MIT to decide on bank machine

By Ivan Fang

MIT will respond within a few weeks to a proposal by BayBank Harvard Trust Co. to install one or more automated teller machines (ATMs) in the basement of the Student Center, according to Vice President for Operations William R. Dickinson '66.

Dickinson met Monday with Real Estate Officer Philip A. Trussell, Harvard Cooperative Society General Manager James Argetos, Campus Police Chief James Oliveri, and a representative from BayBank to discuss the proposal. He expressed MIT's concern that the proposed location near the Tech Coop is not appropriate for the machines and providing security is a serious concern.

The security problem arises from the isolated nature of the location and the low level of nighttime activity in the Student Center. Dickinson noted that the Campus Police have recently responded to two reported incidents involving MIT students and related to the ATMs in Kendall Square. A second problem concerns the possibility of the public coming into an ATM property to use the machines in the Student Center.

"We think it would be a good thing to have in the Student Center," said Dickinson. "We are in favor of it...but we don't want to compromise." Dickinson conceded that if the two concerns were not resolved, MIT would not agree to the BayBank plan. Suggestions from BayBank officials to alleviate the concerns include increased surveillance and日夜 operation of the machines and providing security personnel in the area.

"We think it would be a tremendous asset to the entire Cambridge and especially to the tech area," indicated Dickinson. He noted that MIT would have no objection to leasing the bank property, which faced a public street and would be used for the machines.

Argers said that he had acknowledged an interest in MIT students and administrators in placing ATMs in the Student Center, but thought the machines "would be a good thing to have in the Student Center," and approved of the positioning of two or three machines in the building, adjacent to the Tech Coop.

Argers also noted that since MIT is a legal corporation, it is not allowed to operate a commercial venture such as a bank's cash machine in Kendall Square. Therefore, the proposal would require an amendment to the proposal to place the machines on Coop property.

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EECS changes policy on prereqs

By Sam Cable

Beginning next term, no student enrolled in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) will normally be allowed to register for an EECS subject after receiving a grade of D or F in an equivalent course, according to John G. Kasakian '55, chairman of the department.

At the start of the 1981-82 academic year, 1,946 foreign students were enrolled at the Institute. Undergraduates comprised almost a quarter of that total.

A primary reason for the large number of foreign students can be found in the history of MIT, said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Eugene R. Chamberlain, International Students' Advisor. Early Institute leaders, including founder and first President William Barton Rogers, trained in Europe, where they developed a belief in the value of international interaction in scientific, technical, and practical training.

"Many of the faculty members at MIT had collegial connections in Europe," said Chamberlain. "These close connections with the European scientific community spread the reputation of the Institute to other countries."

"The United States has been an attractive place for young people," Chamberlain continued.

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The Rules and Regulations of the Institute state that a grade of D demonstrates "deficiencies, serious enough to make it inadvisable to proceed further in the field without additional work." A petition procedure will be established for the EECS at the Graduate School to continue with more advanced subjects in "extraordinary" cases, according to Kasakian.

Kassakian noted that the policy would not apply to courses taken before the spring term, declared Kasakian.

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