Faculty to consider proposals

(Continued from page 1) tion is "supported less strongly," than the trend toward screen freshmen already here.

The basic difference between the two options is the timing, in accepting students into the department," Smith said. "They both have undesirable consequences."

A move to limit enrollment in the department has "been coming about for a long time," Smith said. Approximately 380 sophomores are currently in the department, which predicts 425 majors among next year's sophomores.

Will not release letter

(Continued from page 1) up. They have my permission to give it out," Randolph said releasing the letter "would certainly be in our best interests," but denied receiving permission to do so. He declined to speculate how MIT would respond were Hope to re- quest the letter be made public.

"We don't have her permission to give it out," Randolph said. "We don't have her permission." The Institute has offered Hope, who held the position of assistant dean for 11 years, the option of early retirement, Culliton said Wednesday.

Hope said she has not yet decided, as for as she knows, if she will accept that offer, Culliton said Wednesday.

Hope said she has not yet reached agreement with the MIT Personnel Office on the terms of her departure.

"This happened suddenly," Hope said. "I haven't had a whole lot of time to think.

MIT has begun advertising, Randolph said, to seek applicants to fill the vacancy left in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs by Hope's departure.

"We haven't started the formal search committee," Randolph added.

"If we go to 425, that'll be like having no department at MIT has ever seen," said Joel Moses PhD '87, head of the department. The department would be "comfortable" with 250 students per class, according to Moses.

Moses indicated he favored an admissions change to reduce the number of Course VI majors. Such an admissions process could be accompanied by a hurdle for freshmen who were not admitted to the department but who expressed an interest in majoring in Course VI, he said.

"The CEP has thought about a lot of things," Smith said. "What we're proposing is a limited part" of a solution. "It would be unfair to say that we have a permanent solution.

Applicants to the Class of 1988 accepted during December under the early action plan will be notified of their acceptance this month. Smith noted December's regular faculty meeting occurs Dec. 21.

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