Class size to be set

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

The ad hoc task group on under-graduate enrollment, headed by Committee on Academic Priorities, should recommend the size of next year's entering class to the Academic Council today, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

Although Simonides has not yet disclosed the actual figures, he commented on the possibility that 'the figures will be 1753 freshman and 75 transfer students, with a maximum number of 1753 incoming students, by saying, "those numbers... sound good."' The difference between the set total of 2056 freshmen and transfer students-158 students beyond the maximum recommended number of entering students-would be either for graduate students or freshmen, as the discretion of Director of Admission Mr. Richard H. Richardson. V. Simonides noted that the task group to decide class size is composed of representatives of the Registrar's Office, the Housing and Residence Life Office and that of the Dean for Student Affairs, and the Admissions Office.

The group has two kinds of duties: long term, which Simonides described as "small that affect admissions," such as available undergraduate housing, and short term, which he described as targets that the Admissions Office shall use to admit students.

The recommendations made by the Academic Council must be approved by the Executive Council before the budget preparation and the full Corporation before they become final.

Last year's incoming freshman class size was set at 1590 students. The level of transfer students, however, was planned to be about 125. Only about 75 transfer students actually enrolled, largely due to a change in the policy instituted by the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) that mandated that only transfers ac-cepted into those areas that department could later major in EECS.

According to figures released by H. Eugene Brammer, Director of Housing and Food Services, the increase in average housing costs will be approximately $50, increasing the total by $100. At a meeting of house presidents held last month, Brammer and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood outlined two different proposals for next year's rent increase.

The first would increase housing costs by 11 percent of their current value. The second would increase present rents by a flat amount of $20. Both proposals would not the Institute about the same increase in revenue.

The Academic Council will decide on a recommendation for the gross increase, according to Brammer. Brammer and Sherwood will then decide on the average rent increase for each dormitory, noted Brammer.

"Operating costs of the dormitory system have followed inflation," said Brammer. The average, 11 percent of current room rents, may be broken down to 8.3 percent for operating expenses, and 2.2 percent to "generate a reserve fund to provide capital for renovating and improving our housing system," Brammer commented.

The Academic Council makes its recommendations to the full Corporation, which must approve tuition rates. The Corporation will meet in Thursday and Friday, and is expected to act soon on the suggestions of the Academic Council then.

Next year's food service costs will rise approximately 13.5 percent, according to figures released at February's house presidents' meeting.

The average daily dinner costs will range from $4.26, for the boxed 100 point plan, to $6.84, for the 160 point plan. Comparable lunch figures will range from $2.84 to $4.56, and breakfast figures will be between $1.42 and $2.28.

Undergraduate Association President John D'Albinis '81 and Nancy Wright G., President of the Graduate Student Council, have both been invited to attend the Academic Council meeting, although neither will be able to vote.

16 to review grades

By Laura Farbic

The Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics (Course 16) has drafted a proposal stating that students need a C- or better in all Department prerequisite subjects to register for subsequent required subjects. The proposal has been distributed to all undergraduates enrolled in course 16.

The Course 16 undergraduate Committee will explore ways to obtain freshman grades for Department prerequisite subjects, including 16.03 and 6.071, via established channels, according to Course 16 undergraduate committee chairman Kenneth Snow.

Accordingly, we propose that Department Program subject if he/she has received a D or F in a prerequisite (Please turn to page 6)

Council to decide tuition, rents

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield and Kenneth Snow

The Academic Council will decide today on the figure it will recommend for next year's tuition.

Sources have indicated that the closest figures under consideration are between $8600 and $8700.

The thought that the proposed tuition increase would greatly impact student's ability to pay was not supported by Council members.

"We believe that a major factor to poor performance in professional subjects is inadequate preparation," he reported. "Accordingly, we propose that Department Program subject if he/she has received a D or F in a prerequisite (Please turn to page 13)

FinBoard might fund new papers

By Tony Zamparelli

The UA Finance Board (FinBoard) has requested in its 1982-83 budget to fund start-up costs and to underwrite operating expenses for alternative student newspapers.

"If MIT were to avoid becoming a one student newspaper campus, it would require an outside source of support," declared Jason Weller '82, Vice-Chairman of the board.

Consultations between the board and Bill Hoffman '80 of the Eagle led to a demand to request money from Dean McBay for newspapers, said Weller.

In the early 70's, "several student newspapers existed because we supported them," noted Weller. "We have not, since then, funded the operating costs of newspapers because of financial constraints."

"The Newspaper Fund was a line item in our budget for last year," noted Dave Peerbooms '84, Chairman of FinBoard. The fund was allocated $5000 dollars in FinBoard's preliminary budget, submitted in December to Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McBay.

In January McBay asked FinBoard to submit reduced budget proposals, because the Institute was trying to cut its administrative budget.

"This budget has just been submitted due to the constraints of our timetable," said Peerbooms. The possibility of a reduction in next year's student activity budget places the future of the proposed Newspaper Fund in doubt. "We thought that the Dean for Student Affairs was going to make a sustained contribution to student activities, but the proposal of the Committee is still open."

The proposed budget for the student activity fund is $5000, with a maximum of $5000 in the 1982-83 budget, according to Peerbooms.

Students lobby against aid cuts

By Tony Zamparelli

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) and Undergraduate Association (UGA) will hold a joint meeting in Washington, D.C. today to lobby Congress to restore aid cuts in student financial aid proposed by the Reagan Administration.

Nancy Wright G., GSC Chairman, planned the trip in connection with National Student Lobbying Day, in which several university groups from around the country converged to struggle against financial aid reductions.

The Reagan Administration proposed in its fiscal year 1983 budget to eliminate National Direct Student Loans and Supplementary Educational Grants (SEOG), cut work-study funds and Pell Grants by 40 percent, and prohibit graduate students from using Guaranteed Student Loans. In addition, Int. Minn. '84, who met with aides of Oregon Senators and Representatives, said they "were very positive." Even the most Republican and most con- servative Congressmen in Congress thought Reagan's cuts were "unreasonable," he reported.

Scott Pace G talked with Representatives and Senatorial aides from California, and said most Congressmen were sympathetic to student viewpoints. He noted that "The Hill was ideologically swimming with students."

Many seemed to be "just wandering around looking to budget a Congressman."

He stated that students' viewpoints will be "especially heard at this time because of the Congressional elections in November."

Wright said "It's plain the Senators and their staffs don't know the details of their proposed cuts. She added, however, that "relatively few students had specific suggestions. Most just were a rejectionist front against" (Please turn to page 16)

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