I. Nuclear War

Students gather in front of the Student Center during Saturday’s rally.

Rally focuses on arms control

By Michael Gejjer

Noah Chomsky, Institute professor of linguistics, and George Bachrach, Harvard University professor of urban affairs science, overlooked a student-organized rally Saturday afternoon organized by United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM). The rally, held on the Student Center steps, attracted an audience of nearly 200.

“The effort to stop [the nuclear buildup] will not be easy,” Chomsky feared. Noting that support for defense programs is largely tied to their economic value, he accused the business community of regarding SDI and other programs as subsidies for high-tech industries.

According to Chomsky’s analysis, US defense policy is organized to maintain an intimidating posture and protect America’s ability to intervene around the world. Seventy-five percent of the Reagan Administration’s military buildup has gone towards conventional interventions, he said, explaining, “nuclear forces provide shields behind which we can use our conventional forces.”

Chomsky was highly critical of the “Star Wars” research program because SDI technology would be used for a first-strike, he said. A space-based defense would make operative a notion of retaliatory that’s just a first strike, he argued. Administra-

tional officials admitted that SDI is more of a means to an end.

II. Freshmen react differently to Senior House assignments

By Akbar Merchant

A group of homosexual students is starting a new organization to specifically fulfill the needs of MIT students, according to Christopher Thomman, ‘87, an organizer of the new Gay and Lesbian Student Union.

The GLSU would complement the existing Gay at MIT, Thom-

man said. GAMIT includes faculty, staff, and members from outside the MIT community, Thomman said. The GLSU is a “special interest group” which will consist only of MIT students, he explained.

Some gay students wanted a “particularly student group,” Thomman said. “GAMIT had difficulties having events for just stu-

dents,” because the majority of voting GAMIT members are not MIT students, he said.

The GLSU is also planning to hold meetings, such as mix-


tures, for the Institute as a whole, Thomman said.

“We are not a rival group,” Thomman said. “We intend to work with [GAMIT] as much as possible,” he said. “We made a pledge to help them out.”

The GLSU is currently in the organizational phase. Thomman continued. The Association of Students Activities’ recognition of the GLSU is pending, he said. The group could be recognized in two or three weeks, he added.

Because the group is new, it is unlikely to get office space or funds, Thomman said. The GLSU is also seeking le-

gislative involvement, Thomman said. “We hope to make legislative change[s] on campus and at the state level,” he said.

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By Andrew L. Fish

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III. New gay MIT student group formed

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