FACULTY APPROVES NEW REGULATIONS

Modified Chemistry, Science Distribution Requirements

MILITARY FUNDING TO BE EXAMINED

By Katie Schwartz

The MIT faculty approved changes in the regulations concerning Institute and departmental requirements in a meeting on May 15, according to Professor Arthur C. Smith, chairman of the faculty.

The changes, proposed by the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP), will eliminate options for the chemistry requirement, limit the number of subjects a department can require for the bachelor's degree, and modify the Science Distribution Requirement. Most changes will take effect beginning with the Class of 1990.

The new regulations were adopted by the necessary three-fifths majority vote after extensive discussion and some opposition, Smith said.

All new policies adopted by the faculty were proposed at least a month before the meeting, according to Smith.

Chemistry Options Removed

The faculty passed a proposal to remove General Bio. (7.01) and Chemical Thermodynamics (5.66) as options for satisfying the General Institute Requirement in Chemistry with little discussion and no opposition, Smith said. The proposal will affect classes entering the Institute and after the fall of 1988.

An enclosure with the call to the April faculty meeting stated that 7.01 and 5.66 were "unrealistic beginning courses" and that few students used them to fulfill the requirement.

Gene M. Brown, head of the Department of Biology, and Mark S. Wrighton, undergraduate curriculum chairman of the Department of Chemistry, introduced the proposal at the April meeting.

Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (3.091) and Principles of Chemical Science (5.11) are the remaining classes which satisfy the chemistry requirement.

Number of Required Subjects Limited

The new regulations specify that departmental programs will be limited to 5.

ERATRUM

Director of the Office of Career Planning and Placement Robert K. Weatherall's comment about job prospects for graduates with degrees from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was incorrectly reported in the May 14 issue of The Tech. Due to an editing error, Weatherall said the high number of Course VI graduates had not satisfied the demand for MIT students in these fields.

FERRARO SPEAKS AT WELLESLEY RITES

Former Congresswoman Addresses 543 Seniors at 107th Commencement

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(By Robert E. Malchman)

Geraldine A. Ferraro stressed the interdependence of nations and the opportunities available to women in a speech Friday to Wellesley College's Class of 1985.

The 1984 Democratic vice presidential candidate gave the address, frequently interrupted by applause, at Wellesley's 107th commencement exercises, which begin at 10 a.m. today in Killian Court. Over 1700 seniors and graduate students will receive their degrees.

Ferraro made two partisan remarks aimed at the President, Ronald Reagan. She said that America's allies "are unhappy when we move unilaterally, and when we impose sanctions without consulting them, as President Reagan recently did.

COMMENCEMENT TODAY

Iacocca Appearance May Cause Record Attendance

GRADUATION CEREMONY TO RUN LONGER THAN USUAL

A record attendance is expected at MIT's 119th commencement exercises, which begin at 10 a.m. today in Killian Court. Over 1700 seniors and graduate students will receive their degrees.

A large graduating class and the popularity of commencement speaker Lee A. Iacocca, chairman and chief executive of Chrysler Corporation, may combine to add more than 1000 spectators to the 6000 usually expected for commencement, according to Dorothy Rowe, a member of the Commencement Committee.

The ceremony, which normally lasts until approximately 2 p.m., will be longer than usual this year, according to Rowe. "Iacocca has indicated that his speech will be long, and also the degree presentation will take longer," she said.

Over 6500 tickets had been given out by 5 p.m. Friday, according to the MIT Information Office. This is a higher number than usual, an information official said. Tickets were still available at 8 a.m. this morning to graduates who had not previously picked them up.

The academic procession, consisting of dignitaries, faculty, and graduates in academic robes, will leave dePauw Gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. and proceed down Massachusetts Avenue, down Memorial Drive, and into Killian Court. Mary Frances Wagley '47, president of the Alumni Association, will lead the procession.

Wagley will pick up the four-foot high gold mace traditionally carried by the president of the Alumni Association as she enters the court, and hold it on a stand as the procession files past her. This is a change from previous years, when taller Alumni Association presidents carried the heavy sceptre throughout the procession.

"The problem is not weight so much as balance," Bowe said. "The staff is top-heavy, and a lot of people have had trouble carrying it. The stand will be used in the future." David S. Bason '41, chairman of the MIT Corporation, will lead the dignitaries in the academic procession and will preside at commencement.

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