LSC votes to charge for lectures

By Stephen Blatt

The Lecture Series Committee began to charge admission to its formerly free lectures in an effort to raise funds for capital improvements and to offset rising costs. The committee had recommended in creating the price of movies to 75 cents but the General Committee, which consists of all the LSC members, rejected this proposal at its regular meeting on Wednesday night.

The LSC movie prices have been fifty cents for the past twelve years, but the cost of obtaining lecturers has increased tenfold. "Base Airmov cost $150 twelve years ago, according to the LSC Executive Committee members, but now he's worth around $3000." In addition, LSC plans to remodel the cinema to a seating capacity in 26-100 to conform to Massachusetts fire laws. At one point last year, a review by state authori- ties threatened to close the movies from being shown in 26-100 unless a "good faith" effort to conform to standards was shown (The Tech, Nov. 1, 1974).

Other capital improvements planned include the acquisition of additional 16 mm projectors to eliminate blanking and a reel change. At present, 16 mm films are shown only in 10-250 without short breaks for reel changes.

At the general meeting Wednesday night, it was decided to charge admission for a con- cert by Peter Schickele featuring P-D-Q. Bach music and for a lecture by sexologists William Masters and Virginia Johnson, both scheduled for the spring term. The issue of whether to charge for the Art Buchwald lecture Nov. 10 was left for the October General meeting.

Previous years' lectures have included talks by Daniel Ellsberg and MIT authors Theodore Sturgeon and Samuel Koenig. This year, there will be lectures on Sexuality and on the Kennedy assassinations. Last year LSC co-ordinated with the Undergraduate Association lectures by John Dean and former Senator Sam Ervin.

Ironman committee warming up

By David Sinecraft

With the retirement of Dr. Albert G. Hill as of July 1, the new Vice President for Research at the Institute is Dr. Thomas F. Jones, S.B., '70, D.C., '72, former president of the University of South Carolina.

Jones says he "wants to main- tain the Institute status as a leader in research and to achieve this by emphasizing research for society's needs for today and concerning on what will be "of the greatest significance for the students 20 years hence."

According to these guidelines, Jones is considering starting a Thermomolecular Fusion Research Lab to coordinate all the re- search being done in this field at the Institute. Jones believes that with a "conscionous plan," "a practical nuclear fusion plant could be in operation within twenty years."

Jones was disturbed about the new grad-oriented em- phasis in federal funding for research. The vice president also termed Province's (E.D.-Mass.) attacks on some recent theoretical research at MIT un- fortunate. Jones claims that "seemingly trivial projects may have great potential value in future applications" and he expressed concern that "mainly people may tend to back pure science, not practical research." Jones is a strong believer in the Undergraduate Research Op- (Please turn to page 2)

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