Institute tuition's rising; inflation cited as cause

By Barb Moore

Tuition for the 1974-75 academic year has been set at $3384, a 25% increase over the last year's tuition. This is the sixth increase in the past six years. The original estimate for 1974-75 was $3300, but this estimate was increased by increased overhead. The MIT administration cited rising fuel costs as the deciding factor in the tuition increase. Over the past month, heating oil costs for MIT have risen by 30%.

Traditionally, tuition for the next academic year which have been announced last summer however, this year's announcement was late due to uncertainty about fuel costs, and are short of the effects of phase 3.

Peter Richardson, Director of Admissions, stated that, "The important change this year will be in the equity level, not the change in tuition. The equity level is the level of aid below which no scholarships are given. A student's need below this level must be met by a combination of a part-time job and loan. The equity level for this academic year is $1750. When asked how this increase in the tuition level will affect the equity level, John Folinsby, Director of Student Financial Aid, said that the effects cannot yet be determined. The financial aid office must determine new need figures, as well as checking available funds for financial aid, before the effects of this increase can be decided.

In any single year, the equity level cannot be determined without more funding than that brought in by the increase in tuition alone, because endowment funds are fixed and are drawn from an additional source to supplement financial aid funds.

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Loeb chides political system

By Bob Conlin

Several hundred BU and MIT students attended a reportedly pro-Isreal teach-in concerning the Middle East situation. The teach-in was relocated because of threats to "physically break it up."

Members of the May 11th Coalition, sponsors of the teach-in, said the Law Accident was locked up after the BU police received threats from "various Jewish groups." The gathering was moved to the Ziskin Lounge, despite signs posted opposing its cancellation.

The teach-in was supposed to be a "national discussion to bring out facts the American public doesn't know of." Two speakers, Nathan Katz, Abdullah Shor, and Ben Guzik, talked about Arab policies in the current war, the Palestinian situation, and the US role in the Middle East.

During the meeting, several hecklers flared insults at the speakers and repeatedly disrupted the proceedings. The speakers asked the crowd to ignore them, because they were trying to present a non-confrontational teach-in which could develop

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