Student wage guidelines set

By Jack Link

A 13.6 percent increase in student employees' minimum hourly wage, from $3.30 to $3.75, will take effect July 1, announced the Office for Student Employment.

Explaining why the wage increase did not match next year's tuition hike of 17 percent, Jack Frailey, Director of Financial Aid said, "While tuition went up 17 percent, we only assumed a 5 percent increase for other items in the student budget such as housing, dining, and living expenses."

With an annual inflation rate of 12 percent, the assumption that expenses other than tuition will go up only 5 percent was made "assuming the new dining subsidy will make the difference," said Frailey. Frailey was refering to the administration's plans to subsidize various jobs, to be announced to-day by the Student Employment Office.

The recommended increases are based on the minimum wage increase of 13.6 percent, but each department must make wage increases above $3.75. Using this formula, the Tech computed the recommended pay rates for various jobs, to be announced to-day by the Student Employment Office.

Standing Senate Scholarship. (photo by Kevin O'Brien)

Over 15k attend Open House

By Liz Storch

MIT's thirty-first biennial Open House took place Saturday, May 3. Open House was organized by Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and is designed to present a realistic picture of MIT to the surrounding communities.

Activities, scheduled from 12 to 5pm, were geared to represent virtually every department at the Institute. The members of APO double a large amount of time to ensure a well-organized program of events, running tours and providing programs containing several self-guided tours to present an overview of activities at MIT, according to APO member.

Hy D. Tran '79, a former Open House chairman, commented, "Open House is a very good service offered to the Institute and the community because it can help to allay the fears many people have about technology."

Gerold Marks G, an APO member, estimated that approximately fifteen to twenty thousand people attended the event. The most popular displays were the "Chemistry Magic Show" and the laser show. Student reaction to the events was quite favorable. Tina Lichauca '81 commented, "Twelve to fifteen is far too short. There's no way you can see nearly enough of all the exhibits."

Undergraduate Association President Chuck Markham '81 gave the opening remarks in Lobby 7. After the activities were over, he remarked, "I loved it. It was great. I got to see more things here at the Institute than I've ever seen before."

Tran also commented, "You cannot generate enough enthusiasm for Open House. There's quite a bit of isolation between departments. It's nice to know what's going on in other ends of the Institute."

Tech staffers win awards

By Richard Salz

Stephanie L. Pollack '81 and Leigh J. Passman '80, members of The Tech's Board of Directors were recipients of scholarships. Pollack, Tech Chairman, was one of 79 recipients of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, a national scholarship, funded by a consulting editor to The Tech, received MIT's Jeffrey L. Pressman Award. The Truman scholarship consists of a financial award of up to $5,000 not exceeding total expenses. Pollack stated he would probably get the full amount, as her total scholarship awards will not cover next year's tuition. She commented, "I think it's about time somebody started rewarding people who wanted to go into government rather than tell them not to."

Awarded to seniors, the scholarship is for a period of two years, and may continue for an additional one year of graduate school. Scholars expecting to move forward into a career in government, were eligible for the scholarship. Pollack, an undesignated sophomore, expects to declare a double major in J-A and Public Policy, part of the Course XVII program.

Pollack is presently interested in energy policy leading towards a career in either the Department of Energy or as a congressional staffer. She is also seriously thinking about graduate school, either law or interdisciplinary science, probably with MIT's Technology and Policy Program.

The Jeffrey L. Pressman Award is open to all MIT juniors. The award carries a financial grant to support a project in political science and is named for the late Course XVII professor.

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