Class of 1972 calls for divestment

By Ben Z. Staiger
Representatives of the MIT Class of 1972 have written a letter to the President of MIT to call for divestment in corporations doing business with South Africa. It is the first time that the class has called for such a move.

The letter, signed by 18 corporation members, says that the Class of 1972 is "dismayed by the manner in which the University has handled its obligations to its alumni." The letter states that the Class has "reached the conclusion that the University has failed to adequately address the moral and political implications of its business dealings with South Africa." The letter goes on to say that the Class is "convinced that the University's actions are not consistent with the values and principles it espouses." The letter concludes by saying that the Class is "convinced that the University's actions are not consistent with the values and principles it espouses." The letter concludes by saying that the Class is "convinced that the University's actions are not consistent with the values and principles it espouses."

The letter also includes a request for a "class meeting" to discuss the issue further. The Class of 1972 has been working on the issue for several years and has already held several meetings to discuss the matter.

The Class of 1972 is made up of more than 18,000 alumni from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is the largest class in the school's history.

MIT drops to 10th in ranking of total costs

By Akbar Merchant
MIT ranks as the 10th most expensive four-year institution this year, according to a survey conducted by Inside Higher Ed. The survey ranks institutions based on total costs, which include tuition, room and board, and other expenses.

MIT is ranked 10th in the survey, down from 9th a year ago. The school's total cost is $47,417, making it the 10th most expensive institution. However, MIT's cost is still lower than the cost of some of its competitors, including Harvard, Stanford, and Yale.

The survey also ranks MIT 10th in the country for its endowment, with $3.2 billion. It is lower than some of its competitors, including Harvard, which has an endowment of $37 billion.

MIT's drop in ranking is due to a decrease in the school's operating expenses. The school has been able to reduce its expenses by cutting back on some of its programs and reducing its workforce.

The survey also found that the cost of a college education is rising faster than inflation. The average cost of a four-year institution this year is $37,417, up 5.9% from last year.

The survey was conducted by Inside Higher Ed, a publication that covers the higher education industry.
MIT purchases graduate housing

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The Fermi story is about "the role that intuition plays in scientific discovery... the role of hunches in trying to figure out what is happening in the physical world," Keyser said.

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay also advised the freshmen to take advantage of the many opportunities that MIT provides in the areas of courses, houses, organizations and athletics. She assured the freshmen "the decisions you make are yours," and most decisions "are not irreversible."

The final speaker, Undergraduate Association President Manuel Rodriguez '89, said simply, "Life at MIT is like a tug-of-war." The pull of one's goals and the grind of college life often are diametrically opposed, he explained. But, "the real goal lies outside the classroom — in life."

President Paul E. Gray '54 greets the Class of 1991 at Thursday's Welcome Convocation.

McBay urges new students to explore more resources

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The freshmen were expected to explore more resources, understanding the tension and confusion of a new place; later they will find that "the pace never abates, and it is difficult to keep this balance between the academics and the extracurricular activities," Rodriguez said.

His final word to the Class of 1991 was an admonition not to wait until the end of four years to realize that the possibilities for education are not limited to formal classes, and that "a 5.0 grade point average alone does not necessarily mean a good education."

Dickson said. Investment funds could not be used because the maximum yield will not be gained from the property, he explained. The use of academic funds was inappropriate because the housing benefited students.

Linda L. Paton, manager of housing services, said that 100 students entered the lottery for the new condominiums. Twenty-nine students were contacted before the space was filled.

Shortage of graduate housing

After a good deal of lobbying by the Graduate Student Council, Dickson acknowledged last fall that "graduate housing is one of the highest — if not the highest — priority issues of the Institution." A GSC survey revealed that 46.1 percent of graduate students desired on-campus housing, but MIT only provides enough housing for 26 percent of the graduate student body.

MIT instigated, at the GSC's request — a revised housing policy in the coming school year that would assure that more incoming graduate students could have rooms in on-campus housing.

Dickson said the Ashdown construction and condominium purchases are two additional efforts that MIT has made to alleviate the housing shortage.
**News Roundup**

**World**

Thai airliner crashes

Eighty-three people — including two Americans — are believed dead after a Thai Airways jet crashed into the sea off an island resort. The airline says the jet was trying to avoid a collision with another airliner. Seventeen bodies were recovered from the water before the search was called off due to darkness. Airline officials believe there were no survivors of the crash.

Eight die in South African mine

At least eight miners are known to have died in an accident at a South African gold mine. Five others were found alive in a small pump station dug out of the side of the mine shaft in which a total of 66 miners were trapped. The five were rescued successfully. The fate of the other 35 is not known. Mine officials first said there was an explosion in the shaft. But now they say they are not sure that an explosion occurred. This was the first day back to work for many of the miners, who have been on strike for the past three weeks.

Soviets may allow US nuclear test on their soil

A top Soviet arms official has offered the first endorsement of President Reagan’s proposal for monitoring nuclear tests. Nikolai Chernyaev said the Soviet Union would allow the United States to explode an underground atomic bomb on Soviet soil, which would allow the United States to calibrate new and nuclear test monitoring equipment.

The offer is part of a verification plan for a treaty banning medium and short-range missile tests from Europe. The chief US negotiator at the Geneva arms talks said the offer is worth pursuing.

**Nation**

UAW picks Ford for strike

Ford Motor Company may paying the price for its sales advantage over General Motors. The United Auto Workers Union declared yesterday that Ford would be a better target than GM for a possible strike. UAW contracts with both companies expire in two weeks. The UAW hopes to pressure a favorable deal from Ford that could influence talks with GM.

Opponents to surrogate motherhood to push for national law

Organizers of a new coalition against surrogate motherhood say they will push for a federal law against pregnancy-broker pay. Mary Beth Whitehead, a surrogate mother accused of reneging on her contract to lose custody of the baby in court, said she does not want anyone else to go through what she did.

Post Office to sell stamps by phone

The US Postal Service yesterday announced plans to test a new service. They will allow small business and individual customers to order stamps by telephone and pay with credit cards. A postal service statement says the move is part of a series of initiatives to streamline service. The initiatives will include a leased private air service that will link 45 cities to supplement commercial flights used for mail delivery.

**Sports**

NFL players hold off on strike

The National Football League Players’ Association failed to announce a strike date yesterday afternoon. Instead, union officials in Washington said they will meet with the full board of league player representatives a week from today.

It had been speculated the players would call for a strike sometime after the opening weekend of the season which kicks off Sept. 13. Union and league negotiators have not held a bargaining session for over two weeks. The current basic agreement expired yesterday.

**Weather**

Cooling off

The atmosphere continues to have an autumnal pattern as cold high pressure centers build in northwestern Canada and head southeastward. A result of this pattern will be the continuation of below-normal temperatures. The week will be rather dry except for a few showers accompanying frontal passages.

**Local**

**Haitian man burns himself**

A Haitian man set himself on fire and burned to death yesterday on the steps of the courthouse in Boston. Police said that he apparently was upset about religious persecution and the rising power of secret police in his homeland.

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Evil twin plans realistic Rush Week activities

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"Quiet and passive" students were recruited. Phillips and Johnson said they grew concerned when they noticed that the Boston Church of Christ members, who are actively recruiting other students, described them as "quiet and passive" - students who felt uneasy about refusing the advances. In July, those students began to talk to each other about what they felt was undue pressure to join the church. 

"I said some of the church members gave them threats. They claimed that Interphase students, who recently had been named as staff members, according to some students had been aware of what was going on. They believed that the Boston Church of Christ was "heavily recruited" during the summer. "It would be awful," she said, "if these groups were taking advantage of a person's loneliness if people were being deceived about friendship, ..."

"There is a potential for hazards. In a tough, academic environment, where your self-esteem is at stake, some of these groups offer an attractive alternative to build yourself up so that you feel good about yourself."

As a definite policy, she said the Dean's Office needed a better sense of how excessive the problem is, and that the Dean's Office might be able to fit part of high-pressure religious recruitment under the Institute's policy on harassment.

"It is important for students to understand the agenda of these religious groups before joining them. Other administrators said the recruitment problem extends to political and fraternal organizations, as well. Incidents involving recruitment by fraternities and People Against Racism - a political activist group on campus - occurred as well, according to Anthony J. Canchola, assistant director of OME, who co-directed Project Interphase. Canchola said he is considering involving the MIT chaplaincy with Project Interphase next year, in order to hold an orientation meeting to let freshmen know what options they have when it comes to going to church - information that might make intelligent choices."

McBay called the incidents "highly inappropriate." She also criticized incidents she had heard about over the past year in which a number of students had targeted their recruitment on people who "looked isolated," at first attracting these students with an interest of friendship, but then shifting their emphasis to recruitment.

"But the source also acknowledged that the Institute cannot do anything to substitute for the freedom of speech and religion. Canchola, the Interphase co-director, could only shake his head, thinking of the vulnerability of these young students and the pressures that they can succumb to. He said: "Some of these students were homesick. They are often the first ones in their families to go to college. They carry a lot of their folks' hopes and aspirations. They are under a lot of pressure."

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only interest in a separate fund that he saw there. But similar funds which place a deadline on institutional divestment have been set up at several schools including Harvard, Yale, and MIT, according to Philip Katz '82, a trustee of the EFD. MIT's EFD is based on the Harvard fund, Katz said.
The main difference between the two "endowments" is the time in which the institution may divest and still collect the money.
The Class of 1972 passed three resolutions at their 15th Reunion business meeting. Those in attendance "represented the interests of the class," Kellermann said, noting that the attendance at the meeting was probably "one of the best turnouts there has ever been."
The first two resolutions — the call for divestment and the request for a special fund — passed "overwhelmingly," according to a later Kellermann e-notice to Corpo-rate President David S. Saxon '41. There were only one or two dissents, Kellermann later said.
The third resolution, requesting that the Alumni Association provide a mailing list of members of the Class of 1972 to the EFD, passed by a slim majority.

The main reason for the reluctance to fully endorse the EFD, Kellermann said, was the possibility that the money may never get to MIT. If MIT does not divest by 1994, all EFD funds will be turned over to Amnesty International and the United Negro College Fund.

Since its establishment nine months ago, the fund has collected $2000 and is expected to get another $5000 after an upcoming mailing campaign, Katz said. The money is managed by the Calvert Fund, a socially responsible investment fund without an interest in companies which do business in South Africa, Katz said.

Alumni Office refuses to turn over mailing list

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association voted not to release the Class of 1972 mailing list for the purposes of an EFD mailing, in keeping with its policy to release the list only for "direct MIT purposes," according to William J. Hecht '61, executive vice president of the Alumni Association.

Hecht explained in an interview that he has seen "the position taken by the Alumni Association would not deem the Endowment for Divestment an MIT-related purpose and could not release the list of names."
The Alumni Association will also not allow EFD literature to accompany class mailings. EFD literature would look like a solicitation, and the Alumni Association is not supposed to solicit money for non-MIT charities, Hecht explained in an interview with The Tech.

"Anybody who wants to inquire about the EFD, may inquire," Hecht said.

But David Stenger '72, author of the resolution and former class president, thought that class representatives should be able to mail literature to the entire class.

"We just want our own list, of our own classmates, so we can do a mailing," he said. "I'd like to see MIT do something I can feel honored by, he added.

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