UA urges tenure review
Prompted by tenure denial to math professor
By Earl C. Yee
The Undergraduate Associate Council (UAC) passed a resolution on Jan. 23 calling on the MIT community to review the importance of teaching ability in the faculty’s tenure-granting process.

"MIT should have a healthy dose of both teaching and research," said UA President Ryan B. Moses. "The teaching ability isn’t even being considered."

The resolution cites that "review and evaluation of teaching and of other contributions" should be included in the tenure-granting process, according to Policies and Procedures: A Guide for Faculty and Staff Members.

"The faculty has control over the tenure process. It is accountable to no one," asserted Michael V. Colos '86, a UAC member and an author of the resolution. "It must follow certain guidelines outlined by the institute."

The unanimously-approved resolution was prompted by the Department of Mathematics' decision not to grant tenure to Frank E. Morgan '74, associate professor of mathematics, according to Bruce Mihura ’89, also a UAC member and author of the sanctions applied to unapproved films or address the attendance of the screening committee.

"The screening committee had no say," he said. "I believe in the importance of teaching ability. INT".

Poronography policy covered
By Andy Fish
Last in a series.

The proposed revisions to MIT’s policy on X-rated and una- rated sexually explicit films would eliminate special membership for student groups and set a gender quota for the MIT committee that screens such films.

The revised policy would also permit the showing of sexually explicit films by faculty members as part of a class or an educational independent activity Period (IAP) event.

The issue of educational view- ings of sexually explicit films was first brought up when the Lecture Series Committee asked the ACSR in the beginning of last term. The revised policy would also mean the San Francisco Film

The Undergraduate Advisory Committee asked the ACSR in the beginning of last term to screen all proposed sexually explicit films for the screening committee. The ACSR reviewed the films and was not pre- viewed by the screening committee. The new draft did not stiffen

The Tech joins Associated Press
By John Agresto
The Tech and WGBH will split the subscription cost of $4,400 and share the wire service for one year. In the new Tech format, sources for news items (such as AP, The New York Times, or The Boston Globe) will be listed parenthetically next to the item.

Robert X. Black '89 will now provide weather forecasts from the observatory in the Green Building.

Frosh get "linked" sections
By Mary Contiello
The Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education has begun to assign groups of freshmen to- gether for the same physics and calculus recitations as an educa- tional experiment.

Peggy Richardson, assistant dean for undergraduate educa- tion, had the Schedules Office as- sign as many groups of students as possible to be together for both Physics I (8.01) and Calculu- s I (18.01) recitations at the begin- ning of last term. Richardson hoped the fresh- men in "linked" recitations would get to know each other better because they shared both classes. Her goal was to have the freshmen feel more at ease with their classmates, ask questions more readily and ultimately do as well as possible in both classes.

Students responded to the ex- periment varied, according to an end-of-term survey of the linked sections. Richardson reported on the experiment and found it satis- factory. She plans to continue this term with Physics II and Calculu- s II.

Hewlett will speak at 1986 graduation
By Kate Schwartz
William R. Hewlett '36, co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Company, will present the commencement address for the Class of 1986, according to Mary L. Morrissey, executive officer for commencement.

Hewlett will address the graduates at MIT's 120th commencement exercises on Monday, June 2.

President Paul E. Gray '54 selects the speaker from a short list pre- pared by the Commencement Committee and sends the invitation to speak. The list is not made public to avoid embarrassing those who are not invited.

Hewlett "represents American technology," said Janice M. Nett '80, president of the Graduate Student Council and an ex-officio member of the Commencement Committee. Both undergraduates and gradu- ates suggested him as a speaker, Nell said.

Hewlett co-founded Hewlett-Packard with David Packard in 1939 and now serves as vice chairman of the board of directors. Hewlett-Packard is a major designer and manufacturer of precision electronic equipment and computers.

Hewlett served on the President's Science Advisory Committee from 1966 to 1969 and on the President's General Advisory Committee on Foreign Assistance from 1965 to 1968. He received a bachelor's de- gree from Stanford University in 1934, a master's in electrical engi- neering from MIT in 1936, and an Electrical Engineer degree from Stanford in 1939.

Hewlett will be the fifth commencement speaker from outside MIT in recent years. From 1965 through 1981, the president of MIT pre- sented the traditional address. Other outside speakers included: Kath- erine Graham of the Washington Post (1982); Helmut Schmidt, chan- cellor of West Germany (1983); Shirley Chisholm, first black female member of Congress (1984); and Lee Iaccoca, chairman of Chrysler (1985).

ACSR, students clash on divestment
By Robert M. Mooney
MIT should be prepared for the consequences of divestment before the Institute settles its stock in corporations that do business in South Africa, Weeden warned.

The Corporation's Executive Committee asked the ACSR in September to gather information on South Africa and on Ameri- can companies operating there, (Please turn to page 20)

People line up to watch the solar eclipse near the campus last Friday. The annual effect was enhanced by the installation of the colored panels on the front of Lobby 7, proposed by Karen Nelson '54.