Corporation OK's Whitehead

By Tony Zamparutti

The MIT Corporation approved affiliation with the Whitehead Institute in an "overwhelming but not unanimous" vote during its meeting Friday morning, said Honolulu Johnson, Chairman of the Corporation.

The Corporation also passed a resolution praising the faculty for its debate on Whitehead, which was "of great assistance in its deliberations." The Corporation also acknowledged "the concern voiced by members of this faculty."

Johnson noted that the Whitehead Institute will have a unique relationship with MIT, but said that "it's hard to find a precedent .... for a gift of this magnitude." Johnson added that the agreement on Whitehead "provides for a governable structure which we can accept .... It's going to strengthen the Biology Department in a major way."

Johnson said "I can understand why .... when you have a gift of this magnitude, a donor should give it in this manner. I think this is a diverse country; diversity in the use of resources is an acceptable doctrine to me."

The Whitehead Charitable Foundation will give MIT $7.5 million in conjunction with the Whitehead Institute. Edwin Whitehead will pay for the Whitehead Institute's early worth approximately $20 million, donate a $54 million increase for operating expenses and an endowment fund, and provide up to $6 million in conjunction with the Whitehead Institute. Edwin Whitehead will pay for the Whitehead Institute's early worth approximately $20 million, donate a $54 million increase for operating expenses and an endowment fund, and provide up to $6 million in conjunction with the Whitehead Institute.

MIT early applications increase

By Stuart Gittes

The Admissions Office has reported that 21 percent more high school students applied to MIT under the early action program this year than last. Of the 717 early applicants are women, a 23 percent increase from last year.

Peter H. Richardson, Director of Admissions, speculated on the reasons for the increase at MIT. "In this period of recession and layoffs, what people want is security. It looks as if the money is in the field of technology." Richardson further noted that more men-hours were spent on the road for recruiting purposes than ever before.

"We will release the list of accepted students on December 15." Richardson added. "Results will be sent to applicants on the lists."

The number of early action applications at Harvard University decreased three percent to 1506 from last year's 1532. "We're right where we were last year, at a very high level," explained William R. Fitzsimmons, Dean of Admissions at Harvard. "Our expectations are the same as they have been in the past," he said on Friday.

Princeton University received 1437 early action applications, an increase of 16 percent from last year's figure of 1243. At Yale University, 1404 early action applications were received, up from 1097 in the previous year, an increase of 29 percent. Worth David, Dean of Admissions at Yale, and Spencer Reynolds, Director of Admissions at Princeton, were unavailable for comment.

At Brown University, the application figures rose to 1606 from 1594, an increase of less than one percent. Jim Rogers, Director of Admissions at Brown, discussed the decreases in early action applications at Harvard: "I don't think it's significant. Princeton's increase, I think, is the most significant in that it went up so much," he said. Rogers, who was the President of IAP, believed that MIT's application increase was due to its "specialized and technological education."

Of Brown's 1606 applications, 805 were from men, 801 from women. Rogers noted that the difference last year from last year's applications was about 40 percent.

Rogers declined to speculate on the possible reasons for this change.

The other Ivy League colleges have early decision programs, under which the applicant, if accepted, must attend. The early action program leaves the student with a choice of accepting or waiving for decisions from other colleges.

Richardson noted that MIT has had an early action program for about 20 years. "The other four just joined us a few years ago," he pointed out.

Tuition forum to be held this Thursday

By Kenneth Snow

An open forum on tuition and financial aid being held on Thurs- day night will be "the first time that students will have such an opportunity," to discuss the subject with the administration, according to Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McKay.

The meeting, sponsored by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), will take place in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Student Center from 4:30p.m. to 6p.m. on December 10.

McKay noted that the Academic Council held its first meeting on tuition last Tuesday. She indicated that the tuition forum could not be held any earlier because "the farther away from the decision that you hold the forum, the less of an impact it will have. It is better to hold the forum between the first and second discussions." Holding the meeting any later, McKay added, would mean having the forum during IAP, when many students (Please turn to page 2)