Provost Mark S. Wrighton provided an annual update on the ROTC situation. The ROTC policy on homosexuals, which now follows the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, conflicts with the institute's non-discrimination policy.

In October 1990, the faculty approved a resolution asking the administration to work to reverse the Department of Defense policy on homosexuals over five years. At the time, homosexuals were banned from participation under all circumstances.

During the 1992 presidential election, candidate Bill Clinton "indicated that when he became president he would change the policy," Wrighton said. However, Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy fails to meet MIT's requirements, he said.

It is unlikely that the administration or Congress will act on the matter, Wrighton said. "The only course of action to change the policy would be a court action."

Several cases are moving through the court system which "would appear to possibly result sometime down the road in a Supreme Court decision," Wrighton said.

Because the five-year period will expire next year, Wrighton and Vest will likely appoint a committee to work on the issue next fall if there is no other resolution, Wrighton said.

Vest announced that he had asked the American Association of Universities to provide a legal analysis of the court cases involving ROTC and homosexuals.

Concern over adjunct faculty
Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Stephen R. Hall and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Rafael L. Bras '72 (professor of Materials Science and Engineering) made the MEng proposals for their departments at the meeting.

Following the presentations, Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Earll M. Murman '64 (head of the department) said expected faculty members migrate to the design area. He said he has had a positive experience with adjunct professors as ones.

Jaffe reported that the faculty policy committee was "delighted to see that there is an emerging template" for the MEng degrees. "The common features and conservative nature of one recent and two proposed programs alleviate some of the concern raised when the EE-MEng program was created, he said.

The entire section relating to the evening update in the 1993 edition, but the paragraph relating to the evening exam policy was omitted due to a printer's error, Jaffe said.