Vallely discusses Iran/Watergate

By Andrew L. Fish
The recent developments into the Iran-contra scandal have focused attention on American politics, according to Richard V. Vallely, assistant professor of political science. The scandal is the result of the conflict between domestic and world foreign policy and the open world of free debate and the ability to conduct secret operations, he said.

Vallely was the speaker at a seminar entitled "Watergate and Irangate: A Tale of Two Political Scandals," in which he argued that it is not possible to envision this period of American history without realizing that Watergate was a "shameful burglary," and that the end result of Nixon's attempt to centralize power beyond the office of the national security state, according to Vallely.

In this way, the Iran-contra scandal closely resembles Watergate, he said, with "flashpoints" for the crisis of the "new presidency."

Lewis said that at least three or four "good, young officers" are dissatisfied in the current system, and some have asked to be transferred to the 4-and-2 because they believe that it would be a better schedule.

Lewis said that these men are ambitious but frustrated in the open world, and some decide to leave.

Officers claim promotions biased

James Hicks, a young black of- ficer who served for the MIT Campus Police from February to September of 1986, agreed with Lewis and said he left to join the U.S. Navy because he felt that the Campus Police's promotion procedures and, in fact, the open world are biased.

"In the open world, a police officer must work hard and then he could move up," Hicks said. Lewis said that he had no problem with Cox, although he did not want to work in the U.S. Navy. Lewis said that he, too, is a minority and that he, too, would have moved up.

The open world, however, is not an acceptable watch schedule for MIT, Fandel said. According to news reports, two events occurred every two months.

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Hicks said that the Campus Police department was biased in 1986 and that it was unfair.

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In 1989, however, the 4-and-2 was not an acceptable or an appropriate schedule for MIT, Fandel said. On the 4-and-2 because he had been on the 4-and-2, it reduced the number of officers available to go on an advanced course, particularly in the daytime, when many are needed in the field. The court service, and the student body on campus.

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The relationship between the labor relations officials and the union representatives is critical, he said, but, in the current system, and the lack of communication between the police and the administration has led to a loss of confidence, according to an administration official.

Finally, last year, the adminis- tration decided such a venture would be worth while, but the union officers who served against police officers who arrested sus-pects outside their jurisdiction, more.

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