Tuition increase planned

By Paul Schruder

The Academic Council had already agreed to recommend an increase in tuition for 1974-75 last June, and the increase was first announced in Phase 4, according to Chancellor Paul Gray '54.

Mike McNamara, the President's assistant, told the Academic Council that the increase in tuition was approved by the President and the Academic Council.

The design of each 50 student unit, as envisioned by Sorenson and Speck, is focused on a large common area which would have several kitchens around it. Residents who are not on Commons (those on Commons) will cook in the kitchens and eat in the common area.

"Hopefully, as these people cook they'll see others cooking, and then they'll eat with people other than their immediate neighbors," Sorenson said. "This should promote a 'community' feeling among the residents.'

The sleep/study rooms, which will be around the central common room, will have mostly singles (there will be twelve singles for every double). The dorm room will be 155 square feet, compared to 120 square feet for a MacGregor single.

The average area per student in existing dorms (with the exception of MacGregor) is 475 square feet per person according to Sorenson. The difference reflects the additional space available in common space in each dorm (Sorenson and Speck have received their final comments from the architect, including the 'Tastefully Furnished Lounge,' are currently under-utilized; the two dorms will be connected in order to achieve the best of both.

One area that was stressed by the CHC, in its report to the Householder-Tutor System. The CHS suggested that the system be made more informal; accordingly, Sorenson suggested that each 50-student unit have a graduate resident ("tutor") and that there be a faculty resident for every 150 students.

Location

The location of the new dorm, according to the Planning Office documents, will run from MacGregor to the Tang (Westgate) parking lot. This includes the site of Joyce Chen Restaurant (see picture). MIT has owned the land for several years.

The Planning Office has done site studies on approximately 15 potential sites for relocation of the new dormitory in the MIT area. Sorenson said that MIT had offered to purchase the land for Mrs. Chen, but said, "reasons of confidentiality and being unable to help her relocate... in a way acceptable to Mrs. Chen and Mrs. Chen, when contacted by the Planning Office, said that the parking lot location was very much acceptable, but that financial considerations might make it difficult to relocate in the near future.

Tuition increase for 1974-75

By Bert Halstead

Despite the small size of the entering class, freshmen had pledged fraternities, nearing the pledge goal of 403. This was slightly lower than the original goal of 420. Wayne Stagard '74 explained that fraternity brothers change their housing plans, fraternities have to adjust their rush goals accordingly, and that minor changes in goals are normal.

Eight houses had shut down their rush desks by mid-afternoon Wednesday, indicating that they had closed the book on the 1973 rush season. Some houses were expected to follow suit shortly (several had already exceeded their pledge goals), and only three houses remained on the "trouble list" of houses significantly underpledged. Of these, only one appeared to be seriously below its goal.

A special situation was presented by the two fraternities (ATO and KS) which will move to new houses on the Cambridge side of the river next January. They will live in their old houses until then, although with some overcrowding. However, this fact does not seem to have hurt their rush, nor did the fact that they will soon be in Cambridge seem to help it.

Stagard looked back at the past several days and commented that although rush week had been found for about 60 of them since the initial room assignments were made on Tuesday, things had picked up in one of his first four dormitory choices. His room assignment is a temporarily held in hopes that a place will open up for him in one of his first choices before the end of the week. At press time, it was expected that all could be accommodated with about the same degree of overcrowding as last year, but the final outcome depends critically on the number of freshmen who do eventually choose to live in fraternities.