Council to ask rise of $1000-1300 in tuition

By Kenneth Snow

The tuition for the 1982-83 academic year will probably be between $8400 and $8700. The Academic Council has decided to recommend a number within this range to the MIT Corporation for consideration as it March Executive Committee Meeting.

Undergraduate Association President (UAP) John DeRubeis '83 commented, "The Institute is hurting financially. They can either raise tuition or lower enrollments, but I don't think that they have made an effort to lower enrollments." Although he did not vote, DeRubeis was present at the meeting. The Council had invited the UAP to all of the Council's discussions on tuition, the first time a student has ever been allowed to be present at Academic Council meetings.

In the past the tuition increase was set at the end of January and the rest of the financial package, including room, board, and the equity level, determined later in the year. This year, the Academic Council will postpone the tuition decision and announce the entire financial package at once. According to Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McBay, "It makes sense to make this announcement at one time rather than in bits and pieces."

McBay explained, "As always, there is a concern for what kind of an impact the tuition increase will have on the student body." McBay noted that approximately 50 percent of MIT's undergraduates are on some form of financial aid.

McBay called the tuition forum held December 10 very valuable, but added that the turnout was disappointing. Less than 30 students attended the forum, held the Thursday before final examination week.

"Apparently the timing of the forum was not good," said McBay. "It could possibly have had more impact if more students had attended." McBay noted that the students who were present "asked some very good questions. If the [forum attendance] numbers had been more impressive, it would have shown a real interest among the students."

McBay said that she still felt that the tuition forum was a good idea and would like to see one next year. "This year, we were (Please turn to page 2)

SCC finances discussed

By Max Hailperin

The Student Center and the Student Center Committee (SCC) were the topic of discussion at a luncheon sponsored by the Office of Multipurpose Student Center Affairs Monday.

Steven F. Thomas '81, Chairman of the SCC, summarized SCC-sponsored activities, services it provides, membership requirements, and its financial status. Members of the SCC, the Dean's Office, and other student activities discussed SCC funding of activities outside the Student Center.

In financial matters, Thomas said that a $20,000 endowment was started from accumulated 24-hour coffeehouse revenues. The interest from the endowment will be used to refurbish the Student Center.

Thomas cited five band parties, the Mezz Coffeehouse, Friday Afternoon Club activities, the midnight movie series, and Spring Weekend activities as the SCC's main events during the past year. In addition, he listed the 24-hour television lounge, and the pinball and video game-room as the major ongoing services.

Other participants, including Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. MacBay, questioned why the SCC treasury surpluses were not used to improve the conditions of the student facilities in Walker Memorial. Several participants pointed out that the SCC provides lounge furniture and other benefits only to activities located in the Student Center; therefore, these activities have an advantage over those activities not located in the student center.

Thomas said in a later interview that the SCC had not yet decided to what extent it should take responsibility for Walker Speaking personally, he said, "Walker is pretty dead. We should probably do something about that." He expressed his belief, however, that there should be a committee responsible for Walker similar to structure to the SCC. Thomas expressed his hope that the SCC will support such a group by providing initial funding and sharing some of the skills the SCC has developed.

Med Dept move causes shuffle

By Richard Salz

The Medical Department's move to the Center of MIT's Buildings at the east end of campus, coupled with new administrative arrangements, has sparked a series of shuffles among MIT facilities and department.

One of the plans in the construction of an arts and media center at 25 Ames Street. The new facility will be a focal point for research and teaching in the arts, and advanced computer applications in the field. Another construction plan would result in the installation of a very-large-scale integrated circuit fabrication facility in Building 39.

The medical department is in the process of vacating its facilities in Buildings 11, 12, and 15. As a result, a number of groups within the Institute have requested portions of the soon-to-be-freed space.

The General Hospital, Building 55, will be used for graduate women's housing. "We considered using the building for a fraternity," said Associate Dean for Residence Programs Robert Sherwood.

New draft registration policy protested

By Stephanie Pollack

Draft registration opponents have questioned President Ronald Reagan's decision to continue indefinitely the draft, contesting both his reasons for continuing the action and the government's ability to enforce it.

Reagan's announcement last Thursday reversed his campaign position and his administration's previous policy. The estimated 80,000 young men who failed to register now have a 30- to 60-day grace period in which to sign up. Presidential counselor Edward Meese 3d said that the Justice Department would have to prosecute those who failed to register after this time.

Meese also asserted that the major consideration in the decision was a discovery by a special Presidential commission that registration could speed mobilization by six weeks.

The main idea of registration, claimed Will G. O. Doberith '54 of MIT Students Against Registration and the Draft, "is to keep corporate interests, military interests and the interests of the elite rich class happy by protecting US interests in foreign lands."

Critics of the decision also disputed the Administration's position that non-registerees would be prosecuted. David Lundau of the American Civil Liberties Union predicted that "millions of dollars will have to be wasted in a vain attempt to enforce this law."

"We haven't figured out yet how to pay for it," noted Vice President of Operations William Dickson. "The building will probably remain empty until the necessary funds can be raised."

No final plans have yet been made for the other two buildings.

Dickson said he expects to have a final plan by the end of the academic year, with all new tenants settled within a year. Consequently, a number of areas previously used by the Medical Department could be vacant for the next year.

Since MIT will probably go ahead with the VLSI plans for (Please turn to page 4)

US officials call for selected restrictions of the foreign exchange of scientific research.

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