Summer sees Sri Lankan protests

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and a meeting called by Dean of Undergraduate Education Margaret L. A. MacVicar '65, EECS withdrawal the proposal pending father study. EECS did not rule out re-presenting the proposal next year.

The open forum was marked by student opposition. "GAP is going to be totally ruined," said one student. Complaints focused on the perceived effect the proposal would have on IAP and the freshness year in general.

Earlier in the summer the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid decided not to place restrictions on the choice of major for the Class of 1991. The restrictions would have prevented some students from choosing to major in EECS.

Commencement goes on in rain

Commencement was held in a downpour of rain on Killian Court. The decision to move indoors had to be made at 6:30 am, which time it was not raining. William E. Hewlett SM '86 delivered the commencement address to a small crowd. Many chose to watch the ceremony from the indoor television monitors or from under umbrellas.

In his charge to the 1769 graduates, President Paul E. Gray '54 announced that the MIT Center for Space Research would be named in memory of Ronald E. McNair PhD '76, one of the seven astronauts who died in the Jan. 28 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. "The McNair Center will stand as a permanent reminder to future generations at MIT of the grace and significance of extraordinary achievement tempered by an uncommon wisdom and the abiding love of humankind," Gray said.

Protest marks Sri Lankan visit

Protests marked the visit of Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa to MIT. Premadasa was at MIT to deliver the keynote address at a housing conference on July 28. He had been invited in August of last year.

Demonstrators called for the release of Ranasinghe Mankilangam '85 during the prime minister's visit. Manikalingam, who graduated with a degree in physics, has been held in his native Sri Lanka since March 28, according to his lawyer Desmond Fernando. Manikalingam has been tortured and additional renovations are planned for other facilities. Additional facilities are also planned.

Rush initiates new freshmen

The Residence/Orientation Committee made several changes in the schedule for R/O week this year. The freshman picnic took place at noon and held an academic convocation for the freshmen afterwards. Fraternity rush began on Kesra Oval.

Due to a smaller class size, dormitory crowding was significantly reduced this year. Only 141 rooms were crowded, down from 195 last year.

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