Finance Board chairman blasts Dean McBay

By Barry S. Surman

The Dean for Student Affairs has funded student activities in an adequately, negotiated with the organizations in bad faith, and attempted to undermine student control of the groups, according to a report being prepared by the top financial officer of the Undergraduate Association (UA).

The draft report, written by UA Finance Board Chairman Charles D. Brown, charges the Dean's Office is ignoring a 1949 MIT Corporation resolution calling for students to "assume full responsibility for operating student activities and directing the administration to give activities "sufficient consideration in the allocation of operating and capital funds."

"There are inaccuracies in the report," said Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McCray, "and information I would consider confidential." Brown's report is being prepared at the request of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), for presentation to the Corporation's Visiting Committee on Student Affairs members.

The Dean's Office initially asked for an investigation of more than 40 student organizations -- the Student Center Committee (SCC), the Lecture Series Committee (LSC), the Inter-Fraternity Conference (IFC), and The Tech -- to prepare reports for the visiting committee.

The Dean's Office, Brown's draft accuses, "has focused its attention on activities that are sound financially while ignoring those that are in bad shape."

"We had to start somewhere," McBay explained. The five groups were chosen because, he said, because students interested about them. "Harvard's Office has since asked six additional groups to prepare reports. The ODSA has received preliminary reports from the Finance Board, SCC, IFC, the Chinese Students' Club (CSC), Ashdown House executive committee, the Graduate Student Council (GSC), and the Hobby Shop, McBay said, and expects reports from the Student Art Association, Technology Community Association, the Debate Society, LSC, and The Tech soon.

The Dean's Office will exercise editorial control over the final reports, McBay said, to separate "personal views" from the organizations' reports. "We aren't in any way trying to stifle people," she added.

"Over the past twelve years," Brown's draft report states, "the Finance Board has received only one nominal increase in the activities portion of its budget.

"Many student activities have been forced to initiate membership fees which run as high as $100 per person per year, and to start fund-raising campaigns because the UA budget could not support the scope of activities they wish to carry out," the report continues. "... The ODSA [Please turn to page 2]

Freshmen face overcrowded dorms

By Jerri-Lynn Seinfeld

At least one hundred dormitory rooms will be overcrowded after Monday's housing assignments lottery, predicts Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

The average over-crowded room will contain 2-3 extra students, Sherwood indicated, since many freshmen are housed in doubles and triples.

"Crowding is going to be worse than we anticipated," said Sherwood. The opening of new facilities at 500 Memorial Drive last September, however, will help alleviate the problem.

Sherwood cited a "worst-case scenario of 150 crowds" and estimated there will be between 110 and 120 overcrowded rooms. The Dean's Office usually expects full dormitory occupancy to include 65 overcrowded rooms, he noted.

This year's overcrowding can be largely attributed to the size of the Class of 1986. Last spring, the Academic Council, which sets class size, asked Peter H. Richardson '47, Director of Admissions, to produce a freshmen class of between 1075 and 1100 students. Currently, 1132 freshmen have indicated they will come to MIT, Richardson expects, however, that at least seven students will fail to show up on move-in day. "I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't lose all seven," he said.

The Academic Council set the number of entering transfer students at 75, but 80 indicated they will arrive. Richardson estimated that number could drop as low as 80.

"The combined freshmen/transfer class size will be a maximum of 1157," Sherwood said.

"The name many applicants were admitted last year as this year, Richardson explained, but one hundred fewer students choose to enter the Class of 1986. The Admissions Office believes that most students will accept the ODSA offer of admission this year because of increased admissions and the uncertain future of Federal student assistance programs.

Also contributing to the crowding problem is the large number of upperclassmen deciding to retain their on-campus residence programs. (Please turn to page 3)

Class of 1986 receives $3.3 million in aid

By Bill Gliffie

"The Class of 1986 is receiving approximately $330,000 in National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), $2.8 million in scholarships and grants from MIT," according to Director of Financial Aid Leonard V. Galagher '64.

The class currently numbers 1132, according to the Admissions Office. Approximately 50 percent of the entering class was judged "needly," Gallagher said.

All prospective students receive a personal financial aid form with their financial application, Gallagher noted. About 75 to 80 percent of the applicants returned the document for processing.

No breakdowns of these numbers will be available until October, according to Gallagher. "Traditionally, there is little difference with respect to sex. Minority students usually receive fewer outside grants and are much needier, therefore they often receive more grants."

This year, for the first time, students are being asked to take a greater responsibility for earnings and loans, according to Gallaher. Students are now asked to assume the first $4000 in self help, compared to $3400 last year.

"MIT has had to respond to its own internal fiscal pressures," Gallagher said. "We have seen heavy inflation and a lousy economy. We've had to look heavily at our budget, where financial aid is a large expense. This is a very obvious item when looking for ways to save money."

MIT will feel little pressure from Federal budget cuts in student aid this year, the financial aid director said. "We've been watching the budget cuts very closely. The impact this year has not been great for two reasons. First, all the programs but one are forward-funded and won't be affected until 1984. Second, the one program which isn't forward-funded survived. That is the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL) program. However, some rather minor need criteria have been added. Many needy students, as well as a quarter of the 'not needly, have GSLs.'"

The fiscal year 1983 budget has severe implications for the classes of 1987 and 1988, Gallagher added. "I can see a significant loss in NDSL funding. We're talking about $2 million a year. NDSL's are the major low-interest, long-term, nation-wide loan program."

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Immerman promoted to assistant dean

By Barry S. Surman

Stephen Immerman will assume new responsibilities concerning student activities when he becomes Assistant Dean for Student Affairs on October 1.

Immerman, currently the Dean's Office advisor to fraternity and independent living groups, will take over many of the duties -- as well as the Student Center office -- of retiring Assistant Dean Robert Holder, while maintaining his advisory role with fraternities and independent living groups.

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) will combine its residence programs and student activities divisions into a new section called "residence and campus activities." (Please turn to page 2)

Harold S. Gulliver III '84

Harold S. Gulliver III '84 died Saturday, August 21st, in Athens, Georgia, of accidental injuries. Gulliver was a senior student in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics and was 19 years old.

Gulliver lived in McGregor House, where he was active in intramural athletic house affairs. He is survived by his father, Harold Gulliver Jr., his mother, Marian, and both of his grandmothers. A memorial service will be held at the MIT Chapel at a date to be announced later.