CUP to examine Institute science requirements

(Continued from page 1) full participation in this program did I become a convert to the idea," Friedlaender said.

"One might question how can you justify creating a doctoral program for four students each year," said Kenneth Kenistron, professor of STS. He added, though, that competing programs at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania accept a similar number of students each year.

According to Perkins, establishment of doctoral programs where no prior departmental PhD program existed is quite rare at MIT. "In the four years that I've been dean, no such proposal has come forward," he said. He added that establishment of interdepartmental doctoral programs occurs much more frequently.

Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology James Harer remarked how a former faculty member in the STS program left because he had no PhD students to teach. "Some of us have been waiting for 15 years for this opportunity to teach doctoral students," Harer said.

Faculty updated on undergraduate education

Does for Undergraduate Education Margaret L.A. MacVicar '65 presented conclusions that the Science Education Committee reached in its report in September. According to MacVicar, the committee found that the current commitment to mathematics and physics is satisfactory.

But the report cited various problems with the science distribution requirement. MacVicar said. It proposed to cut the current number of distribution subjects from 76 to 15. Finally, the report concluded that there should be a life sciences requirement. The report made no mention of how this would be administered.

MacVicar announced that the main goals this year of the Committee on the Undergraduate Program would be to further review the science, math and laboratory requirement. A second, though equal, priority would be to examine the freshman year and determine whether it is achieving its academic goals, MacVicar said.

All these goals need to be accomplished if MIT is to preserve its policy of a general education, and, above all, have personal fulfillment as the main goal of its education, MacVicar said.

Demonstration disrupts meeting

The faculty meeting was disrupted by Carlos Gonzalez, lead-