HASS-Ds oversubscribed

By Alicia Gibrelt

Overscoring in Humanities Arts and Social Sciences-Distribution (HASS-D) classes led to lower grades this semester.

The overcrowding was the result of an Institute rule limiting enrollment in HASS-D courses to 25 students per section. If too many students enrolled in a HASS-D class, lottery draws were held to determine which students were allowed to stay.

Seniors were automatically allowed to stay in HASS-D classes, as were students who had been forced to withdraw from the class in a previous semester.

Acting Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Philip. S. Khoury said he did not expect a third of students to drop from a class, but the HASS-D limit on class size was "the trade-off" for a good humanities program.

Khoury said that student representatives to the HASS-D Over-view Committee insisted on the limit on class size. The student representatives argued that both faculty and students overwhel-

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The new policy also initiated a credit limit of 54 units for the first semester of the freshman year, and 57 units for the second semester.

Walters and Merritt attributed the new limit to faculty members who acknowledge that students abuse the pass/no-record policy by "overscoring" during the freshman year.

In both the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Physics, the number of students who did not receive credit did not increase at all.

In the mathematics department, roughly 50 students did not receive credit in calculus — 18.01, 18.01L or 18.02L which was not an increase from previous years. Out of these 50 students, approximately 20 passed a comprehensive test during IAP, according to David S. Jerison, professor of mathematics.

George F. Koster, graduate registration officer and professor of physics, said that out of the 550 students who enrolled in Physics 8.01 at the beginning of the semester, 105 students did not receive credit. This number reflected neither an increase nor a decrease from last year.

Both Walters and Merritt believe that the new grading system is an increase in MIT's standards, and that it will better the produc-
tivity of the Institute. They also believe that the freshman class should not react badly to the increase in warnings.

The faculty approved the changes to the grading system in May 1989, after several months of student and faculty debate on the issue of pass/no-record grading.

Baden faces charges of arson, armed assault

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Borison admitted at the time that he had become a point of contention between the two.

Baden was arrested Jan. 18, the day of the fire, after Cambridge Police officers investigated the burned suite, which keeps one of two kosher kitchens on campus.

Baden indicated yesterday that he would like to communicate, but in the end, he said, "No com-

Borison said yesterday that, to his knowledge, Baden has not communicated with people on campus. "I haven't spoken to him since that day, at least stalled, he added.

Baden first became suspect for the fire Monday night. "[Baden] stated then later on he took this basket and poured the gas on the floor" in front of all the other rooms in the suite.

He then "set the basket across from 252B and took a paper torch and set the gas on fire," the report states. The fire then "flared up, scaring him," Baden said to the police that day.

Baden also admitted to the po-

lice that he unlocked Borison's door with a key and that the fire blew the door of Borison's room open.

Borison said he and the re-

maining members of the suite moved back into a refurbished suite over the weekend of Feb. 1-

3. The suite had been repainted, and new rugs and shades were in-

stalled, he added.

Errata

Tuesday's story on the merger of Project Athena and Information Systems contained three errors ["Athena, IS will merge Eds."]

Network Services is a division of Information Services, not Information Systems.

One hundred five people will remain on staff. The budget for Project Athena does contain money for replacement hard-

ware, but none for new equipment.

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