MIT sets tuition at $3700

By Soenn Kaufman

Tuition for the next academic year will be $3700, an increase of $500 over that of the 1974-75 school year. The seventh increase in the past seven years, the hike is the largest being the $550 increase to $2500 for the 1970-71 year.

Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54 cited inflationary pressures as the chief cause of the increase. The 10% per cent increase is slightly less than the full inflationary rate, and MIT's tuition has remained at, or slightly decreased, its fraction of the median family income, and the tuition's contribution to MIT's expenses is expected to remain constant, as important consideration when MIT is facing a growing deficit situation.

While the Institute has pledged additional efforts to raising financial aid funds for students, Gray told The Tech that this was not the equity level — the amount of need which will be $3500, an increase of $100 over the previous year. The figures cited by MIT's financial aid office are the exact amount the level will rise from its current level $1750, but Gray said he expected it to exceed $2000 next year. A combination of pressures on aid funds, he said, is responsible for the rise.

MIT extrapolates tuition years in advance, but has been delaying its announcement of the actual figure. Until two years ago, it was the policy to announce the tuition in the summer, more than a year before it became effective. However, as inflation has picked up pace, the administration has waited longer in order to have a better idea of its future costs. Last year, the announcement came in mid-October, and this year's was the latest ever.

The tuition increase was chosen to maintain the student contribution to operating revenues. For more than twelve years, tuition has met about 40% of the Institute's total expenses (exclusive of sponsored research). Tuition rate would have been impractical because of the necessary increase in student finances.

The budget situation is likely to worsen, however, as other sources of funds fail to keep up with inflation. Gray noted that endowment, gift, and income in the university is not keeping pace with the same proportionate share of total expenses when compared to a decade ago. Unless MIT can garner more money by increasing endowments and gifts, its operating deficit is likely to grow despite the continuing cuts in expenditures.

MIT is the first major private university to announce a tuition hike for the 1975-76 tuition, but, in private discussions with the Ivy League schools, administrators have found that the $350 rate is in a better agreement. "We don't want to go out on our own," one administrator told The Tech.

MIT issues plans for files

By Mike McNemer

With time running out on the grace period for allowing review of student files, MIT's issues statement of policies and procedures to deal with the Buckley Amendments to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

The statement, authored by Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54 and published in Wednesday's Tech Talk differs little from MIT's previous statements on the files. The statement is a generalization of the procedure that full procedures have been specified for implementing the law at MIT.

The statement will probably not be the last the administration deals with the controversial files law. The sponsoring of the original legislation in the United States Senate have indicated that they might amend the law, and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has indicated that they might require amending MIT's procedures.

The statement comes less than a month after the law went into effect on Nov. 19, leaving about two weeks for MIT to reply to students who have requested review of official files concerning them. The statement is for students, and continuing students living off-campus.

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Housing changes due, survey results suggest

By Gerald Radack

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12/4/74

The Campus Patrol observed a record number of vehicles during a routine patrol. The owner was notified to replace the damaged locks on both doors. This vehicle had been parked by the owner the previous day in the West Garage.

The Campus Patrol received a report of the larceny of a bicycle that was chained to a fixture in Building 16. This bicycle was a 10-speed blue man's bike with a black cushion seat. It was a new Panasonic bike valued at $400.00. Again students are urged to make use of the bicycle compounds at Building 13.

12/7/74

A report was received of damage to the parking booth at the Kresge Parking Lot. This was done by a student attempting to pack a U-Haul truck in the lot. Students who drive rental trucks are requested to use the utmost caution while in control of these vehicles. The Patrol often receives reports of damage done by rented trucks to trees, bridges, parking booths, and other parked vehicles.

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Experimental subjects advised

By Farrell Pethuel

An effort is now underway to inform MIT students of available advice on the solicitation of human as experimental subjects by non-MIT investigative groups. A recent letter from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and the MIT Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects was sent to all living groups in COUHES Chairman Dr. Warren Point, along with Dean Carol Eisenberg and Medical Director Dr. Alfred G. Seile, asked that all students approached by non-MIT investigators testing drugs, food products, etc., check with COUHES before consenting to become subjects.

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Grading mysteries

By Storm Kauffman

Have you ever wondered how your final grade is assigned by your instructor? How does it differ from another instructor's method of grading? And why is it that your grade in a subject has long been considered one of the arcane facets of life at the Institute? It's a process that many of you may be wondering about.

The answer to these questions lies in the grading system used at MIT. The process of assigning grades involves several stages, each with its own set of criteria and considerations. The grading process begins with the collection of data from various sources, such as exams, quizzes, homework assignments, and projects. This data is then compiled and analyzed by the grading committee, which is comprised of faculty members from the department.

Once the data has been collected and analyzed, the grading committee will meet to discuss the grades that will be assigned. During this meeting, the committee members will take into account a variety of factors, such as the difficulty of the material, the level of understanding demonstrated by the student, and the overall performance in the course.

The final grades are then assigned based on a scale that is established by the grading committee. This scale is typically based on a percentage or letter grade system, and it is used to communicate the level of achievement demonstrated by the student. The grading process is typically completed within a few weeks after the end of the course, and the final grades are then posted on the student's transcript.

Grading is an important aspect of the educational experience at MIT, and it is a process that is taken very seriously by the faculty. The grading committee works hard to ensure that grades are fair and equitable, and that they accurately reflect the level of achievement demonstrated by the student.

For further information, please contact the Academic Dean's Office.
Corridor Art

To the Editor:

While the IFC (Interfraternity Conference) recognizes that the student-activity information cases have been removed for short periods of time in the past, we feel that the proposed two to four month exhibitions for the main corridor far exceeds the spirit of the "temporary removals" plus made with Physical Plant at the time of their installation.

The feeling of the IFC representatives is that the cases serve a very valuable purpose in terms of central information distribution for the activities involved. Removal of these cases to a non-central location will not only still the information distribution to directly affected groups, but will also stifle such distribution to casually interested passersby.

While the same argument can be applied with arging for an exhibition in a central place such as the Main Corridor, our consensus was that the benefits derived from the activities cases far outweigh the benefit seen in any month-long exhibition of art or Institute history.

As students, we believe that the Institute should serve the needs of its students first, before the whims of its administrators, however well-intentioned they may be. We do not feel that removal of the information boards serves these needs in the best way possible.

To the IFC there may be value to certain short-lived exhibitions, we feel that setting a maximum time limit would be arbitrary, and it is obvious that setting a general time limit opens the area to abuse. For this reason we feel that the cases should remain where they are.

We further feel that the suggestion to move the LSC and SCC boards up while removing the others is a patently political move to move an equal amount.

For these reasons, the IFC passed the following resolution Dec. 10: RESOLVED: That the IFC opposes the removal of any of the student activity cases in the Main Corridor.

The IFC
AWARE charges IAP bias

A proposed course on Women and Minority Issues, to be offered by the Association for Work and Reform in Employment (AWARE), is now at the heart of a dispute with the Independent Activities Period (IAP) administration.

The Association has been denied the right to offer the course, according to a letter from AWARE, because the MIT administration does not want to allow a union to offer an IAP activity. AWARE is now in the process of organizing bi-weekly employees into a union affiliated with District 69 of the Distributive Workers of America.

"Through John Wynne, Vice President for Administration and Personnel," the letter said, "the administration claims that if MIT allows a union to give an IAP course, it must allow any other union the same right."

AWARE officers say that the grant is not yet a union, but is a union organizing group. They contend that they are the only such group on campus, and say "we feel Mr. Wynne's fears are groundless."

Charges and reply

MIT and AWARE have been engaged in some minor skirmishing centering around AWARE charges of grievances against the administration. MIT officials replied to those charges in a statement published Wednesday in Tech Talk.

In the Institute's statement, Wynne and Director of Personnel Services James Califon addressed the "charge of unconscionable use of MIT's facilities and interests of the bi-weekly and exempt members of the MIT community."

The reply points to the goals set in the 1973 president's Report: to provide opportunities for individual satisfaction, participation in affairs which affect the worker, advancement, and career development.

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Military should plan for future

By Louis Everett

Policy decisions concerning military spending are too often based on past needs rather than on future contingencies, according to Thomas C. Schelling, who is Louis N. Luschei Professor of Political Economy at Harvard University.

A major recommendation of the Committee on Economic Development’s report, Congressional Decision-Making for National Security, is that “in all matters of strategic military spending, the government ought to look at least ten years ahead and justify the use of the weapon,” Schelling told an MIT audience Tuesday.

Thomas C. Schelling

In his paper, which participated in the preparation of the report, the discussion of the feasibility of the recommendation, and explored the need for such action in a Center for International Studies seminar, “Report on Military Spending.”

Congress must assume an adversary role to carry out this recommendation, Schelling said, noting that “reasons inherent in the constitutional process make it impossible for the executive branch to consider all contingencies.” According to Schelling, the President must predetermine “dis- sident” predictions to provide united action, especially in the areas of foreign policy and defense. “Looking to the future requires considering contingencies that are essentially contradi- cion of official diplomatic policy,” he said.

A lack of foresight in military planning may also result from what Schelling calls “institu- tional atrophy.” Long-term ac-

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MIT wrestlers split tri-meet

Last Saturday, the MIT wrestling squad traveled to Connecticut to participate in a triangular meet at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn. The Engineers, led by co-captain Jack Mosinger ’75 and Velasquez, swept Storrs, 62-6, and Brown, 36-16, but lost to a strong SMU squad, 25-13.

The year’s team, led by co-captains Jack Mosinger ’75 and Len DeCasau ‘74, was basically a young group, a result, getting off to a slower start than usual despite its 2-4 record.

Leading off for the Engineers was Mosinger, who, wrestling at 118 lbs, defeated Storrs’ Paul Oppenheim, 20-13, and received a perfect score of 9.750. Mosinger topped his opponent, 2-0-0, his record, and lost, 2-2, to Tom Smith of Brown, 18-4. Despite these setbacks, both Mosinger and Velasquez will be relied on heavily this year.

At 167 lbs, Peter Haag ‘78 pinned his Wesleyan opponent, but lost, 12-4, to Tom Smith of Brown, 18-4. He had no trouble at all with his SMU adversary, defeating him, 18-4; he also picked up a forfeit from Wesleyan. A top-4 finish for the New England championship, DeCasau says is a realistic goal of going undefeated this year.

Wrestling at 190 lbs, David Fleischaker ‘78 competed in his first two varsity matches, losing both, 30-6 and 30-1. Erland Van Luchte ’77, MIT’s unused representative, was defeated, 3-1, by Dennis Fenton of SMU. Despite this loss, he should have no problem as the season progresses; he also has an excellent chance of taking a gold medal in the New Englands.

The New England wrestling championships will be held in IAP and will be against some of the toughest teams in the country due to the outstanding efforts of Coach Leo. Let me say that the young Engineers should perform as competently as past MIT wrestling teams.

SMU boms women, 46-17

By Caren Penso

Despite Kathy Roggノー’s (’77) 22 points and 15 rebounds, the MIT women’s basketball team dropped its second game of the season, a 79-55 loss to SMU yesterday in the Rainbow Athletic Center.

The Mustangs used their height advantage to post 34 rebounds to MIT’s 10. The Mustangs outscored the Engineers inside the paint, 44-12.

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SMU scored 11 unanswered points in the final 4:35 of the first half to seize control.

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