Gray: budget won’t stay balanced

By Mark James

"Bringing the budget back into balance doesn’t stick," in this way Chancellor Paul Gray summed up MIT’s economic problems for about 35 students at an open forum on the Institute’s financial situation held Thursday, March 23.

As a result, Gray indicated, efforts to reduce the gap at any one time only postpone the problem of expenses that are growing faster than revenues.

The "operating gap," the amount of the institutes operating expenses that must be made up from sources other than operating revenues in each year, has been increasing at a net rate of $9 million a year in recent years, according to Gray.

"The Institute is in the process of making a difficult transition between economic expansion and refreshment with which it is not threatening to the near-term financial health of the Institute," is dangerous in the long-term outlook, according to Gray.

Tuition pays for about 40 percent of Institute operating costs not covered by research sponsors. Gray said that the tuition rate has "essentially remained constant [inflation corrected] dollars since 1972.

Gray asked that "tuition is one number in the operating budget that the Institute can control.

Gray pointed out several trends that endanger the Institute’s economic situation:

- The direct funding for sponsored research has "no palpable growth" in the last several years. - Gifts grants, and bequests "near and dear pace with inflation" because of changes in consumer price indexes, philanthropy and an uncertain tax situation.

Investment income has remained essentially flat in inflation-corrected dollars since 1968, partly due to a decline in the constant dollar value of the endowment.

Gray explained that this decline was due to the decline of gifts and to the necessity of removing 14 million dollars from the endowment over the last three years to make up for the operating deficit.

The operating gap increased from around $2 million in previous years to $8.6 million in Fiscal Year 1974, the year the Institute was hurt financially by the quadrupling of energy costs and the loss of reimbursements for research overhead due to the divestment of Draper Laboratories.

After outlining these problems,(Please turn to page 2)

Tuition support proposed

By Jerome Brady

A proposal to establish a Student Tuition Equalization program (STEP) will be considered by the Massachusetts legislature on April 5.

Representative Frank J. Marano, D-North Adams has filed a bill - House 2430 - which calls for providing grants to needy students to help make up the difference between tuition payments and state aid and to target institutions and those at state schools. This difference can be as much as $3,200.

Depending on need, qualified students with a family income up to $11,000 could receive as much as three-fourths of the tuition of the school attended or one-half the cost of attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst for a full-time student, whichever is smaller.

The bill is sponsored by AMICUS, Inc., an association of Massachusetts independent colleges and universities of which MIT is a member.

According to AMICUS, the cost of STEP to the state is about $40 million per year, considerably less than the cost of supporting the same students at public institutions.

The STEP program would allow quality Massachusetts students to choose among all colleges in the state, public and private, and would more efficiently utilize educational resources, AMICUS stated.

According to AMICUS, student tuition equalization programs are already in effect in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin.

Open House: success predicted

Despite the apathy of some departments, Open House '76 is expected by its organizers to be a resounding success.

"It looks like we're only going to have about 35% of the departments doing anything this year, and a smaller percentage that are doing it seriously," Exhibits Committee Chairman John Shuford '79 told The Tech. "At this point, though, we only have definite plans from about 10 of the 22 academic departments," explained Mark Munkacsy '77, the Open House Chairman.

The last Open House, held in 1974, had almost 200 exhibits and attendance was not even close to that Yet. "People just don't seem to realize that Open House is only 25 days away, on April 24. There ain't a whole hecka of a lot of time left," Munkacsy said.

He claimed that at least two departments indicated that they didn't want to do anything for Open House, "reported Munkacsy, adding, "It's difficult to give outsiders a good picture of the Institute when interesting, non-engineering departments wish to do nothing."

Open House '76 is scheduled to begin at noon on April 24 and last five hours. Prior open houses have attracted up to 40,000 people from all over the country. Munkacsy hopes to draw at least half that many this year, despite a very late start.

"Two weeks ago, we had almost nothing but a tentative budget, we had no one in charge, many members of the Committee had not yet been named, and we had only about 25 exhibits. "At last, although the campaign was not yet underway, the committee, which is negotiating with BSSP on a roomy-room basis, has made some progress.

"However," Munkacsy told The Tech, "an administrative problem like this does not really jeopardize the success of Open House. We can deal with these problems. What is really hurting Open House are the departments and labs who don't want to be bothered to show the public what they are doing."
Budget balance only temporary

(Continued from page 1)

lens, Gray described actions that have been taken by MIT to lower the gap.

- Student enrollment has been steadily increased over the last two years in order to increase tuition revenues.

- An effort is being made to expand sponsored research to offset the losses from the Draper divestment. These efforts have included the establishment of the Center for Cancer Research and the Energy Laboratories.

- Expenditures have been reduced by cuts in the academic budget of 4.2 per cent this year and 2 per cent next year. Support areas have been an important area for cost reductions, Gray said, citing cutbacks in the use of energy and the phasing out of the use of night watchmen whose duties have been taken over by the Campus Patrol as examples. Gray stated that the cuts “mean that the academic area has been moderated.”

- The MIT Leadership Campaign, a five-year program aimed at increasing gifts to MIT, was begun. Gray said that so far the campaign has resulted in $10 million received above the normal level of gifts. At this point, $73.6 million has been received out of a $225 million goal.

- The campaign has not been successful at raising money to pay for the construction of New House, however. Gray said that the Institute expects that it will have to absorb the costs of its construction.

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**Review**

**‘Woolf’: highly successful**

By William Schiffner

Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? is another of the many plays which have recently been resurrected and restaged on Broadway. This highly successful presentation is marked by only two flaws: the play has lost much of its shock value in the years since it was written, and Edward Albee’s direction is awkward at times.

Virginia Woolf is a detailed look into the private lives of a college history teacher and his wife. Through twenty-three years of marriage, their work has revolved around the academic jobs they constantly had at each other, as well as an imaginary son each uses to protect their marriage. The dialogue used by George and Martha to convey these feelings is crude, and is obviously meant to shock. However, though the play was during years ago, it seems mild today. The speech is dated, but the impact of the characters and their emotions comes through undiminished.

The strengths of having an author direct his own work are well known. Edward Albee manages brilliantly for the most part. Unfortunately, he often has characters converging over the entire length of the stage, a tactic which is annoying and out of context with the rest of the direction.

The acting itself is what saves Virginia Woolf from being just another rerun. Ben Gazzara as George delivers his lines with fluence and is obviously well suited for the role. Martha, played by Colleen Dewhurst, gives a flawlessly bitchy performance as Martha, the wife who thinks she "wears the pants in the family." Richard Kelton and Maureen Anderman are well matched as the biology teacher and his wife.

Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf is a classic. No Burton-Taylor miskarah - don’t be afraid to see it.

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Exporting totalitarianism

To the Editor:
The recent events involving actions taken by the Taiwan government concerning students who had organized a meeting over the MIT-Taiwan deal illustrates a problem which involves everybody in the MIT community. I am personally appalled that the government of Taiwan not only practises its totalitarianism at home, but also audaciously to export to America in the form of surveillance tactics that the people in the Taiwan teach-in and by the article in The Tech on Tuesday, March 16. This sort of thing is
not only morally offensive, but it is an infringement of the rights of American citizens who happen to be associated with the intended target. Thus, it is imperative that action be taken. Freedom of expression is a way of life here, and interference with the exercise of this freedom should be combated. Perhaps if a few of these people who make it their business to play Gestapo in the United States for the Taiwan government were to share jail with those people from MIT who are subjected to the same treatment, they might get the idea.

Robert J. Drudulis '78
March 16, 1976

Commentary

Campus sobriety: the bitter truth

By Daniel Nathan

I find it my unfortunate duty to inform the general readership of this page of a serious problem confronting the MIT student body. The task I face becomes even more awesome by the fact that its importance has been passed over by the other independent editorialists, those names and crowds who make the above-mentioned page twice-weekly. It also escapes me as to how a paper of The Tech's caliber could have passed over this topic whose immediacy is everyday becoming only more so.

Verdigris aside, the contagion which has infiltrated the students' bodies is sobriety. Although we have not yet reached the point where the medical department and the Dean's office are forced to step in to institute some controls on this form of student abuse (and I don't care anyway), the MIT students who have been stricken by this epidemic have begun to affect other students and Institute property as well as damaging themselves.

The disease attacks the mind rather than the body. It thrives on a weakening of mental defenses, a breakdown of those barriers which normally exclude foreign germs from the mind, keeping ego intact. Just as the cold wet night allows the bug to enter the body, so does the sober dry night allow self-righteous puritanical virtuous drunken dogs to enter a student's cubicle and force their way from the pages of Ergo into his disciplined

The Tech

Ecklin's question "Can Magnets Create Energy?"

"Can Magnets Create Energy?" in The Tech of March 12, 1976 on first reading gave me a good laugh. However, I had seldom used my physics education before I married so I decided to seek for the correct answer.

The reason students should build or at least see the device is so they grasp the significance of pushing the shield slowly down between the ball and the magnets it touches. They will then see the shield does not have to move the ball or give it any initial motion toward the other magnet.

The paper he sent also had a very revealing experiment. Put one magnet flat on a steel surface and put the steel ball on top of the magnet. Do not let it slide, release it. The ball oscillates back and forth until friction stops it. Motion it finally stops at equilibrium over the center of the magnet. Pound the ball of one side and release it. The ball rolls in the above-mentioned experiment, as it is then.

Experimental data shows that the device is of much friction and appears to be made from work to insert the shield, which is very misleading, than the device develops.

Actually with low friction the device has no merit of pulling the shield into the shield-posting position.

This first impression one naturally gets is quite wrong. Could oddly current or hysterical journal be the answer? They will have to be quite large when we compare the motions of the device to how we can remove a car from a jammed home-sized magnet.

Dr. Mary Kuebener
March 30, 1976

Ecklin and energy

To the Editor:
Recent correspondence from a few MIT students on the device explained in "Can Magnets Create Energy?" in The Tech of March 12, 1976.

Please note that the explanation did not say how much energy the device would make nor did it say how long a time it would take. I did take the liberty of stating never where the basic law is - energy can neither be created not destroyed.

From these comments I would suggest these students take this matter up with their professors since I had nothing to do with writing or teaching the above law. I believe the law is wrong and the device, which almost anyone can build, proves it. I also believe, if they had taken the time to build the device they would not have received these comments, as it is then obvious the motion of the shield is at right angles to motion of the steel ball which moves the device.

Our most important discoverers often come from very slight discrepancies; especially now, where energy is concerted, we should be very sure of our basic laws.

John W. Ecklin
March 17, 1976

Social drinking

To the Editor:
In response to Elliot Lash's letter which appeared in the March 12 edition of The Tech, I would like to make the following comments.

First, I strongly disagree with Mr. Lash's description of campus alcoholism. An alcoholic is not one who behaves "as any typical person" during the day, but is, instead, indulging in alcohol on the weekends. A person who can lead a functional life in relation to his/her work and friends surely cannot be labelled an alcoholic. This life of a true alcoholic is extremely disrupted by drinking to the extent that the alcoholic is unable to effectively relate to his work, family and friends. The student who is able to work at a level commensurate with MIT's idea of "achievement" is hardly an alcoholic, even if he doesn't enjoy getting "plastered" on the weekends.

Additionally, the prevalence on campus of beer-blasts and parties where liquor is served is no indication that alcoholism is also prevalent. The purpose of these events is primarily social and also often intellectual, as in the case of seminars and colloquia where liquor is sometimes offered. The point is that the occasional use of alcohol for social purposes should not be confused with the disease of alcoholism. Even the student who becomes totally inebriated on weekends should not be criticized if he/she is still able to function normally in accordance with the Institute's stringent standards.

Sure, the Institute is a high-pressure place, and some people may find it necessary to artificially escape from it once a week; and although there may be isolated instances of true alcoholism on campus, I think that it is necessary to look more carefully at the facts and keep things in a better perspective.

Jonathan B. Green '77
March 15, 1976

Aclices

To the Editor:
I have just received a clipping of the letter by Elliot Lash in the March 13 edition of The Tech concerning the "aving aclices" here at MIT to my friends at Northeastern University. They should get a charge out of it.

Thank you.

(When he is sober, Daniel Nathan is a reporter for The Tech.)
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Black firms get part of MIT insurance

By Gerald Radack

MIT will transfer ten per cent of its $226 million group life insurance business from the John Hancock Company to two Black companies. The agreement was announced by Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54, who said that it represents MIT's commitment to help minority companies play a greater role in American business. Under the agreement, each of the companies -- North Carolina Mutual and Chicago-based Supreme Life Insurance Company -- will receive five per cent of MIT's premiums and accept five per cent of the risk. John Hancock Company will continue to administer the insurance program.

"We hope this helps open doors and generate new contracts for the minority companies, which have already distinguished themselves as economically sound, reputable concerns," said Clarence G. Williams, Special Assistant to the Chancellor and President for Minority Affairs.

Durham-based North Carolina Mutual is 76 years old and claims to be the largest black-owned company in the United States. It holds policies for Black universities, including Howard and Morehouse. Supreme Life started in 1921.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

* The deadline for the I. Austin King Prize Competition is April 16. The competition is for papers of a scholastic nature in the Humanities, and first Prize is $250.00. Submissions should be 5,000-10,000 words in length. Details are available in 140-305.

* The Writing Program of the Humanities Department announces an April Poets Day Open Reading in Room 14E-304 from 5-7pm on Thurs. April 1. Come, read your work, and listen to other MIT people who are available in 14N-305.

* The Department of Humanities is offering three prizes for writing: The Ellen King Prize for Freshman Writing, The Robert A. Bolt Manuscript Prize, and the Ellen King Prize for Junior Writing. Copies of the rules are available in 14N-409. Entries must be in by April 16.

* The Physics Department will hold an Open House for freshmen and upperclassmen interested in learning more about the opportunities in physics for a major and/or a career on Monday, April 5, from 4 to 7pm in the Masser Lounge, 37-252. Several faculty members will give talks about current research in the department. Department faculty and students will be on hand to deal with students and to answer questions about course requirements and options for physics majors and career opportunities. Refreshments will be served.

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Lacrosse 2-2 on trip

By Glenn Brownstein

Lacrosse coach Walt Aller's Travelling Medicine Show kicked off one last road trip on the road last week to Long Island and, despite a series of problems, managed to show some mettle with two victories in four games, the last a satisfying 9-6 win over a talented University of New Haven squad.

Neither stolen jerseys (many players wore a different uniform in each game) nor strange playing conditions could stay the 19 hardy souls from their appointed task -- to prepare for MIT's rugged New England schedule, which begins Saturday at Boston College.

On Monday, the Engineers expected New York Tech to overwhelm them (especially after a last-minute change in the game field), but MIT trailed only 3-2 at halftime before the New Yorkers' superiority propelled them to a 9-3 win. John Forrest '77, Steve Hyland '76, and Phil Macneil '79 scored for MIT, playing well despite difficulties with New York Tech's zone-defense.

Battling a strong windstorm Tuesday at Tech, the Engineers had to fight when a wind possibly-to-be-buckled bucker never was. Missing ten shots Wednesday and struggling to face Dowling, but found the gold and blue jerseys not to its liking. Dowling completely outplayed the Engineers for a 1-7 victory on Wednesday.

MIT goalie Jeff Singer '77 had few tricks with its strong, hilly moon-like LaSalle Military Academy field, giving up a number of weak goals. Nevertheless, MIT trailed only 3-2 at halftime before the LaSalleans hit the left pipe, the shot bouncing 30 yards out and ending the chance for a New Haven comeback.

Gooch Zuraudzita '78 scored to open up a 11-1 lead, scoring from about five feet out on a fast-break, dodging play. MIT's attack was turned to the spring trip, scoring six of the other eight goals (O'Connor had three, Forrest two, and Dan Jaime '78 one).

Bright spots on the trip included MIT's surprising defense of Dick Cook '79, Gerry Tounga '76, Craig Johnston '77, and Dave Maurer '78 who, with another try. MIT ended the half with its only score, an unconverted try. MIT answered with another try.

MIT goalie Jeff Singer '77 showed the way in the conventional match, with his 860 score earning him the national championship. Philip Bruck '77, Goldstein, Philip Morris '78, and David Schaller '78 teamed up to shoot a 1093 team score for a second place finish to Air Force's 1111.

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Both teams were scoreless in the second half as MIT's backfield speed neutralized the superior weight of the Charles River team.

The Engineer 'B' side fared worse, losing 41-3 to Charles River. An inexperienced team, MIT scored only once, on a penalty goal in the second half. Charles River tallied seven tries, five of which were converted, and a penalty goal.

MIT's 'A' and 'B' sides meet Harvard Business School at Soldier Fields Saturday.

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By Jerome Dausman

(Renee Dausman '76 to the IM rifle manager.)

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The final round shootout was held Thursday and Friday before vacation. Aero-Astro's perennial strong team was through firing early Thursday and its 733 score became the mark to beat. Third East Rod & Gun fell just short with its strong 723 score.

In the last relay Friday, Brubin had to shoot a 187, the high score on his team, to win for BTP. With a score of 91 on his first target, each shot on his second target became crucial. The tournament was not decided until his last shot, on which he scored, and fired, a ten.

The individual competition was just as hotly contested, with the first four places within three points. Because of extra participation medals, awards were given to the top four individuals in the second round.

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