committee of faculty members from Course VI and other departments would select applicants.

The application would consist of a "written document" said Arthurd Smith, faculty chairman, at a special Undergraduate Association General Assembly meeting Wednesday. The application would "allow the student to convey the reasons and intent for being in the department," said a report issued yesterday afternoon by the Committee on Educational Policy.

The examination would focus on the understanding of mathematics and physics relevant knowledge in electrical engineering and computer science. Faculty members in the Departments of Physics, Mathematics, and Course VI would design the test, which will "test basic preparation needed for success in Course VI," according to the report.

Smith said, "No grades of 3.0 or below would appear on the application. We are concerned with the reason the student wants to come if you use freshmen performers to screen potential majors.

Smith said he favors an exam over the use of freshmen grades for acceptance to Course VI. "I think it has the advantage of not putting day to day pressures on the freshman." There has got to be some mechanism for people at MIT who make late decisions," Smith noted.

"The action being requested now applies only to the Class of 1988," a letter from Smith to the faculty states. The committee will present a proposal for actions which would apply to subsequent classes in the spring.

The proposed screening, according to Ball, would be restricted from participation "This is not the same as saying anyone here can take any subject in the catalog." Smith continued. "The CEP is urging other departments to develop computer subject exams, but we are currently some sharing of teaching loads among departments.

The committee's other proposal would change the admissions process to "separate admissional exams into CEECS ... which would guarantee at the time of admissions students' subsequent entry into Course VI."

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MIT seeks funds from Harvard, Tufts for ROTC

By Diana ben-Aaron

MIT Provost Francis Low has approached officials at Harvard and Tufts to ask those universities to contribute to the ROTC program, which involves cross-registration of students from those schools and Wellesley College.

"The ROTC program costs are not entirely borne by the government," Low said. "We pay substantial amounts from general operating expenses such as space, staff, including secretaries, office machines, and civilian staff, including secretaries, according to Charles H. Ball, assistant director of the MIT News Office.

"MIT has decided to ask Harvard and Tufts to pay a fair share based on the number of their students in the program," Ball said. "We are seeking some sort of a quid pro quo agreement with those schools.

Both Low and Ball emphasized that no agreement has been reached yet, although they said they are optimistic. "Harvard Dean of the Faculty Henry Roeper seems sympathetic to it and they are proceeding to see if they can do it and I'm optimistic they will," Low said.

Harvard students have been participating in MIT's ROTC program for seven years. "We could have come up with this at some time in the past," Low admitted, adding that the question had been prompted in part by court or investigatory agency if a dismissed employee were to institute legal proceedings, Collins said. "That's the only way.

Individuals can really choose to do what they wish, but if we have our policy and we'll stick by it," Collins said.

Hope said MIT was responsible for her dismissal, and hence not responsible to explain its action. "The Institute did it," she said. "... They're the ones who made the charges. They let it out that I was dismissed. ... They spoke on that. "They can give the letter if they wish," Hope said. "$... They have the opportunity to clear it.

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