Disturbed about new physics/EECS option

To the Editor:

I was very disturbed when I read about the new physics/EECS option starting in April 1985 in The Tech ("CPE approves physics option.") The problem with this, it seems to me, is that all of the students who are more and less interested in EECS will end up in EECS and nothing else. Furthermore, this will defeat the very purpose of the option, which is to give students a chance to plan their careers better. I find it hard to accept the idea that the option will be a success, since the number of students who will take it will be very small. I believe that the option will only be successful if enough students take it, and I do not think that will be the case.

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there may be other, limited, applications where the computer be of educational benefit: But in such cases the computer would only be a means, only a lesser tool. In Parker's system, the computer has become the whole world. Funded by profit-seeking IBM, his system provides an escape from certain problems of illiteracy and social unrest. Morrisson has a vision of a whole world, in which old ideas are re-born, and with a new vigor. He dreams of a world in which children will learn from the world around them through the unboundedly curious and free experimentation possible by direct experience with the natural world, an education in which abstraction and reality go hand in hand. In which an artificial illusion is not taken as the be-all-end-all of life. We would do well to heed his message.

PHYSICS OPEN HOUSE

will take place

Tuesday, April 9

from 3:00-5:00 PM in the Undergraduate Physics Common Room (4-339). The event will commence with departmental presentations of faculty and upperclassmen. Students will then be able to participate in four discussion groups on the areas: THEORY, ASTROPHYSICS, ATOMIC/PLASMA/CONDENSED MATTER, NUCLEAR/SMALL ARMS. Following the discussion groups will be an opportunity to learn about Physics UROP and other relevant interests. Refreshments will be served. This is a great time for freshmen and sophomores to learn about the curriculum of the Physics Department. Stop by, attend, talk to Physics Students, Sigma Pi Sigma, and many other pertinent matters.

FRESHMEN. Come one, Come all.

Depressed? Have a friend who is depressed?

Then come join us at DEPRESSION: A FORUM/DISCUSSION on Monday April 8, 1985 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Marlar Lounge (37-252)