Top economists give talk

By Kent Pitman

Seven residents of New House were heard Tuesday for damage to the dormitory and kitchen area of House 4 at the Institute of Technology. The residents will appeal the bills at a meeting of the Judicial Committee.

The damage, amounting to $612.88, included several large holes in the walls of the first floor lounge, damage to walls due toứt throwing and posting stickers on walls, and a kitchen door defaced by throwing leaves and forks at it.

The first floor area of House 4 was described by several of the residents as looking “like a tempest.”

Basic Regulation Eleven of the Institute houses states that “damage to the entire house or any part thereof will be charged to the resident(s) of the house [and] student government may determine the individual assessments.”

Under this regulation, each member of the house was charged $250 for miscellaneous damages, the cause of which could not be traced, and individuals were assessed additional amounts to the House Judicatory.

Outside contractors were called in to make repairs. Many of the holes in the walls felt that if the students had been allowed to repair the damage themselves, the cost would have been lower. Residents were not given the opportunity to vote on whether to bring in outside workers.

Residents appealing last year’s House ruling submitted a report to the Dormitory Council Committee, explaining their grounds for appeal. The paper charges that the decisions reached by the House Judicatory were “made with insufficient evidence, and in some cases none at all” and that the final determination of fault was made unjustly because “Judicatory hearings were unannounced, closed, and oppressive.”

According to Robert Dreesen, a member of the House Judicatory, at the time of the original hearings, the committee “had to take even more initiative in setting fiscal policy.”

During an election year, Congressmen are reluctant to pass appropriations bills that would increase the national deficit.

Teeters was asked about President Ford’s recent recession, and it was not a spur of the moment decision. House 4 Chairman Bob D’Avolio ’79 expressed concern that if the Dormitory Council Judicatory Committee overturns last year’s decision, the members of the house will probably end up subsidizing further the cost of damage for which most of the residents were not responsible.

The Dormitory Council Judicatory will hear the appeals in the Master Suite Lounge of Baker House at 7:30 this evening. Committee chairman Chris Donnelly ’77 said that the hearing will be “open to spectators and subject to the Uniform Judicial Code.”

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