Leaders object to Witt's amendment

By Thomas F. Huang

Leaders of several student government activities whose groups would be affected by passage of an amendment to the Undergraduate Associates Constitution (UAC) have expressed opposition to the proposed amendment, but criticized its structure.

The amendment describes a joint committee between a new UA council and the Graduate Student Council (GSC). The undergraduates will vote on the amendment tomorrow.

The joint committee would "promote student organizations and activities, and be responsible for the recognition and annual review of all student organizations," the proposed charter states. This duty currently falls under the domain of the Student Activities Commission (SAC) and the Graduate Student Council (GSC).

The joint committee would not, however, be able to allocate space or funding, according to David W. Jenson '86, president of GSC. Jenson supports the principle of a joint committee in general, he said. "The specifics need to be debated," he added.

The GSC would be able to revoke the charter, even if the item passed, he explained. Ratification of the charter requires a two-thirds majority vote by the GSC. Michael A. Vidaurri '85, chair-elect of the UA Finance Board said, "These amendments should not be passed because they lack direction." The amendment "has good intentions in the way they would bring higher offices closer together," he said, but they are only "seeds in reorganization. They do not necessarily represent a forward move in promoting student involvement. Students need to know more about funding sources and politics," Vidaurri added.

Kenneth D. Compton '84, ASA secretary, said the proposed joint committee's assumption of ASA's responsibilities would "not necessarily be a bad thing. As long as they're taking this step," he said, "they should take a step toward consolidating activities funding in a secure committee. ASA has encountered problems because its structure lacks a clear definition. The existing population of most [MIT student groups] is not going through some central organization of activities," Compton said, "but to attack a problem by getting directly to another group."

Other issues activities face, such as space reassessment, still need to be debated, he added.

"The student activities chart is still an ambiguous statement on some committee that would attack these issues. If ASA... is to be augmented, then someone else should take over those functions."

Meanwhile, we are talking to other agents about finding another band," the said.

In other business, the committee passed a motion 12-1 to censure Frady, who was not present at the meeting. "For borrowing the area stereo and [SCC revoked] her voting privileges for one meeting."

Art Gallery will be dedicated April 7

By Edward Whang

The dedication of the Jerome B. Wiesner Student Art Gallery will occur on the evening of April 7. The gallery will be located on the East Lounge of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Student Center. It will display the works of MIT students as well as other artists who produce work at MIT.

The gallery is a gift from the Class of 1953 and was planned and organized almost exclusively by its Class members, according to Andrew M. Enneking '75, Senior Advisor in the Student Activities Office and coordinator of exhibits for the gallery.

"This year, we had a senior class gift drive in which we tried to reach out to each senior for a contribution for the gallery," said Enneking.

The gallery is a part of the School of Architecture and Planning.

By Burt S. Kallis

Two teams of students seeking the top offices of the Undergraduate Association are displaying campaign posters that violate copyright law.

Each team's campaign posters uses a comic strip strip "Bloom County," which is owned by the Washington Post Co. Neither team has re- quested permission to reproduce the material.

David M. Libby '85, an un- endorsed candidate for the UA presidency, confirmed Sunday he had not contacted the copyright owner. His press run was only 300, he said, "I really think it's a major problem."

Bernard M. Gunther '85, who is running for UA president as a write-in, also said Sunday he did not contact the Washington Post Co. "I had not done actually anything along those lines as far as taking care of that," he said.

"Copyright law, contained in Title 17 of United States Code, gives "exclusive rights" of display and reproduction of material in the copyright owner. Each candidate also expressed doubt that the campaign posters violate copyright law. "We're not doing it for profit or for syndication," said Libby.

"Gunther's argument is similar: 'What the major thing was in just value. I was doing direct copies of the actual work and making sure nothing was changed,'" said Gunther.

His posters contain copies of several "Bloom County" strips, each a satire of presidential politics. Libby's posters change the heading of a comic strip to include MIT logos. The gallery's poster is actually a take-off on the actual comic, "Libby said.

Brodhead, Gunther claimed, would approve of the posters since they are inspired in much the same manner as his army career. He referred to a recent lecture at MIT by Brodhead in which the artist discussed "allig- tor tail" pranks.

The campaign posters, nonetheless, include duplication not granted by copyright law. Excep- tions, according to chapter one of Title 17, is permitted only for education purposes and in limited quantities.