EECS Presents 5-Year Masters Program to Students Today

By Sarah Y. Keffley

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will present the new EECS curriculum proposal to students and faculty in the department at a formal discussion today. The proposal includes a five-year Masters of Engineering program, which would eventually replace the bachelor's degree as the primary professional program offered by the department.

The MS degree would be the principal degree offered under the new plan. At the end of their junior year, all students in good standing would be automatically accepted into the M.Eng. program. The department sent out invitations for the discussion to all of its students, faculty, and staff. Professor Paul L. Penfield Jr. ScD '60, head of the department and chairman of the Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee, will describe the proposal and then open up the floor for discussion. There will also be a presentation of "details that the faculty have not heard about yet," Penfield said.

Today's colloquium will mark the first presentation of the curriculum proposal to students. Penfield said the committee wants to give students' reaction to the plan. The discussion will serve as the EECS follow-up to the recent "Teaching in a Research University" colloquium.

Penfield said the department may include a paragraph describing the proposed curriculum in next year's Undergraduate Bulletin. The paragraph "does not give details; it states we are planning these changes without a commitment to do them." The department plans to make recommendations very similar to those in the proposal to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson on Friday.

At the center of the proposal is a recommendation to have all residents of Baker House, MacGregor House, McCormick Hall, and Next floor on a pay a fee of $1,300 per year to become members of the House Dining System. In exchange for membership, which is mandatory, students will be able to buy food at the dining halls for 35 percent of the normal retail price. All other patrons of house dining halls will have to pay full retail prices, as will dining system members when they eat at Lodell Court, Networks, or Morss Hall in Walker Memorial.

The committee wants to get student, faculty, and Next preferred to keep the dining halls open for another year without having them incur any more debt. The committee will make recommendations very similar to those in the proposal to Senior Vice President William R. Dickson on Friday.

Last weekend, MIT welcomed 258 new faces as prospective freshmen flocked to the campus from all over the country for the campus Preview/Minority Spring Weekend.

Admitted women and underrepresented minorities — African Americans, Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans — had a chance to "go around, be a student, and explore," said Luis M. Gonzalez '93, one of the student coordinators for the weekend.

"We tried to give people a variety of views of MIT," said Luis M. Gonzalez '93, one of the student coordinators for the weekend.

Women, Minorities Visit For Preview Weekend

By Eva May

On Friday, Professor of Archaeology and Ancient Technology Helether N. Lechman lectured on "The First Scientific Americans." She spoke about the way ancient peoples in Latin America and other countries used complex metallurgical techniques. It was a nice way to relate the humanities to the technology," said Nasua Elaibab '93, also a student coordinator.

There were also several social events this weekend. There were five: the Women for Choice event, which was "a nice way to relate the humanities to the technology," said Nasua Elaibab '93, also a student coordinator.

MIT Students March in Washington for Choice

By Deborah A. Lavinson

Washington, D.C. — How many giant public gatherings can you name off the top of your head? In the case of Washington this past weekend, there were five:

- The March for Women's Lives ranged from 500,000 to 800,000, with the National Organization for Women claiming as many as 1 million.
- The U.S. Peace Police estimate eventually settled at 50,000, qualifying the gathering as one of the largest in D.C. history.
- When I told The Tech's editor-in-chief that I would be attending the march, he made me promise not to write about the uplifting spirit of camaraderie one gets from marching in support of a common cause. Now, after having marched, I can say that yes, that spirit exists; but more than anything, marching with 499,999 other people is a surreal experience.

Marches came in centuries, like the Vikings holding spears with oversized, impaled papier-maché heads, or the woman dressed as a cow carrying the sign "My Womb is Udderly My Own." On the MIT front, Eva D. Regnier '93 held an effigy out hanger sporting "Nerds Square of 164 Choices and Nerds 2nd Choice." (Our neighbors, liberal arts majors from the University of Pennsylvania, weren't about the "Nerds Square of 164 Choices" and Nerds 2nd Choice." (Our neighbors, liberal arts majors from the University of Pennsylvania, weren't about our neighbors, liberal arts majors from the University of Pennsylvania, weren't about the March for Choice) (as we passed the White House. There were Guardmen for Choice, Former Fellows for Choice, and Combinatorialists for Choice mingling with members of the more conventional: Planned Parenthood, NOW, and the National Abortion Rights Action League. If all of that didn't add up to something surreal, I don't know what it was.

The pro-life forces had their share of strangeness, too. While only about 2,000 people showed up to protest abortion, those who did managed to incorporate billboards, life-size paintings of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus, and posterettes dressed as Death, wearing white...