Class of '92 Gift Will Help Poor Junior High Schools

By Eric Richard

The 1992 Class Gift, announced last week, has been hailed as an ambitious and innovative program, which, according to Senior Class Gift Co-Coordinator Joanna E. Stone '92, may "set precedents" for future gift classes.

The program, called the Program for the Encouragement of Technology Education, will send MIT students around the nation visiting junior high schools to encourage the use of computers in schools.

"The objective of the program is to get students excited about science and technology," Stone said. "Students have shown that the 7th and 8th grades are critical times in forming interest in science disciplines. We hope that we can provide engineers as role models for these students since there is no L.A. Law for engineers."

The program will send five members of the Class of 1992 and five other undergraduates to two underfunded junior high schools in each of five regions of the United States. These students, who will travel during Independent Activities Period, will bring donated computers to each of these schools, instruct teachers on the use of the computers, and encourage students to use and program the machines. Stone noted that the MIT students will be teaching the junior high school students in program to LOGO.

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Candidates Respond With Anger, Surprise

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"There's nothing you can really do to ensure this will be an ultimate-
ly fair election, as if nothing had gone wrong," Hansburg said.

Election commission blamed
The minority of candidates felt neither the election commission nor the students running the voting booths were to blame for the theft, a number thought the theft could have been avoided if the commissioners thought more about potential prob-
lems.

"The election commission has been rather disregarded," said Melissa Islam '93, candidate for class secretary. "They haven't shown much interest in the whole thing; they haven't been enthusias-
tic about the elections."

UNASV candidate Anne M. Tao '93 disagreed: "I trust the election commission's judgment. Their com-
mittance to the candidates and to the UA means they probably came up with the best solution."

Krcnoski said that the commis-
sion was partly to blame for the theft, "but I don't think if it'll happen again. I think it's something we didn't consider. I was on the election commission, it's certainly not something I would have appre-
ciated, much less expected."

"It's not a big deal. It's just annoying," said David J. Kessler '93, Baner's running mate. "I just assumed MIT students were more intelligent and more mature.

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