McBay names Hope successor

By Charles P. Brown
The Academic Council approved the appointment of Janice R. Cooper to the position of assistant dean for student affairs at its April 3 meeting, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert R. Randolph.

Cooper was appointed to the position last fall by Mary C. Hope, who was fired last fall by Shirley M. McBay, dean for student affairs. When questioned on Hope's current status, Constantine B. Simonides, vice president, said, "Dean Hope has left, she is not an MIT employee now."

McBay declined to comment on Hope's status, but said "There was a vacancy in our office, and that vacancy has been filled," MIT Director of Personnel James J. Callion said unavailing for comment.

The Academic Council recommended Cooper to McBay consisted of four students and four staff and faculty members. Randolph said he identified the committee members himself. MacGregor House Housemaster Collie Cook, Assistant President Kenneth R. Manning, Assis- tant Dean for Student Affairs Linda Vaughan, and Carl W. Reif '84, Ann L. Terris '84, Sylvia A. Zachary '85 and Lynn F. Hartigan.

Randolph said these students all involved, or have been engaged, with minority groups. "Since this person clearly works with the minority community, that's where we looked for students," he said.

MIT received 139 applications for the position, Randolph said, and the selection committee interviewed four applicants. He said the committee looked for people with a master's degree or the equivalent, experience with minority student programming, and types of experience applicable to an educational and student affairs setting.

The committee presented two choices to McBay, and McBay chose Cooper, Randolph said.

"The committee felt that either of these candidates would either be acceptable or very good," Randolph said.

"It was my impression that" most of the 139 applicants were members of minority groups, as were four people interviewed by the committee, Randolph said. He attributed this to the fact that the advertisements for the position "clearly stated that it was to work with minorities."

Cooper should start full-time in July, Randolph said, although he hoped she would be able to participate in meetings of the Committee on Academic Performance in late May.

Cooper received a bachelor of science in Early Childhood Development/Urban Education from Wheelock College in Boston in December 1984, and a master of education philosophy in education counseling from Ass- tonic College in August 1985. Since 1981 Cooper has served as assistant dean at the college at Brandeis University.

MTG cancels this year's Tech Show

By Diane Ben-Aaron
The Musical Theater Guild will not stage Tech Show, its traditional student-written musical, this year. The group will perform Side by Side by Sondheim starting today. David M. Smith '84, president of the Musical Theater Guild, refused to comment on the Guild's decision.

The Guild decided last term to produce a partially-written Tech show on conditions that its undergraduate author complete it over I/A, according to Lawrence A. DeLuca '86, a former member of the Musical Theater Guild. DeLuca said that to his knowl- edge, the student never finished the script.

The Guild has also cancelled its reservations for Kresge Auditorium, and has reserved the Sala to perform its Spring Production next year, according to Sandra Nett, a senior offcice assistant in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs. The Guild's major productions, in- cluding Tech Show, have tradi- tionally been held in Kresge.

"The Musical Theater Guild talked in us about cancelling their April Kresge dates for several months before the official cancellation," said Nett. Julia Hied '84, past president of the Guild, spoke to Nett about the change before I/A. Nett noted.

"My guess would be they're se- riously worried about the life of the organization if they cancelled their Kresge dates," DeLuca said.

"They always used to be adamant about keeping Kresge reservations because it's so hard to get Kresge again after you've can- celled."

"They consider the life of the organization more important than performing in Kresge," De- Luca said. It is more troublesome and more costly to stage a musical in Kresge than in the Sala, he observed.

"The Guild is about $10,000 in debt to MIT," DeLuca said. "From one or two Tech Shows have to break even and every other show they do has to make a $1500 profit for them to keep up their payments to the Institute without breaking into their treas- ury, which is normally reserved for funding shows," DeLuca estim- ated.

The Guild's current debt is $10,705.16 in debt to MIT, according to MIT accounting records, the Musical Theater Guild is $10,705.16 in debt to MIT, including $8984.06 over 120 days past due. Big Show, the 1982 Tech Show, lost $3500 and pushed the Guild's debt to over $16,200.

"I think they are committed to the idea of doing a Tech Show," said Ralph Ose '86, a case member of last year's Tech Show, Whither Their Ghost. "We think the Guild's financial diffi- culties might necessitate it to "make- or-break" shows for a while."

"We want to present a Tech Show next year," the Guild's president Smith said.

Immerman plans move from ODSA

By Amy Gorin and Charles P. Brown
Stephen D. Immerman, assistant dean for student affairs, confirmed yesterday that the Aca- demic Council has approved his transfer to the position of dean in charge of the Leadership Gifts Program in the Department of Re- source Development. Immerman will be leaving by the end of the month.

Shirley M. McBay, dean for student affairs, Robert A. Sher- wood, associate dean, Constantine B. Simonides, Institute vice president, and William R. Dick- ens, associate vice president, will meet today to discuss the duties of Immerman's replacement.

"Rather than rushing off and filling this position," the dean's office is "stopping and taking stock," according to McBay. "Staff is stretched to the limit at this time to look for opportunities that would allow me to challenge myself and learn some areas in the higher education environ- ment. This realization coincided with this opportunity coming available, and I pursued it."

The move was approved at an Academic Council meeting on April 10. Immerman will be in charge of the Leadership Gifts program for the South and Southwest.

Immerman became assistant dean for student affairs in Octo- ber 1981. At that time he as- sumed the duties of retiring As- asistant Dean Robert Holden in addition to his previous duties at dean's office advice to fraterni- ties and independent living groups. His promotion was part of a combination com- bining the residence programs and student activities divisions into a section called "residence and campus activities."

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