Witt offers amendments

By James M. Ellis

Undergraduate Association President Michael P. Witt ’84 presented his proposals for exten- sive changes to the UA constitution at a UA General Assembly meeting last night.

Witt’s proposals, which he stressed are open to discussion and modification, involve the creation of three new governmental bodies:

• A UA Council which would replace the General Assembly and assume all budgetary, legisla- tive and representative powers of the Undergraduate Association. Its membership would consist of five representatives from each class, to be elected in the spring by UA elections, with freshmen elected in the early fall; five repre- sentatives from each dormitory; five at-large representatives from the Inter-Fraternity Confer- ence; one representative from the Non-Resident Student Association; and the chairman of the executive committees of the General Assembly. The General As- sembly now consists of one repre- sentative from each fraternity or independent living group, one repre- sentative for every 40 undergraduates in a dormitory, and 15 at-large representatives.

• A Joint Committee of the UA Council and the Graduate Student Council, which would discuss issues affecting both gradu- ate and undergraduate students and make recommendations to both bodies. The Joint Commis- sioner would also assume the re- sponsibility of referring charges by the Association of Student Activities, of recognizing and managing space resources.

• The GA Representative, which would be responsible for both the UA Council and the Graduate Student Council, both of which would retain the right to withdraw the committee’s charter upon notice. Its member- ship would consist of four under- graduates from the UA Council and four members of the Gradu- ate Student Council.

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Witt said that the change was due to the new computer terminals on the first floor of the Student Center, according to Ramin Zabih ’85, SIPB chairman. Witt proposed the idea at a Student Center Committee meet- ing on Feb. 5. No one voiced any objection to the proposal, and a straw poll indicated no dissent, he said.

The proposal involves “a sub- stantial cluster of equipment in what is now the Student Center Library,” said James D. Bruce ’66, chairman of the Project Athena committee, director of in- formation systems and a profes- sor of electrical engineering.

Bruce said he is considering in- stalling 70 to 80 terminals along with supporting microcomputers and a mainframe computer. There are currently six terminals in the Student Center Library.

The proposed terminal rooms would serve west campus resi- dents, Zabih said. He said he hopes the “unavailability” of some other terminal rooms will be resolved.

About one half of the termi- nals are used by IBM Personal Computers for general use, and the other half would be DECO Professionals for the School of Engineering, Bruce said.

Each work station will occupy 8 square feet, and the support- ing equipment will require 10 square feet. The proposed instal- lations would occupy a total of about 3,500 square feet, Bruce said.

The terminal room is expected to be completed in the fall of 1984 unless some major obstacle surfaces,” Bruce said. The pro- posal has been sent to the Insti- tute Committee on Resources and Space Planning for recommenda- tions.

No specific rooms for the termi- nals were proposed by SIPB, SCC or Bruce. Zabih said, how- ever, that some conference rooms in Sudler and Graduate hall are rarely used and could be convert- ed to terminal rooms.

Phase I of Project Athena, which ends in September 1986, will include 150 terminals of work stations, micros and main- frames to be installed. About 15,000 square feet remain unallo- 

Library to get Athena terminals

By Arvind Kumar

The Student Information Pro- gram has asked the Project Athena Administration and Operations Committee to install new computer terminals on the fifth floor of the Julius A. Sexton ’32 Student Center, according to President Cowan ’84, professor of electrical engineering.

“The figures are comparable, how- ever,” Strehle said. The hard- ware for the 1975-6 year was $150.

Cowan also discussed grievances.
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Group fights tuition rise

By Edward Whiting

Approximately 30 students met yesterday to call a student petition to prevent tuition increases and to discuss grievances at a forum Tuesday, sponsored by a group calling itself Halt Increased Tuition.

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Pine Manor College was suc- cessfully sued last year for $175,000 by a student who was raped on the campus, and she claimed inadequate security mea- sures allowed an intruder to break into her dormitory and rape her.

“Colleges have a duty to take reasonable measures to protect their students against the foreseeable criminal acts of third par- ties,” wrote the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in its de- cision.

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By Mark Cockey

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Robert Abramson ’84 (left) and Beth Pemberton, both former MIT students, staff engineer, help dismount astronaut Bob Phillips from the slid laboratory during an experiment Tuesday. The experiment was part of a weeklong training session at MIT attended by five NASA, three government specialists for Spacelab 4 scheduled for takeoff in fall 1985.

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