Teamworks, HASS Lottery Change in Format, Organization of Classes

New academic programs in 1993 included the highest enrollment ever in the Sloan School of Management, the most popular classes. The basic problem is "there is a lottery system - students can still be lotteried out of classes," Pritchett said. Not all students expressed enthusiasm over the new system. Most of the discontent stemmed from students who were aware of the lottery but who entered the lottery or who were placed after a year of sabbatical. Urban, who served as deputy dean at Sloan School, has been on the MIT faculty for 27 years.

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Rishi Shrivastava
Thurrow plans to return to the Sloan School after a year of sabbatical.

Making Sloan a "preeminent" school
Urban, who served as dean at Sloan since 1987, was named to the MIT faculty for 10 years. He plans to "make the Sloan School a preeminent management school of these times." He said he hopes to work with Thurrow in the future and believes they will continue to make a good team.

He hopes to expand the Sloan School in areas of product design, information intensive initiatives, environmental management, and entrepreneurship. He hopes more students will be encouraged to create patents and establish their own companies.

In addition, Urban said he will focus on how international and political changes affect management strategies on an international scale. This is important because international students make up 40 percent of all Sloan students that pursue masters degrees.

He earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1963, and a PhD in marketing from the University of Pennsylvania. While at Sloan, Urban was a co-director of the International Business Machines (IBM) Institute for Advanced Management Technology until he became dean. Urban has co-authored many marketing textbooks and articles on management practices for the subject.

He has started several companies as well. Urban co-founded Decision Sciences Inc., which merged with Information Resources Inc., as well as Management Science for Health, its own John Snow Inc., and Marketing Technology Interface Inc., which deals with product research, received in addition to his reipone- ship at Sloan, he is a director of Easter Corporation.

In his spare time, Urban enjoys helicopter skiing, sailing, and building large-scale metal sculptures and bronze castings.

Both Vest and Whitrow believe Urban will perform well and be satisfied with his past accomplishments. "His research and teaching have been in a tradition of management field, but he has brought innovative uses of modern information technology to it," Vest said.

They also remain optimistic about the future of the Sloan School. "Other major business schools are struggling to try to achieve ties with the training that are already strong here," Vest added.

"Coupling this with our strength in other man- ners, our international activities, and the strategic directions that the school has will allow us on our way to being the premier management school for the new century."