Gray asks tuition hike to $8700

by Tony Zamparuti

President Paul E. Gray '54 will recommend to the Corporation that 1982-3 undergraduate tuition be set at $4000 and the equity level at $4000. The Academic Council recommended the tuition figure to Gray and suggested the equity level be set between $4000 and $4200.

The Executive Committee of the MIT Student Financial Aid Office (SFAO) has made the decision of the tuition and equity figures. The full Corporation meets today; it will consider Gray's recommendations for tuition and equity level.

The Corporation usually approves the Academic Council's recommendations; Vincent E. Fulcher '53, Secretary of the Institute. Even when there was disagreement among Council members, Fulcher observed, "I am unaware that the Corporation has done other than reluctantly agree with the President in the 30 years he has been at MIT."

Gray declared, "In a steady state of funding we have had over the past few years — MIT would increase its tuition every year by slightly more than the inflation rate. However, if the inflation rate increases, tuition would increase by eight to nine percent, Gray hypothesized.

This year "there are special circumstances: the decision of the government to pull back from student aid and [the Institute's] intention to pay particular attention to faculty salaries," said Gray.

The cutback in Federal aid is especially worrisome, Gray added, "I spent all day last [Wednesday] in Washington, lobbying against the student aid reductions. I am also putting the lid on Washington, lobbying for MIT undergraduates will probably be able to offer needy students a suitable loan package if their parents contribute the expected amount," said Leonard V. Gallagher '54, Director of Student Financial Aid.

"I am having a difficult time because our parents can or have not contributed as we think they should," Gallagher declared. "I still feel that with a responsible degree of parental help we can put together a suitable financial aid package." Gray's "equity level would have been around $3900," said Gray. A Currie '57, Director of Finance, and the Academic Council felt proposed cuts in Federal aid would create financial problems for MIT at this figure.

Equity level increases to $4000

by Sean Cahle and Tony Zamparuti

The sharp increase in equity level from $3200 to $4000 next year will mean an 18 percent increase in the minimum annual financial aid students on financial aid must provide for their school expenses, independent of the money the Student Financial Aid Office (SFAO) expects students' families to contribute, or students to earn from summer jobs.

"Equity is a level of need which we are able to offer grant aid," said Jack H. Frueby '44, Director of Student Financial Services. "It is a self-imposed ceiling, not a floor." Students on financial aid can meet the equity level by taking government loans or earning more than the Institute requires.

The SFAO will probably be able to offer needy students a suitable loan package if their parents contribute the expected amount, said Leonard V. Gallagher '54, Director of Student Financial Aid. "Students will not be at risk of parental help because their parents can or have not contributed as we think they should," Gallagher declared. "I still feel that with a responsible degree of parental help we can put together a suitable financial aid package." Gray's "equity level would have been around $3900," said Gray. A Currie '57, Director of Finance, and the Academic Council felt proposed cuts in Federal aid would create financial problems for MIT at this figure.

Graham to speak at graduation

by Barry S. Surnan

Katharine Graham, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Washington Post Company, will be the first outside commencement speaker at MIT since 1960. "I think it's a super choice," said President Paul E. Gray '54. Since 1964, the president of the Institute has delivered the commencement address.

"We're delighted," said Professor Langley C. Keys '67, Chairman of the Institute's Commencement Committee. The Committee's recommendation of Graham followed solicitation of suggestions from the MIT community and discussion in that committee's Speaker Subcommittee.

At most universities, commencement speakers are awarded honorary degrees, but "we don't give honorary degrees at MIT," explained Jerome B. Wiesner, President Emeritus.

Graham, a 1938 graduate of the University of Chicago, served as Publisher of The Washington Post from March 1969 to January 1979, a period which included the Post's investigation of the Watergate break-in.


MIT to eliminate Course XXV

by Ivan Fong

The Interdisciplinary Science Program (Course XXV) "will be officially folded as of July lst, 1982," according to a memo sent to a group of students from Skawnee Wieder G, the Course XXV teaching assistant.

The memorandum, dated February 26, continued.

Graduate students should plan to graduate by the end of the summer session. While the department will assign undergraduate students new advisors if necessary, "undergraduates who are not graduating this term are encouraged to find another department," indicated Wieder's letter.

Dean of the School of Science John M. Deutsch '81 said yesterday the decision was based on the small number of undergraduates enrolled in Course XXV. "The whole [Course XXV] advising system was decided on the purpose to continue [the program] until a good deal more interested developed," Wieder noted that there are fewer than ten undergraduates in Course XXV this year, and that new undergraduates would no longer be admitted to the program.

John M. Deutsch '81 said yesterday the 1982-3 undergraduate program had been eliminated about two years ago, and that undergraduate interest has been steadily declining. Deutsch became Director of the School of Science March lst.

Professor of Biology John M. Buchanan, Registration Officer for Course XXV, was on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Associate Professor Charles C. Coupland '69, a member of the Course XXV Committee, said the committee met about four years ago, but he missed the meeting because he was away from the Institute. He speculated that the committee decided to dissolve the department because the small number of students did not justify the costs of administrative overhead.

Matthew F. Lea '84, a registered Course XXV undergraduate concentrating in human biology, said that he originally thought he would be "grandfathered in" and allowed to graduate from the department, but now must find a new department.

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by John J. Ying

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