Graduates satisfied with academics

By Kenyon D. Potter

Satisfied in a two-part series on the 1986 Graduate Student Survey, today's focus is on academics. Graduate students are "moderately satisfied" with academics at MIT, according to a report from the 1986 Graduate Student Survey. The survey was conducted in February of last year by the Academic Projects and Policies Committee of the Graduate Student Council.

In general, I feel that the return conveyed a positive message from the graduate community," commented Frank E. Perkins '55, dean of the Graduate School. "The purpose of the survey was to allow students to convey their opinions about their respective departments," said Norman W. Nereley, president of the GSC. "We are pleased to report that the survey has been successful in "getting the facts about graduate student feelings" out in the open. Approximately 1600 graduate students responded to the survey. On average, graduate students felt satisfied with their departments, the survey indicated. However, some in departments indicated higher levels of satisfaction than students in other departments. [See charts of satisfaction by department.]

New IFC board plans for next year

By Vance S. Hampelmann

Although there is only one remaining(theta) semester of a pre-lecture interview, Nimoy said his interest in the theater remained partly because of his involvement in the communications and education programs. Nimoy became amarine in the theater at the age of eight, in an amateur production in a now-closed theater on Charles Street, not far from MIT.

In his lecture, Nimoy claimed Spock attended the ancient Institute of Technology, a comment which elicited many rounds of applause from the audience.

Spock started, according to Nimoy, as an idea in the mind of Gene Roddenberry, creator and producer of the "Star Trek" series. Roddenberry had an idea for a show set on a starship in the future and wanted an alien in a highly sophisticated role as a "constant reminder" of the existence of non-martians. Nimoy, Roddenberry only knew he wanted this character to have a "polite ear.

Nimoy himself was innately the half-human, half-vulcan native of Spock, Vulcans, for the mythical race who doesn't know, rid themselves of emotions, had a tendency to exaggerate, and almost destroyed their culture. Although Spock was raised on Vulcan, he was still a half-human emotional side. Spock's dichotomous relationship to his own culture is, he said, an intrinsic part of his character.

He spoke about the history of "Star Trek," its impact on his life and career, and his relationship with Spock.

Nimoy's career "Star Trek" considered. Born in Boston in 1931, he decided to become an actor while still in his teens, a decision he considers himself "lucky" to have been able to make at such a young age. In

Faculty debates HASS proposal

By Akbar Merchant

The Committee on Undergraduate Education has proposed a new humanities distribution requirement which calls for a division of courses into three subject areas: humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The proposal lists five fields for humanities, five for social sciences, and seven for natural sciences. The faculty debated the proposal during the Wednesday general meeting, and will vote on the motion as late as May. Much of the debate centered on the definition of the categories of distribution subjects listed in the proposal.

The proposed requirement would reduce the number of HUM-D subjects to around 50, more or less equally divided among the five fields. This year MIT offered 126 HUM-D subjects in 22 fields. However, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has reduced the number of subjects to 96 for next year as an interim measure, Dean for Undergraduate Education Margaret L.A. MacVicar '65 reported.

The increase in the number of HUM-D subjects since the requirement was instated undermined the breadth the distribution was intended to provide, said Richard Caruth, head of the Linguistics and Philosophy department, representing the subgroup of the humanities and social sciences school council that worked on the proposal.

The proliferation of HUM-D subjects has resulted in an incoherence of distribution subjects, Caruth said.

By Amy Gorin

Literature professor David Thorburn, however, disagreed that the vague definitions of the five fields will further the pure ing problem with proliferation of HUM-D subjects. The Cultures and Societies field, for instance, could include just about any course in history, any literature course that studies historical and social contexts and, presumably, some courses in linguistics and psychology, Thorburn said.

As a result, the present dilemma of what makes a HUM-D subject different from another, Thorburn stressed.

Thorburn advocated adopting names from the existing academic map to reduce the vagueness. For example, the Cultures and Society fields could be called Humanities and Societies, and among the humanities themselves.

This key issue for this year's chairman is improving the IFC's image in the eyes of the MIT administration, Parfomak said.

"A lot of the fraternity/administration relations are not going too well, but there is no lack of understanding," said Professor Caruth.

"We need to get more organized and present a unified position to MIT."

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"Even though the fraternity/ administration relationship is often better than it is, there is a feeling among some that the changes in fraternity rush, although they may be good, are somewhat of a negative aspect of R/O week will be emphasized. The high percentage of students in next year's entering class will again make Rush highly competitive for future members, according to Parfomak.

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