SCC votes $2260 for office moves

By Burt S. Kaliski

The Student Center Committee in a regular meeting Sunday night approved two motions to spend $2260 for relocation of offices within the Julius A. Strause '32 Student Center.

The committee left untouched an estimated $2380 for installation of a door between rooms 473 and 475 and related expenses. The amount approved includes rewiring of telephone lines, reinstallation of locks, carpentry, and purchase of an opaque curtain for the Student Center Lounge.

The MIT Science Fiction Society, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and MIT Physical Plant will negotiate funding for installation of the door, according to Andrew M. Eisenmann '74, staff assistant in the Dean's Office.

The committee had largely planned a reconfiguration of the Student Center, including its large-screen projection television and the offices of the student groups.

John Mark Johnston '84, former chairman of the committee, supported the appropriation of $500 for an opaque curtain in the room which formerly housed the projection television and which is now a Dean's Office scheduled meeting room.

"We initiated the series of moves [and] this is one of the expenses we had to trade off with the Office of the Dean," Johnston said. "We can pick up the expense of an opaque curtain.

Committee Secretary Bill Hobbs '86 disagreed, saying the Dean's Office should pay for the curtain, since it would use the room for meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Johnston also moved that the committee, for what he called "unnecessary" expenses. "Cone [Moras, Physical Plant's West and assistant manager] won't buy new locks so he has a master key which he couldn't do that," he said.

Moras, contacted Sunday night, denied Johnston's remarks. "We're buying no one lock. We're just changing them from one door to another," he said. "There's no change in the keys at all."

The committee passed Johnson's motion by a vote of 7-1, and Johnston moved to allocate $1600 for carpentry and televisions.

Hobbs questioned the proposal, calling such estimates "haphazard" and demanding a detailed list of expenses. "We should have... a much better view of what exactly is happening here," he said.

Eisenmann urged the committee to appropriate the funds "so that some of the changes can get underway as quickly as possible."

The committee approved the $1600 appropriation by a vote of 7-1.

In other business, the Student Center Committee, with little discussion, decided to allocate $20,000 for The Co-Op's play to be staged at Spring Weekend should it be first-choice. The Clash, not appear. The committee has already approved $30,000 for The Clash.

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In closing statements each of the candidates opposed Reagan’s handling of women’s issues and repeatedly their support for the Equal Rights Amendment.

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World
Lebanese cabinet resigns — Shafik al-Wazzan, the prime minister of Lebanon, and his nine-member cabinet resigned Sunday. The resignation was expected since last Saturday and is believed to be largely caused by pressure from Moslem groups opposing President Amin Gemayel and his policies. The most prominent Shia Moslem leader called for all Moslem ministers to quit and Moslem soldiers to abandon their western Seminar. The ouster appeared, however, to fall short of the opposition's expectations as intense fighting continued for the fourth straight day. At least 70 people have been killed in that latest outbreak of hostilities between the Lebanese army and Shia Moslem militants. US Secretary of State George P. Shultz Ph.D '49 blamed the collapse of the Wazzan cabinet on Syria, accusing it of threats against Moslem leaders which narrowed the base for the government.

Andropov reportedly recovering after surgery — Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov has returned to work after recuperating from a kidney transplant and resulting complications, according to the West German newspaper Express. Andropov, currently working two days a week, is expected to resume his duties full-time by March 4, the date set for elections by the Supreme Soviet.

Nation
Reagan asks 1985 billion budget for 1985 — President Ronald W. Reagan presented to Congress last week a proposed $925 billion budget for fiscal 1985 which would result in a federal deficit of $180 billion. The budget includes funding for a permanently manned space station and increased economic and military aid for Central America. Domestic spending would decrease by $4 billion. Reagan has met with leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties in Congress to discuss reductions in the deficit.

Mondale leads in New Hampshire — Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale continues as the commanding favorite among New Hampshire voters, according to a poll conducted by The Boston Globe. Mondale is favored by 42 percent of New Hampshire's leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties in Congress to discuss reductions in the deficit.

Stock market tumbles — The Dow Jones index of blue-chip stocks tumbled more than 22 points yesterday to 1374 in active trading, continuing a month-long slide which saw the market drop more than 100 points. Market analysts expect the market to bottom out at 1150, and say a massive sell-off by large investors fearful of the effects of large budget deficits precipitated the decline. Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker predicts deficits of $180 billion over each of the next three years.

Sports
Olympics begin amidst controversy — The XIVth Winter Olympiad begins today in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, but live hockey players will not be permitted to compete. Four players, two from Canada and two from Italy, were declared ineligible by the International Olympic Committee yesterday because of previous professional experience in the National Hockey League. The action upsets a protest bided by Finland, whose hockey goalie had been declared ineligible Sunday.

Weather
Colder but fair — Today will be mostly sunny, breezy and cooler with highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday will have plenty of sunshine, and temperatures in the mid-20s. There is a chance of flurries on Thursday, with highs in upper 30s and low in the 20s.

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Editorial

A new volume, an old commitment to news

The nature of a university is change. Every four years brings a complete turn-over among the undergraduate population. This dynamic situation makes the achievement of a global view and the establishment of a tradition very difficult. A campus newspaper is a continuous chronicle of issues and events, even though written by individuals with only a brief tenure at the institution.

With this issue begins the 104th volume of The Tech. The function of this newspaper is two-fold. It is first to contribute to the chronicle of issues and events on campus, by providing a place where more students can learn the craft of journalism: writing, editing, production, and business, and enjoy the association of fellow students in a non-academic activity.

The new editorial board affirms the commitment to which all good journalists aspire: to report the news as completely, fairly and accurately as possible; to serve as a forum for the community to voice its concerns and debate issues; to eschew pandering to self-serving interests; and to do the best job a group of amateurs can perform.

The Tech is a part of the community in which it covers. The editorial board welcomes whatever contribution readers wish to offer, be it a comment in the baliff, a letter to the editor, or stories written as new members of the staff. As the first editorial of volume 24 noted eight years ago, without the confidence that the undergraduate body would lend its hearty support and cooperation, the paper can have a sphere of but limited usefulness; with them, it can do its share to help the growth of Technology's college life and college spirit.

General Assembly has authority over groups

If any student group is deserving of recognition for performing the necessary functions of student government, the Student Center Committee is certainly it. The committee has accomplished a recent move of several offices and its own television room within the Student Center and funded part of the move. The committee has also provided funds for a Sigma Phi Epsilon boat cruise during Spring Weekend.

The only problem is that the Student Center Committee is not responsible for those tasks and has neither the authority nor the right to perform them. The students whom it claims to benefit, whose resources it controls, have no control over the election of the chairman or of any of the members of its oligarchy. The single representative body of the students — the only body which it elects — is the General Assembly of the Undergraduate Association. The General Assembly has the responsibility to perform and must perform those tasks such as reorganization of student offices and funding for Spring Weekend events.

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Playing semantics with pornography is foolish

The recent decision by the Lecture Series Committee to not show its tradi-tional, sexually explicit, registration day movie demonstrates that the committee can be responsive to the concerns of the MIT community and show great sensi-tivity as it endeavors to meet the community's needs. Even though past Regis-tration Day movies have attracted more people than almost any other movie LSH has shown, the group has chosen a sensitive course of action, accepting the loss in revenue by cancelling the movie for this registration day.

The Lecture Series Committee has also agreed to establish a committee com-prised of members representing various viewpoints from both students and staff. The committee will attempt to mediate the viewpoints and arrive at a set of guidelines for acceptable sexually explicit films. Although any agreement will not be binding upon LSH, the group says it expects to abide by the compre-hend has the right and the responsibility to perform tasks such as reorganization of student offices and funding for Spring Weekend events.

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Guest Column/Richard M. Stallman

Make Athena software free

Second of a two-part series

"Free software" is not synonymous with "public domain software." The kind of "free" that concerns us is "free to be redistributed and shared," not "free to be bought and sold." When software is in the public domain, anyone can copy it, modify it, and sell it. In other words, the writer can make the program, as it develops, cease to be free in the sense that matters. This can be prevented by copyrighting the original software but including a notice giving people permission to copy and share it but not to sell it or any modified version of it or any system containing it. Sharing in this sense is distributing software where the recipient is granted the same rights and materials as the distributor. A requirement that all programs be made through sharing is necessary to avoid the obstruction of productive use of and addition to the software who provide the service of copying, storing, and distributing programs pay for the privilege of using the software. This is distinct from the current practice of charging for the right to use a program. Distribution charges do not really have to do with ownership and are not harmful. A distribution fee can be defined as payment required in return for the explicit actions involved in having in advance as to its ownership will be regarded as free.

Initial interest in Athena software would be at universities. The software could be distributed through the organizations to which universities now belong for other purposes. When larger numbers of individuals become interested in using Athena software at home, the public library will be the natural distribution center. By that time, facilities for copying and lending computer disks would be cheap enough for libraries to afford.

Defenders of ownership will point out that revenues derived from the sale of Athena software would enable MIT to do more research and teaching. But granting any more knowledge available only today's limited ways is not as great an achievement as making all knowledge, present and future, more accessible. The teaching MIT could do with the revenues Athena software would not equal what the Athena software, unrestricted in its use, could do by itself. There are other ways to arrange for funding for universities that is good for society. If free Athena software greatly reduces the total cost of education in the world, it will make lots of funding available for those things that education still must do.

MIT should take the essential first step to decide that all work funded by Project Athena be available for free copying.

We cannot, however, be confident that other, non-free programs will not form a significant part of the ultimate Athena system without acting to ensure it. Here are some steps which would, taken together, accomplish this.

- Regard any software of unclear ownership as free. Inform users of Athena, in advance, that software developed by a group of people without a clear agreement

- Voluntarism tends to die out: everyone starts to expect and demand that software be defined as payment required in return for the explicit actions in-
 MIT treats resisters unfairly

Column/Will Doherty

During his office hours on Sept. 6, 1983, as well as on several other occasions, MIT President Paul E. Gray ’54 informed me and other non-registrant students, that we are not eligible for MIT financial aid that would replace federal aid denied by congressional legislation, specifically the so-called Solomon amendment.

"Why not?" we cried in anguish, because for many of us this statement meant the delay or termination of our MIT education. Gray explained that MIT could not expect students who decided not to register, or who did not have to register, to support our decision to resist registration. Gray wrote in a letter to non-registrants last summer that he thought the Solomon amendment was "bad policy," but added that "by choosing not to register or not to sign, you are making an individual decision; other students in similar financial circumstances will choose to comply with the regulation." He argued that, because we had decided as individuals not to register, we should realize the consequences of that decision.

"Our decision to resist registration," he said, "was "bad policy," but added that "at the same time we should make the best of the situation.""I am starting my fourth year as a college student, trying to obtain an education, spending my weekends Saturday and Sunday nights for the last three years — working for money, and the rest of the week studying, hoping to learn something." The president of the Institute tells me that MIT cannot subsidize my personal choices. Meanwhile, MIT supports the personal choices of 517 students, including 156 from other schools, who participate in the ROTC program.

The MIT administration deems personal decisions made by the ROTC students more worthy of support than those made by students who have decided to resist compulsory registration. Dear. Clearly, the MIT administration approves of the ROTC program, while the MIT administration disapproves of draft resistance. In this way, the Institute has repudiated the basic principle of academic freedom.

While MIT asks Harvard and Tufts to pay their fair share in the ROTC program, MIT should pay its fair share in the "Save the Planet" program. Begin by allowing people who do not like to be forced to kill other people to stay in school. Then prepare scientists and engineers to understand the implications of their work.

Education does not exclude social conscience; social conscience just is not discussed in most courses at MIT. I do not ignore the positive work occurring in the Science, Technology, and Society program, as well as other havens of responsibility around the Institute. But mainstream MIT curricula often omit social responsibilities in their fervor to get the student ready for graduate school or for that well-paid corporate position.

Let's develop curricula that will deal with world problems of overpopulation, malnutrition, resource depletion, and pollution. Let's figure out how to get renewable energy sources without longterm risks. Let's make the extinctions of life through nuclear annihilation impossible. Let's try to end unreasonable discrimination by education about racism, sexism, homophobia, and the rest of the dirty laundry list of irrational fears.

As the least, let students at MIT understand the applications of the education they obtain here. Everyday violence, such as the institutional violence glorifying death over life, and the channelling of inquisitive minds into dimwit tunnels, is an experience we can avoid.

Support union

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happens some kind of nominal rent — monetary or otherwise — would be possible.

Clare, there are many, many points that would have to be worked out. Unless they are resolved, it is a way which free student government from the clutches of MIT, the Institute will continue to have final, absolute authority over the actions of its student activities.

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tem, including free operating systems when they become avail-
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sion of Athena software be free as well.

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Editor's note: Richard M. Stallman is a former member of the Artificial Intelligence Labora-
tory and the primary developer of GNU.

Tuition increases are unfair and unjustified

To the Editor:

"Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the pass."

— George Orwell, 1984.

We write in response to The Tech of Dec. 13, 1979. The head-
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There's no way the administra-
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Tuition is only 14 percent of MIT's revenue. Does the adminis-
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Scott I. Chase ’85
Night Editor Volume 103
Managing Editor Volume 104

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Ashdown energy inefficient

To the Editor:

I am about to move out of the Ashdown House Graduate Dormitory. I feel it my duty at this time to disclose to the world the fascinating breakthrough in energy use developed at Ashdown, and now Ashdown is using its technology to help the world situation.

It is, of course, very fitting that the dormitories of MIT should bear full witness to the marvels of modern technology. This is why Ashdown House has a climate control system which can only be fully appreciated by the most knowledgeable of experts; however, I will try in this article to give you a glimpse of its brilliance.

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The best part about this whole system is that the steam is absolutely limitless. I mean it. Since October the boiler has not turned off. During this time our bathroom window has never been fully closed (the radiator in the bathroom has no valve.) Other interesting energy use techniques include defrosting meat with a steady stream of hot water which passes through the sink and down the drain. I inquired about this practice and was informed that the microwave was much too slow. This rather extravagant use of energy is particularly touching when one considers that most people now living in Ashdown are from the third world.

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Guest Column/Jacqueline Gottlieb

Thoughts on Orwell’s 1984

"... Of shoes and ships and sealing wax
Of cabbages and kings
And why the sea is burning hot
And whether pigs have wings."
— Lewis Carroll

1984 is a name. As all names it comes to serve our limited capacity to grasp complexities and details. Nineteen-eighty-four — listen to it — is a new notion in which fantasy mixes with possibility, and a book that has no simple relevance whatsoever.

Through the new baggage of slogans (which Orwell never intended to create) we hear, for instance, about the “promotion of hatred” toward Americans which is possible in Russia. How ludicrous! Hated in Russia is direct, 95 percent of it, toward communism. No American can hate the Soviet government or long for capitalism with more naiveté than a Moscovite who has to watch weekly party linoliums raid the city unobstructed and pass unsaid for accidents, or a Russian peasant whose land has been confiscated for the common good, even if this happened decades ago.

We are told and told back in, our complacent habit of concealing and those windows open.

...We can either write literary commentaries on the book, to which its abstract form lends itself much more readily, or write specific political essays, to which the book has no simple relevance whatsoever.

This “mass industry” operates through financial initiative, on one hand, and through the common practice of article-writing, on the other. The former can, if it need be.name, be understood, for rotten means lead to rotten consequences. But the latter? Writing, after all, implies thought. The fact that Orwell wrote a book does not spare us the need to think.

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Ashdown residents do not conserve energy

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where energy was relatively expensive. I was taught that it is my moral duty to conserve our natural resources for those who cannot afford them and for generations yet to come. I grew up in eastern Massachusetts. Now I realize that the Ashdown community has far greater concerns. They alone plan to balance Mexico’s trade deficit. In accomplishing this goal, they will spare no expense of their own.

Thank you Ashdown for including me in this most noble challenge, but I’m afraid that my foolish heart keeps telling me that we should conserve. Good luck, and keep that boiler burning hot and those windows open.

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Opinion

MIT should set an example

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emergency ward, I was able to interpret for a Colombian patient who spoke no English. The Spanish that I had learned from Lili was not sufficient for translating the doctor's and patient's answers. I believe that I would have neither understood nor retained enough Spanish for these translations had I taken an ordinary subject spread out over several months.

The most intensive foreign language subjects are among those opportunities that are appropriate than to quote political terms is no more appropriate than to quote Gulliver's Travels in an election campaign.

To tie our thoughts, be they appropriate than to quote Gulliver's Travels in an election campaign. On the contrary, Gulliver's Travels is less dangerous, for it has been forgotten by the most people.

To: ALL MIT GRADUATE STUDENTS
From: JUDY TISDALE

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At a Recent Commencement Plenary Session, an Unwelcome Remarks by the President

I am writing to express concern about the remarks made by MIT President Jerome W. Casper at a recent commencement plenary session. Casper's comments, which were not appropriate for such an occasion, included references to the military and a statement that MIT is not a place for people who are not interested in science.

We believe that these remarks are inappropriate and unprofessional. As MIT students, we expect our leaders to set a positive example and to demonstrate respect for all members of the MIT community.

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Harvard’s commencement scheduled on Jewish holiday

By Ronald Becker

Harvard University's commencement will take place June 7, despite a conflict with the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. The Harvard Commencement Committee decided that the inconvenience to the rest of the community justified keeping the date, according to David Rosen, director of the Harvard News Office.

MIT changed its commencement date two years ago because of a similar conflict, said Mark Nohorney, dean of Campus Information Services. The MIT facility approved the change by a vote of 85 to 15. The MIT Commencement Committee will do its best to avoid future conflicts, he said.

Commemration at Harvard traditionally occurs on the Thursday following the end of the academic year. Since the Jewish calendar is lunar-based, the date occasionally conflicts with Shavuot. The next conflict will occur in 1999. The Commencement Committee will take this conflict “into account” in the future, Rosen said.

MIT sets its commencement date by the academic calendar. Since MIT’s commencement is generally scheduled the Monday following finals, the conflict occurs only when Memorial Day falls that Monday, forcing commencement to the preceding Friday.

Harvard’s commencement is a week-long event which generally draws 25,000 people to Cambridge, the majority of whom are not Jewish, Rosen said. The plans are made more than a year in advance, he added.

Rabbi Ben-Zion Gold of Harvard Hillel said the problem is one of conflicting traditions. Although the conflict has occurred before, Gold said, this is the first year Jewish students have protested the issue at Harvard.

Rosen said the rabbis Harvard contacted do not foresee a direct conflict with receiving a degree on Shavuot, since the holiday is a commemoration of learning. Harvard has provided special arrangements for Jews who wish to attend the commencement exercises, Rosen said. Special lodgings are in place, he said. Special lodgings are in place, he said.

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Forum on pornography held

By Thomas L. Huang

Members of the Intercollegiate Women's Coalition, a non-MIT group, called for a ban on pornography in a forum sponsored by the MIT Association for Women Students at Kresge Auditorium last night. Approximately 70 people attended the forum, which came six days after the MIT Lecture Series Committee decided not to show an X-rated film on Registration Day. The panel consisted of three representatives from IWC and one from AWS.

Vanessa Cruz, the AWS representative, said, "Let me stress that this is not an anti-LSC forum. AWS is grateful to LSC and is working with the committee on resolving the pornography debate. 'We are grateful that they are listening, reconsidering and being responsible.'

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Fencing road trip gives mixed results

By Ellen L. Spero

NEW YORK — The women's fencing team won two of three matches, and the men won one of two in a tour of New York City this weekend.

Both teams faced Hunter College and New York University, and the women also met Stevens Institute of Technology at NYU.

"We had a relatively easy win over Hunter, and that was without two of our starters on the men's team and one of our starters on the women's team," said MIT coach Eric Soller, "but we felt the lack of them against NYU."

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