Dean gives activities $205.7K

By Daniel Crean

(Editors' note: The article that is first is a first of a series on student government and activities funding at MIT and other colleges and universities.)

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) supplied student activities approximately $205,700 for fiscal year 1983. According to ODSA Assistant Katherine Cochrane.

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been able to provide the CEP with suggestions, Segel said. Nevertheless, "student reaction has been strong."

"Giving hidden grades does not result in the CEP's goal" of providing students with more information on their performance, Segel declared.

Segel read last winter's GA resolution opposing the CEP plan, calling for "a faculty-initiated check-box system at the end of spring term.

Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) Chairman Joseph MacDonald '84 discussed this check-box system with the register, who said it was feasible, according to Segel.

The GA also declared any changes in pass/fail should begin next year, rather than upon passage by the faculty.

The CEP plan is seen by students as a first step in a plan to eliminate pass/fail, Segel added.

"As far as I know the CEP has not discussed" Barber's proposal, Smith said in response to a question from the faculty, "it hasn't been in existence very long.

The student proposal "represents what we're offering as a compromise to the faculty," said James Taylor '84, a student member of the CEP.

"Past student members of the CEP did agree" with the proposals on freshman grades, Segel said. Barber and Steven Isakowitz '83 are new members of the CEP; Taylor was on the CEP last year.

The CEP sought student input, Associate Professor Margery Reissnick contended, but not receive any. Student/faculty meetings have had "more faculty representatives than students," she said.

Hidden grades would have a positive effect on students, Reissnick said. "Students would now how they are doing." Hidden grades will also help students adjust to the changes they have seen in the number of students in the organization, Brown said.

"The cash shortage, be explained, is a result of inflation and the growth of new activities. The board allocated $71,125 for new projects for the year ending June 1, 1983, Brown said. He estimated the board will actually need about $11,000 for new projects over the course of the year.

Finance Board having not discussed" Barber's project for pass/fail, Segel replied. "It's in the proposal. We want to adjust students to sophomore year," Professor Margaret MacVicar '65 said.

The UA wanted to protect pass/fail, Smith said: "CEP wanted to protect pass/fail.

"Our concern is that algebra isn't going to go away,

"There is such a severe jolt, there was hidden grading in the early 1970's from unaccept budget funds.

The board uses interest from student money for student activity capital expenses and to pay the debts of bankrupt activities, according to Brown.

The ODSA gave the Undergraduate Association (UA) the number of students in the organization.

"As far as I know, the CEP didn't discuss" Barber's proposal, Smith said in response to a question from the faculty, "it's just conjecture.

"And the majority of the CEP wanted to protect pass/fail" in this proposal, Smith said. "Many faculty have reservations about pass/fail."

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