BU, others use activity fee

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Frank has ferociously attacked Reaganomics and has invariably associated Heckler with it. He blames Heckler for forgetting her constituents by voting with Reagan in 1981 for budget cuts and large defense expenditures.

Most of Massachusetts' women's groups, angered by Heckler's stances on ERA and social spending, have endorsed Frank, "We were so disappointed in her," said Kay Deherty, Massachusetts coordinator for the National Organization for Women (NOW). "She had been fighting for the ERA, and then just dropped it. We have endorsements from women with proven records.

Both candidates have brought in political heavyweights to boost their campaigns. Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass.) have campaigned in support of Frank, while Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.) visited the district to praise Heckler.

After the debate, Baker declared that Frank's positions "had been canvassing seriously. This year he has voted against Reagan's budget and defense expenditures — measures he voted for in 1978. Presently, the two incumbents' positions are fairly similar on many issues. The only major differences are abortion, which Frank supports, and Heckler opposes, and defense spending, which Heckler has supported more than Frank does.

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President Ken Saxen. The $129,000 annual budget is then distributed by the Student Activities Council. In addition, President's Dean for Student Affairs provides about $10,000 for expansion of student organizations, Saxen said.

At Tufts University, the student government budget is about $280,000 this year, according to student government President Alan Gerber. The money comes from a fee of $38 charged Tufts' approximately 4,500 undergraduate students. In addition, the administration's Student Activity Office distributes approximately $25,000 for student projects, he said.

Boston University's Student Union has $233,000 to spend this year, according to Union President Joe Miglio. The Union's budget includes dormitory activities and some academic activities, in addition to student organizations. About 37% of the budget goes directly to student organizations, Miglio said. The Union's funds come directly from a $34 annual fee charged each of BU's 8,000 undergraduate dormitory residents and $30 charged each of the 4,000 off-campus residents.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) imposes a fee of $164 on its undergraduate, according to Student Union Director Rub Lundy. The Student Union had an overall income of approximately $5 million last year, of which student clubs and organizations spent about $400,000. The student activities raised a portion of this budget, and were reimbursed $313,000, Lundy added. RPI's Union Program and Activities Council also distributed about $150,000 for different projects.

Amherst College assessed its students a $95 activities fee this year, according to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs M. L. Farre. The $150,000 budget is divided among about 30 clubs by a student allocations board.

At the California Institute of Technology, the student government is an independent corporation — the Associated Students of Caltech (ASC) — said ASC President Tim Bratry. Students pay $45 a year for all ASC benefits, he said. In addition, the Caltech administration provides about $25,000 for student activities through the "Caltech X." said Undergraduate Dean David Wales.

The MIT Undergraduate Association (UA) has discussed proposals for a student activity fee, according to student Activity Council (ASC) officials. The UA General Assembly, but has never taken any action on the proposal.