Corps to vote on chairman today

By Barry S. Simon

Selection of a successor to retiring Chairman Howard W. Johnson tops the agenda of today's quarterly meeting of the MIT Corporation at the president's house.

Members of the Corporation executive committee would not release the name of the candidate they will recommend to the Corporation this morning, nor would they comment on their committee's decision.

The executive committee likely concurred with the recommendation of a three-member search committee that has been working since Johnson's announcement last June of his retirement effective June 30, 1993.

Carl M. Mueller '41, chairman of the search committee and member of the executive committee, refused to release the name of the candidate recommended by the search panel. The other members of the search committee—Emily Wade '45, a member of the executive committee; and Angus N. MacDonald '46—also refused comment.

Agendas and minutes of executive committee meetings are not available to the public, according to committee secretary Constantine B. Simosides.

Institute president emeritus Jerome B. Wiesner '47 declined the chairman's post in June. Only once before has a Corporation chairman not been a former president: Vannevar Bush held the post from 1937 to 1958.

Johnson is retiring after 12 years as chairman of the Corporation, preceded by five years as president of MIT and seven years as a dean. He announced his retirement at the June 1, 1982 Corporation meeting.

Executive committee members Johnson, Glenn P. Steere '40, Edward David '47, Hardt P. Atchison, Jr. '47, and committee secretary Simosides refused to release the name of the committee's nominee before the full Corporation makes its final decision.

Other members of the executive committee—MIT President Paul E. Gray '54, Louis Cabot, Jerry McAfee '40, and Edward O. Vetter '42—were unavailable for comment.

A spokesman for the governor's appointment office said Massachusetts Governor Edward J. King, Jr., an effective Corporation chairman, will attend today's meeting.

Vandals flood GAMIT lounge

By Barry S. Simon

Vandals flooded the Gates at MIT (GAMIT) office and lounge in Walker Memorial with a hose Monday evening, damaging the room's wooden floor and the building's second story ceiling below.

The unknown vandals removed and stole a painted window from the office door, scratched ob-scenities into the door's finish in two places, and left a sticky fire extinguisher hose hanging through the empty window frame, thereby covering moist of the room's floor with water.

"The violent people who damaged our lounge display an irrationality that reflects the hatred within them," the GAMIT executive board said in a printed statement Tuesday.

Tuition hike to top inflation

By Tony Zamparutti

As MIT begins planning next year's budget, Director of Finance John Currie '77 said, "We are talking about tuition increases in excess of the rate of inflation, but not greatly in excess of the rate of inflation."

The water caused "moderate warping" in the third-story lounge floor, according to GAMIT officer and MIT Campus Police to report the incident.

Meltzsner leave vice presidency

By Thomas Haug

Kenneth J. Meltzer, '83, will resign his position as Union of Undergraduate Students (UA) vice president at the end of this academic year because he will graduate.

"I am going to get away from IT and hopefully won't be back till next September," Meltzer said. "I'm pretty sure my name will be on the February degree list."

UA President Kenneth Segel '84 will "find someone he likes to appoint that person vice pres," Meltzer said. "I don't believe the person has to be approved by the GA."

"If the event of vacancy in the office of UA (vice president), the UA [president] shall appoint a successor, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly," states section 1.49 of the UA constitution.

"I am going to resign because I think it's right to do so," Meltzer explained. "I don't know if there is a clause in the constitution which says a non-graduate student must give up his position. I just know that I won't be able to do a good job if I'm in California."

A person who is not a graduate student may not hold a constitutional office, according to section 1.42 of the UA constitution.

Meltzer said he has not done much as vice president since taking office on April Fool's Day last term. "I was not a great vice president — I don't think anybody ever was. I tried to do as little as possible. Actually, I probably would have done more had I not had mono."

During the March UA election campaign, Segel and Meltzer promised a student body cooperative, a course coupon book, a bus trip and party with the Virginia Military Institute, and a Rolling Stones concert for which twenty thousand $9.95 tickets would have to be sold to break even. They also stated they would fight a "mandatory spelling requirement."

They have, however, only been able to bring together commons, face-to-face "bitchy crowded dorms" to the Institute, according to Meltzer. "Seriously, though, I did get the UA News going," Meltzer said. "Also, Ken and I really tried to get some communication between the administration and the student government. It was impossible. The Dean's Office was always trying to change the structural