McLean wins as 2.70 turns 20

By Brian Rosenberg

George Y. McLean '93 won the 20th anniversary running of the Introduction to Design (2.70) contest last night. McLean, who is majoring in physics with electrical engineering (VIII-A), said he took the class essentially "just for the fun of it." McLean said he did not expect to win, but that the idea was "in the back of my head."

"What really makes this special is that 2.70 is one of the things that made me want to come to MIT," McLean said. "I saw [a 2.70 contest] and it was really impressive."

McLean and nine other contestants will travel to Japan this summer to participate in an international design conference. The four contest semifinalists — McLean, Merwin Y. Chan '91, S. Christopher Hoffelt '93, and James H. Lee '93 — will attend, as will six others chosen by a panel of judges during the contest.

The six are Sharon S.Y. Chern '92, Dennis K. Goodrum '93, Naimish R. Patel '93, Melanie Rodriguez '93, Arthur C. Schlauch '91 and Aaron D. Sodickson '91.

Of the 10, only Goodrum, Hoffelt, Patel and Rodriguez are mechanical engineering students. Ten students selected from similar contests held at universities in Japan, England and Germany will also attend.