Glavin named new Campus Police chief

BY KATIE SCHWAB

Students discuss whether regular 13-unit classes should be offered during independent activity periods with members of the IAP Committee at a forum Wednesday night.

The forum also addressed the amount of faculty and student participation during the January session.

Professor David Gordon Wilson, chairman of the Policy Committee, assured the audience that although he has recently called for changes in the January activities period, the committee was not considering abolishing IAP, and he knew of only two MIT faculty members who wished to do so.

Wilson also said the committee opposes making IAP into a "mini-term," and cited earning money and performing Shakespeare as appropriate uses of IAP.

The IAP Policy Committee is currently in the process of making these changes.

New context courses will unite faculty from various disciplines

By Raymie Stata

The new "context subjects" to be offered next year will cover topics ranging from economic competition between the United States and Asia to the effects of computer technology on public policy. The experimental subjects are designed to expose students to the non-technical issues that confront scientists and engineers and to stimulate inter-school cooperation among the faculty.

"Context subjects are an expansion of the Boston area's ongoing efforts to unite the technical and the non-technical in education," said Professor Joel P. Clark, PhD '72 of the department of mechanical engineering and Professor Peter Furby of the history section of the department of humanities, who "focus mostly on the competitive positions for the United States and Japan, especially in the steel, semiconductors, and electronics industries," Perdue said.

Perdue will also examine the competition issue from both a human and a technical point of view, she said. "We will look at the technical inputs, and also the social and cultural structures."

The course will be particularly interested in the relationships among government, industry, education and labor in the two countries.

Perdue said that the course will meet once a week, taught in a class discussion seminar format, with weekly one book reading assignments. Perdue and Clark also plan on having involved panelists participate in the weekly discussion.

"Engineers, Scientists, and Public Controversies" (2.933) will be developed by Professor James A. Haggard '74 of the department of mechanical engineering, Professor Bernard T. Fiedler of the department of physics, and Professor Charles Wexler of the program in Science, Technology, and Society. According to the recently released catalog description, this course will "investigate the nature of controversies surrounding science and technology and the role of technical specialists in society. Students will examine the technical, social, and economic aspects of public controversies such as nuclear power safety, the Strategic Defense Initiative, AIDS testing, and the release of environmental contaminants.

A third course, "Does Technology Drive Pollution much faster to Build the H-bomb?" is planned for next fall. The course will be co-taught by several biology faculty members who are interested in the research on human behavior and the environment.

A fourth course, "Understanding the relationship between government, industry, education and labor" is planned for next fall. The course will be taught by several social science faculty members who are interested in the research on human behavior and the environment.

Students all ideas on IAP

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Rape's emotional scars heal slowly

By Thomas T. Huang

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