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mathematics and physics being offered the students also. A second class of up to 27 students will be admitted in June, 1976, for the two-year program. The program might be renewed beyond its three-year initial stage.

Background discussed

President Jerome B. Wiesner, speaking at the meeting, explained that the program was "in line with what we've been doing for many years now.'" Addressing a mostly-critical audience of about 50 MIT faculty and students, Wiesner said, "We've long been educating students from underdeveloped countries. Iran can expand on a more rapid basis now, and so we are expanding their programs accordingly.

Negotiations on the program began last July after the Iranian government contacted MIT about a number of educational programs. Keil said. The choices to send about 30 students, which necessitated setting up a special program, was also made by the Iranians, Keil said.

"We made it clear to them that their students would have to meet MIT's standards for admission and progress," Hannan said, adding that the students he had interviewed were "highly qualified."

Program attacked

The program came under attack, however, from many of the participants at the seminar, who condemned the government of Iran as dictatorial and repressive, and charged MIT with "complicity in helping Iran get nuclear technology."

"The Shah (of Iran) wants to use the nuclear power he gets to stop liberation movements anywhere in the Gulf (of Persia) and everywhere in the Middle East," a member of the MIT Association of Iranian Students said. "While the conditions of Iranians are bad, the Shah is out buying reactors to improve his own power."

The student, who refused to give his name, said the Iranian government was "corrupt, dictatorial, repressive, and reactionary," adding that "for the first time in the last week there is a Kent State in Iran."

Another Iranian, visiting Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Parviz Payvar of the Energy Division of Aryamehr University of Technology in Tehran, defended the program.

Payvar said that Iran had "never been as aggranized nation in world affairs, and that, as a signatory to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran would not develop nuclear weapons with the technology they were getting."

"The program with MIT should be thought of as a short-term program to help another nation, not financially, but to help itself," Payvar said.

The Massachusetts General Court has moved to put "teeth" into the federal privacy-of-records legislation passed last summer with a bill which would impose fines and jail terms on college officials who refusing to comply with the law.

The measure, sponsored by State Representative Louis Fiez, provides stronger penalties than those proposed by the so-called "Buckley amendment," the federal legislation which first opened student files for review last November. The proposed state bill, now in hearings, would provide a $500 fine or six months imprisonment for any official of a post-secondary school who wilfully refuses to comply with the Buckley amendment rules.

The guidelines prepared by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for the Buckley amendment provide that a school which does not comply with the bill will lose federal educational grants. A News spokesman said the measure would "close the loopholes in the Buckley amendment" on the state level.

The Association of Massachusetts Independent Colleges and Universities has testified against the bill, saying it is unnecessary. Its purpose, the Association's legislative aide testified, have already been accomplished by federal legislation.

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