Dining decision to be voted on today

By Steven Suleck

"Late November or early December at the latest will be decision time" for the Dining Committee's Combined Room and Board Proposal, according to Chancellor Paul E. Gray.

Student reaction to the plan has been generally muted; however, a boycott of Commons dinner to protest the plan has been supported by the Undergraduate Association (UA). According to UA John Hakala, the UA plans to support the boycott with direct mailings and posters.

Reaction to the proposed boycott has varied on campus:

- Vice President Constantine Simenides cited counterproposals prepared by Baker House and East Campus as far as he is concerned, "We will discuss the substance of these proposals. Reasonable and legitimate requests of the Dining Committee Proposal will receive our attention. Knee-jerk reactions will not be taken seriously."

- Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Hershkowitz, a member of the Dining Committee, sounded a similar note. Citing a lack of practical alternatives, he commented: "The Committee's proposal is, for all intents and purposes, the best I've seen. I'm disappointed at the degree of opposition shown by the student body. It is hard to understand if it's solely approval."

- Baker House President Silvano Brewster said, "The boycott will be a good indicator of how students feel."

- East Campus President John Griep commented, "There is definitely a problem with the Dining System. The boycott voices disapproval but does not offer any alternatives."

Reactions to the Committee's proposal varied among different student leaders and Committee members. Many people listed in the "statement of intent to East" are "Participants" cited to The Tech that they have enclosed a part of the deliberations and did not directly contribute to the final proposal.

A survey of students' "attitudes towards the Dining System, current and prospective," will be prepared by students in their meeting on January 30, and is expected to be submitted to Gray. The survey will be the first done on Dining activities since Dean's Office survey in 1976. That survey was to be released to the public.

MIT incurs utility cost rise

By Andrew P. Lee

In January of this year, MIT forecasted a total gross utility budget of 6.7 million dollars, but, due to the doubling of oil prices, and a marked decrease in the availability of natural gas, the figure increased to 150 million dollars, a fifty percent increase.

John Currie, Director of Finance, estimated that over one million dollars of the rise would be met by increased tuition. Other tuition next year. If tuition could be raised immediately, each student would have to pay an additional sum of approximately 150 dollars. Directive Currie also mentioned that $500,000 of the increase will have to be borne by higher housing costs.

Existing stature greatly encouraged gas suppliers to supply the natural gas needs of homeowners before those of industry and institutions like MIT.

As a result, MIT's gas supply has been drastically reduced this year.

In fact, MIT will not get any gas from November 1, to April 30. MIT has had to purchase cheaper BTU than oil, a significant increase in energy cost will be incurred. Consequently, the Institute is considering purchasing natural gas from various sources. The decrease in energy cost will be incurred. The institute is considering purchasing natural gas from various sources.

In face of this energy cost, MIT is considering converting to coal, at least in part, and beginning the conversion of the MIT fuel plant to use coal. The cost of converting to coal will be approximately 150 million dollars, a fifty percent increase.

By Kimberly Eke

"What we see in Cambodia is a people and a civilization on the edge of extinction. There are 2.25 million starving to death. The country's agriculture has been destroyed, along with its entire system of social and human services, including hospitals and schools."

Salvador Luria

an attack on fundamental traditions of academic freedom. It calls Silber's action the latest of a series of "violations for which the administration of John Silber has become notorious in the academic community and in the nation at large." Signatures will pledge to withdraw administrative support from BU by refusing to serve on visiting committees or to write recommendations for persons applying for BU positions. However, they will not refuse to serve if the proposal is, for all intents and purposes, the best I've seen. I'm disappointed at the degree of opposition shown by the student body. It is hard to understand if it's solely approval."

MIT Cambridge

Boycott commons tomorrow!

Lobby 10 through Friday of this week letters expressing support and protest may pick up information about the fast and lead to a potential situation in general. One may also sign a "statement of intent to fast," which is a pledge to fast, but only a personal commitment.

Before, during, or after the fast, contributions may also be made at the table. After Friday, contributions may be made through an Interdepartmental Mail to Oxfam-America, c/o Scott Paradise, P.O. Box 49, 912 Memorial Drive.

Following an inter-faith memorial Thanksgiving service in the MIT Chapel at 11:30 p.m., on Wednesday, a rice dinner will be held at the Chapel for the fasters. Tentative plans for the dinner include a slide show and a discussion of the Cambodian situation.

MIT students participated in the fast for at least the past four years, with fluctuating success. Hope for a good turnout for this year is running high.

Anyone interested in the Oxfam fast or in organizing an ongoing group concerned with the events in Cambodia is urged to stop by the Oxfam table in Lobby 10 before Friday. For information, contact Hallman c/o Scott Paradise, the Chaplanty.