Seniors donate “You are” signs

By Frances Lan
The Class of 1987 has chosen “You Are Here” Maps for their senior gift, according to Sherman Luk ’87, Senior Gift Program Coordinator. The first map is planned to be installed on the Student Center side of Massachusetts Avenue. As funds permit, additional maps will be built at other locations, such as the Sloan School and Kresge Auditorium, Luk said.

The maps will have three sections: a layout of the campus defining the location of the viewer, a directory with both numbers and names of buildings, and the MIT Logo with “Gift of the Class of 1987,” which will be used as a section for “Upcoming Events” in the future.

The design of the gift will cost approximately $2000 and each map will cost an additional $50. More information is provided by Barbara Petersen, the program coordinator for the Alumni Association.

Through March 15, funds were collected from faculty and house representatives for the class gift. According to Luk, the Class of 1997 will match each dollar contributed by the senior class and will donate their contributions over $25, up to $5000, Luk said.

About 10 percent of the senior class will contribute a gift to the class gift ideas last semester, Luk said. The most popular proposals were an organ in the ice-skating rink, and a statue on campus, Luk said. The class council voted 10-2 in favor of “You Are Here Maps.”

Luk described the gift as “meaningful” and “visible.” It would “show class spirit and their appreciation for a MIT education,” he said.

Although some seniors have expressed dissatisfaction with the gift, Class President Gur Meir said that “after representatives explain more carefully what the gift is, people will appreciate it more. Once they understood what it is, they might like it better.”

West Plaza Director of Operations Stephen D. Immerman will be responsible for the implementation of the class gift plan.

Phase II delays degrees for 37 seniors

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Here” signs would, in deciding how to accommodate seniors stable to graduate, give priority to those who had at least made an effort to complete the requirement.

Papers graded quickly

Many seniors have expressed surprise at how fast the Writing Requirement Office has been able to return Phase II papers to them. Walters attributed this to the large number of readers presently employed by the office to evaluate student papers. The turn-around time is currently five days, she said.

While papers are being evaluated much more quickly than usual, the results are roughly the same. About one-third of papers are returned with comments, or pass on the first try, with the same number failing, she said.

Students are allowed to reorder and resubmit papers that fail. The deadline for turning in the first rewrite is April 1.

The Class of 1987 is the first to be subject to the Institute Writing Requirement, which affects all undergraduates entering MIT since the fall of 1983.

MIT complies with Cambridge smoking law

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An ordinance makes him more “self-conscious” about smoking. “The crux of the matter is, a lot of people don’t realize what an inconsiderate habit it is. It should go hand in hand with a real effort to help people quit. . . . A support group for smokers would make a big difference,” he added.

The architect student, who asked to remain anonymous, said that he did not smoke. “I imagine for people who don’t smoke, smoking is more irritating.”

Some non-smokers hail ordinance

“IT think it’s great,” said Peter G. Gardner ’88. He said that he was not going to have to put up with people blowing smoke in my face,” said Gardner, a non-smoker. “A lot of smokers are inconsiderate.”

Once I had a hole burned in my jacket by a cigarette in my face, he didn’t even stop to apologize,” Gardner added. “It’s a good thing,” said audiovisual technician Matthew Mattson ’88, an occasional smoker. “I think it’s a good idea for closed rooms, like classrooms,” he said.

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