**Ongoing Probe into Institute's Use Of U.S. Funds Results in Hearings**

By Eve May

**T**he Defense Contract Audit Agency claimed in early January that MIT owed the government $22 million, then retracted its claim only a few weeks later.

The DCAA had recommended that MIT withdraw all or part of the amount billed to the government for research-related expenses for fiscal year 1992. MIT had been ordered by the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, headed by Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.), after the subcommittee held a hearing on Stanford University's use of government funds one year ago, according to Dennis B. Frigolettes, a spokesman for the subcommittee.

The "committee is responsible for federal research money. [It] always has interest in noting that the taxpayers' money is properly spent," Frigolettes said.

About a dozen other schools are the focus of such government audits, including California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Columbia Teachers College, and the University of California Institute of Technology, Columbia University.

The DCAA retracted the entire $22 million request on Jan. 17 to allow further investigation, according to James J. Culliton, vice president for financial operations. The reaction letter said concerns had appeared since the audit began, including a $778,261 payment by MIT to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for employee benefits, Culliton said.

MIT claims that most of the disputed amount stems from disagreements and changes in policy rather than erroneous or improper accounting. The audit interminably signified Movers and Understanding with universities, under which it agrees to a variety of mutually beneficial responsibilities in certain ways, Culliton explained.

Eight of the 10 MOUs that MIT has signed since the audit began have been disputed by the DCAA, Culliton said. "The MOUs that we entered into were contractual obligations...." 

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**Wrighton Fills Four Vacant Dean Posts**

By Jose Marquez

Professors Mark S. Wrighton appointed four new deans to fill positions left vacant by resignations last year. The processes used to select these deans brought strong reactions from the Undergraduate Association.

The four who were new appointments were Professor Mitchell, Dagd. C. Jackson Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, who became dean of the School of Engineering; Arthur C. Smith, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, who became dean for student affairs; Robert J. Birgeneau, former head of the Department of Physics, who became dean of the School of Science; and Phillip S. Khoury, professor of electrical engineering, who became dean of the School of Humanities.

The new appointments were made after a search for new deans was initiated last year. The process used to select these deans brought strong reactions from the Undergraduate Association.

"I'm very much in favor of search committee and student participation on them. On the other hand, it seems foolish to have a committee which would have this result as something of a foregone conclusion," Arthur C. Smith.

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"For the new dean of Engineering is marked by pressure from the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council to include a student on the advisory committee that made a recommendation to Wrighton. Students were given some input into the committee, but in the 1990-91 term, the student participation was ineffective," Former UA President Marshall Berg Jr. said.

Student appointed dean of student affairs

Smith appointed dean of student affairs

Smith, who has been acting dean for student affairs since July 1, 1990, was officially appointed in a two-year term as dean effective July 1, 1991.

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"We are, however, pleased that the new dean in..." Smith wanted him to be dean, he said. "It's not the case that every appointment will require a lengthy search process, according to an added. He said he thought the "element of student input has been received in the level of meaningfulness to the..."

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