Ken Mellett (left) came equipped to the UA election forum held last night in 26-100 UAP/UAVP candidates Ken Segen (right), Winthrop Cody '82, Irra Sumner/Shiva Ayaturdi '83 and Michael Lopez/Steve Barber were also present to give statements and answer questions from students.

Total costs next year will be $13,500

By Jerri-Lynn Scofield

The Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation approved the Institute's 13th consecutive annual tuition increase in a meeting closed last Thursday.

The standard undergraduate student budget, which includes charges for tuition, room, board, and minimal personal expenses, will increase from $11,700 to $13,500.

MIT should again be the most expensive university in the country. Harvard set its 1982-83 student budget at $12,325. Benjamin College will cost $12,140.

Tuition will be $8,700, and room and board charges for tuition, room, board, and minimal personal expenses, will increase from $3,100 to $3,550. The equity level, or the amount of self-help each student is expected to provide, has increased from $1,400 to $3,900.

By Barry S. Surman

AmericanAEA candidates speak at forum

By Heather Preston

When the Student Center Committee (SCC) bought two full-page advertisements in The Tech this term asking students whether they would pay six dollars apiece to see The B-52's at the Spring Weekend concert, they were proposing the largest concert to be seen at MIT in many years. According to Steve Thomas, chairman of SCC, "Eighty percent of the 84 responses we received were positive, fifteen percent were negative, and five percent were either 'maybe' or a write-in blank.

"Without Cody we'd never be able to even think about running an event that size (approximately 400 people)," added Thomas. Winthrop Cody '82 is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa (PSK), which is co-sponsoring the Spring Weekend Concert with Theta Xi (TXI) and SCC. "Win initially came to SCC in November, asking for half of the profits from the Fenbord (the Undergraduate Association Finance Board) would provide the other half and SCC would put up $500 as a guarantee against excessive losses on the concert," Thomas continued, "But the B-52's wanted to know by January and Fenbord definitely would not meet until February, so Win came to us for all of the money." SCC agreed to back the B-52's concert, but imposed several conditions on the agreement, one of which was that SCC have half-in and all administrative decisions. The effect of this, according to Thomas, is "that, 'Win put too many possibilities, and SCC votes on them.'

Thomas went on to explain the negotiations. "Win initially wanted $12,500, which SCC approved. Then we went to the band and asked for their reaction. Their agent talked to our agent, and said they would only play if we raised another $15,000. After much haggling, SCC agreed. But any appropriation of more that $10,000 requires two separate votes, for running it and in the interim they took all of the bidding.

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