$900 tuition increase is highest ever

By Gordon Hunter

Unusually high inflation rates for last year and a projected light inflation rate for next year are being blamed for the 17 percent tuition increase for 1980-81 academic year at MIT. This will mean an increase in early tuition from $3,500 to $5,200.

The increase was announced at Friday morning meeting by President Jerome Wiesner and Treasurer Paul Gray '54, after receiving approval by the Executive Committee of the Corporation.

"To most colleges and universities, we are forced to increase tuition this year by an amount that makes up for last year's underestimates and, at the same time, help meet the continual flood of inflation during the current year. The result is a 17 percent increase," explained Wiesner.

The annual inflation rate of 13 percent for last year was higher than the projection of 8.5 percent. The proposed inflation rate for next year will be 15 percent.

"Comparisons are also hard to make between arts schools and a science and technology school like MIT, according to Wiesner. "There is no doubt that costs are higher (at MIT) than at a liberal arts school, considering the costs of lab equipment and research," he explained.

"Colleges and universities such as MIT are the victims of last year's shortages and next year's double-digit predictions," Wiesner said. "We are mindful of the impact this increase will have on our students and their families. But we have no alternative since we need to maintain the quality of the Institute's academic programs in the face of a relentless inflationary trend."

Irene Low takes over as MIT's provost on July 1. (Photo courtesy MIT News Office.)

Demonstrators denounce draft

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

An estimated 250 demonstrators gathered near City Hall yesterday morning to protest President Carter's proposal for a possible future draft. The rally was the last anti-draft demonstration held in Massachusetts. Participating in the rally were two hour-long concerts in the bitter cold, interspersed with speeches, chants, and singing.

Veteran anti-war activist Bruce Byer delivered the first speech to the crowd, "We need to act today, and shout every one of you to listen - Jimmy Carter's upcoming visit for registration for the draft," Byer maintained that "the administration is a tool of racist oppression."

Shirley Sherwood, an activist who was introduced as a "lesbian-feminism-performer-teacher," entertained the crowd. Ms. Sherwood introduced one of her songs, "It's a Mighty Wall," with the comment, "It's a long song that can refer to many things. Today I want to refer to the military-industrial complex." Another songwriter, Fred Small, led the protesters in anti-draft songs.

The demonstrators chanted various slogans, many of them borrowed from anti-war rallies of the late sixties and early seventies. One chant that produced a vociferous response was: "Hell, no! We won't go! We won't go for Texas!"

Dr. Helen Caldecott, the founder of the organization "Physicians for Social Responsibility," speaking from "The New York Times," said that women are in a "situation by saying, "This is the worst crisis the human race has ever faced." Dr. Caldecott, who is also active in the anti-nuclear movement, devoted much of her address to denouncing nuclear war and nuclear energy. Sporadic anti-nuke chants were started in sections of the audience, but most of the assembled group ignored them.

The rally was sponsored by the "Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft." Many organizations took the opportunity to advertise their causes, some of which were totally unrelated to the draft. Anti-draft, anti-nuke, anti-Israeli, and pro-Reagan Army sentiments were expressed by demonstrators on hand-tied signs. Several organizations distributed literature; among these were the International Socialists, the Marxist-Leninist Party, the Colgate Association for Research of Principles (CARP), the Socialist Worker's Party, and the Central Square massage instruction group.

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