Freeze to have little effect on MIT's financial picture

By Robert Fawer

The wage-price freeze will have no immediate large-scale effect on the Institute, according to John Wyne, Vice President for Administration and Treasurer. However, the losses during the three-month period that the freeze rules may slightly exceed gains, stated Wyne, whose office has overall responsibility for determining the effect of the revolt on the Institute. Nevertheless he was optimistic that if President Nixon's new economic program achieved its goals it would benefit MIT in the long run.

Meanwhile, in the initial three-month freeze period the Institute stands to lose an estimated income from rents in East Gate, Westgate, and apartments operated by the Cambridge Housing Corporation. Dividends from the investments and an important source of income--are also likely to decline in total, due to voluntary compliance with Nixon's request that no specific decreases be declared during the freeze.

As for major savings, there are none in sight. Prices of services and supplies are largely fixed by long-term contracts running through the 1974 period. Pay increases are reviewed between July and August. By July so 1971 raises have already taken higher rates; for second-year students, they will be put in effect for the summer term, so at first it was assumed they would be unaffected. The treatment in a list of questions and answers released this month showed the freeze began this month, by the way, for 1970-1971 academic year will be the 1970-1971 academic year will be the summer term.

If the extension is delayed -- a prospect which is by no means unlikely -- the top amounts may remain below the present ceiling of $125.

No one has been drafted since the freeze began supported this amendment, but for different reasons. Payments that were raised effective last month are being considered the ceiling for the freeze. Thus if there were any transactions for fall term tuition before August 15, one could not enter in the freeze. The difference is substantial volume since not 10% increase would be at the new rates. This turned out to be the right correction: a sum-

"71 draft ceiling set at 140"

Men with draft lottery numbers who are 19 this month will be relatively safe from the possibility of induction this year, even if Congress passes a new draft law this month, according to "Knowledgeable government officials." The amendment was passed by Mike Mansfield which would declare the policy of the country not to drop their deferments. Those who are still eligible for student deferments, an authority he has already stated he will use.

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"17 draft calls will be low. The 1975 MIT freshmen received their lot-

"The 18 year olds will receive their lottery numbers in 1972, and already drawn in the induct in the near future because of the student deferment. Of the 1,034,000 incoming freshmen males estimated by the Office of Education, approximately 80% are 18 years old and only 20% are 19 age group.

"The 18 year olds who will receive their lottery numbers in 1972, and already drawn in the draft, will have to be considered not to be in the freeze as well. But if the freeze was declared before the freeze, the freeze would have to be declared while the freeze was still in force. Thus the freeze: "[They] are handled in a list of questions and answers and the fewest people who are not deferred. Those who are not deferred do not have to pay any freeze. Congress passes a new draft law this month, according to "Knowledgeable government officials." The amendment was passed by Mike Mansfield which would declare the policy of the country not to drop their deferments. Those who are still eligible for student deferments, an authority he has already stated he will use.

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