**Rents Commonly rising sharply**

By Mike McNamee

Rents in MIT dormitories will be increased by almost 20 per cent next year, with base rents ranging from about $800 in Senior House to over $1000 in MacGregor, according to student members of the Undergraduate Association Review Committee.

The increases, which voted unanimously on the committee to The Tech that the group will report sometime next week with final figures on housing and dining rates for 1974-75. The rates were "pretty well settled" prior to a meeting yesterday afternoon at which a final report was to be discussed, according to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Ken Browning, a member of the Committee.

The increase in rents and Commonwealth costs will be the largest in the history of the MIT dormitory system. Committee members said that energy costs, which have tripled in the past year, are responsible for the sharp rise. Without the energy costs soaring, the increase this year would be less than normal," Browning explained.

One innovation the committee is planning to introduce is a three-option voluntary Commonwealth plan next year, according to Burton House representative Dave Bernstein '74. In addition to the $250 Commonwealth plan currently used, there would be a "One-Third" plan and a 7-day, 19-meal plan offered. The "One-Third" plan would allow a student to buy tickets for 25 breakfasts, 25 lunches, and 25 dinners from the Dining Service, which he could use throughout the term. The 19-meal plan would provide four meals on Saturday and Sunday, which would probably be served in Lobdell only.

**Base rents and differentials**

The rents are decided on a three-part system. A base rent is set for the cheapest dorms in the system, and a "quality differential" is added to this for each dorm to determine the basic rent in the house. Charges for services which vary between the dorms, such as levels of desk service and maintenance, are then added to the rates in each house.

Differentials were increased this year to make the rent differentials in the houses more equitable, according to Jim Moody '75, the Baker House representative. With Senior House and Belknap at zero, the differentials are: Baker and East Campus $10; Burton and McCormick $200; and MacGregor $220.

I think the people on the committee are fairly happy with these differentials," Browning said. "They disagree, of course, with the expensive houses wanting smaller differentials on the cheaper ones wanting larger differences, but they've reached a pretty good compromise.

Browning said that he didn't expect "an mass evolve" from the housing system as a result of the increase. "We certainly won't have empty beds, with the overcrowding we expect for next year," he said. "But I really be surprised if many people moved out because of this."

**Courses offer orientation**

By Barb Moore

The Undergraduate Association finally elected a President and Vice President Wednesday, when Burton and MacGregor representatives took the positions of Moody '75 and Dave Jeanch '75. "It was a fairly high," according to Shagoury, Secretary General of the UA, "and he attributed the drop to a combination of factors. "There were just not as many candidates, fewer candidates, and no strong drivers," he said.

"Perhaps some people were disinclined with the system," Shagoury added. The system, in which candidates campaign, file signatures, and declare, was changed from last year's ballot. Shagoury said that he believed the system would provide more votes to the students who came to vote did so. As of 5:00 yesterday, Wallman and Moody became the official heads of the Undergraduate Association. Commenting on his immediate plans as UA President, he hoped to overcome "the negative effects of the election."

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Departments offer orientation

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Professor Lawrence Susskind, Undergraduate Officer of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, thought that "for students it is useful, so we do it. As a device for attracting students it's far too helpful."

Gould, on the other hand, felt that the Midway was very useful. "Lots of kids came by and asked us questions," he defended the Midway format, noting that "in a formal thing, there are one or two questions by one or two people. People don't like to go public, yet want to talk to someone. The Midway is private."

Professor Arthur Mattuck of the Mathematics Department, felt that "students don't come with specific questions. They want to learn something about the department, and open houses are more useful for this." Cokie saw the situation as "the problem of giving too specialized information to the undecided, yet too general information for those who have made up their minds," and considers the Midway and Open House complimentary in this respect.

Most departments feel that they have an obligation to provide information to freshmen. "We're there to give information, not to give a snow job," according to Gould, echoing French: "Our job is not to advertise in a hard-nosed way, but to make sure that people know what goes on in a realistic way."

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Sheridan using group feedback

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Michel Guite, a research assistant in the Department of Political Science, said the group project aimed to increase group commitment. "Over response increase commitment. You don't have to raise your hand in front of everyone," Guite explained. But most of the feedback was favorable, he said, because of the influence of the few vocal members of a group.

Through the MIT Community Dialogue Project, Sheridan has been attending educational and community events. "I'm not to use the members as guinea pigs, but more with the attitude of 'can we help?'" Most of the response has been favorable, however, several problems have arisen.

One concern expressed by some participants is the possibility of manipulation of the group by the moderator. Sheridan feels that "it is a problem," but that the real effect of the feedback unit is the opposite; to allow people to object and change questions in the course of the meeting. This continuous feedback and participation actually makes the meeting agenda directed "free by one man's opinion" than the consensus of the whole group.

Guite added that "it takes little training to run the voting boxes," and that the moderator would find it very difficult to utilize the equipment used to monitor their people have of technological devices. Guite feels that "the government is not responsive to interest groups," and that hard decisions be proposed; one each on sexism, nutrition, and patriotism. Sheridan stated that he can see many educational uses for their presentations, besides the pre-fatory classroom stuff. "Perhaps the most successful use of audio packages so far has been in language labs," Sheridan continued. Guite also sees a political future for the system, asking, "How do you get people to believe that they have an interest in government interests?" He expressed hope that citizen feedback can be used to help stimulate "more effective issue definition in the government."

One useful aspect of Sheridan's current research is in the application of two-way cable. "We are uncovering some of the changes now, before it is too late."
Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

Life insurance

It has come to my attention that life insurance is being sold around the Institute through various impersonating agents. A large number of students have been approached by these agents, and many have purchased policies without realizing it. There is a great deal of confusion and uncertainty about these policies, and many students have come to me with complaints about them.

I am working on a project to investigate the activities of these agents and to help students understand the policies they are being sold. I would appreciate any information that you can provide about your experience with these agents.

Sincerely,

[Name]

To the Editor:

Life insurance

While the students shudder at the thought of being approached by these agents, I believe that the students should be informed about their options. There are many reputable insurance companies that offer life insurance policies at competitive rates.

I would suggest that the students contact their local insurance brokers or agents to obtain information about the policies they are being offered. They should also read the fine print and make sure that they understand the terms of the policies they are considering.

Sincerely,

[Name]
**Police Blotter**

The Police Blotter is a compilation prepared by Campus Patrol to report crimes occurring in the MIT community.

**4/14/74**

The barbeque grill for the Campus Patrol does not come to notice by flowers and budding trees, but by the increase of larcenies and attempted larcenies of bicycles. Students are urged to make use of the new controlled Bicycle Compound at Building 17.

**4/18/74**

Report of several larcenies from DuPont Gym - lockers left unlocked. When using the gym make use of locked lockers for valuables.

**4/19/74**

The Campus Patrol received a report on the larceny of a 12' Sea Swing sailboat valued at $150.00 from the Hayward Garage. The owner placed the sailboat in the garage on the previous day and upon returning to take possession of the property discovered the boat missing.

**4/20/74**

A 1969 Mustang was reported stolen from in front of 50 Memorial Drive. This is the 67th vehicle reported stolen on or in the immediate vicinity of the campus this year.

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4:00 p.m.

Professor Pierre R. Aigrain

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**Technological Fixes Versus Real Solutions: A Sociological Analysis**

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Elias P. Gyftopoulos Nuclear Engineering

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Senatorial Resolution
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Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord; and

Whereas, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974 be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and calls upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins.

Remember to Pray April 30, 1974

Community Meeting
Tuesday, April 30, 12 Noon, MIT Chapel

Christians: "God's Purposes for His People"

Speaker — Dr. Richard Lovelace, Professor at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
April 30, 8:00 PM, MIT, Room 37-252
This year's IM softball season goes into its final two weeks of play with 84 teams vying for A, B, and C league championships. The A league, regular season will end in three weeks, with playoffs beginning the following Saturday. Eight teams will participate in them, with the first place finishers in each league and the two third place finishers with the best records completing the field. This weekend's play will involve two A league games between undefeated teams (E.E. vs. LCA and PLP vs. TC). As many as a number of other games for playoff berths.

Manager Kochi Kodama '75 is quite pleased with the way the season has gone, having had no rainouts this year despite a generally wet spring. If the good weather continues, he will try to schedule a fifth game for those B league teams that had contests this year. The standings have been slated to play only four after three weeks.
Spurred by last week's decisive victory over WPI, the women's varsity crew scored another win this Saturday, time 3:36.8,雌度 equals to the effort of the two. With only one seat between them, MIT took the stroke up two beats and parents to the win, to Williams 3:36.9 and Phillips 3:47.5. In the second varsity pairs race, originally claimed to be a dead heat, Williams slipped by a finn to win by one second over MIT 4:31; MIT varsity was much better than expected. Boats for the two MIT pairs were as follows: second place boat - bow, Dallas Abbott '74 and stroke, Roseanna Means '76; third place boat - bow, Joan Pendleton '76 and stroke, Sue Thomas '76. This Saturday's regatta on the Charles River was to be a hotly contested race among MIT, Radcliffe, Bowdoin, and Williams. The women's varsity squad competed in the elimination heats for the New England Singlehanded Championships, held at MIT, Harvard, and Coast Guard Academy in light, variable winds.

MIT's All-American Steve Cucchiaro '74, sailing in A-Division with crew Larry Daniels '76, made an impressive showing as he won five of the six races sailed in his division, convincingly winning low-point honors for the event.

Chuck Tucker '75 and Paul Erb '76 combined to place second in B-Division, sailing with crew Dave Jenisch '75. The University of Rhode Island and Yale were the only two teams to qualify from the heat.

Coxswain Mike Newman, second varsity and third varsity lost to Northeastern, had more than enough to put the Engineers now into the second half of the race. Calling a power 20 at this point, the Engineers now showed Northeastern their power. Picking up half a length in that twenty, the MIT varsity kept moving and had over a two-length lead with 600 meters to go. Coxswain Mike Newman, "It then turned around to watch for the vaulted Northeastern finish. There was nothing to worry about as the Engineers had more than enough to put the Huskies in a time of 4:23.9 to win by one second over MIT: Williams 4:35; MIT's first frosh hung on to an early lead and has been stretching to a length at a pace of a length. At this point, Northeastern began its traditional move. Their strategy is to use their superior strength to drive them into the lead as the other crew starts to die. This time, however, their strategy has failed. It was much desire to let Northeastern go by.

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