Taskforce talks on financial aid

By Burton S. Kaliniski

"There is a growing concern at MIT about the financial aid picture," said Associate Provost Frank E. Perkins '55 at an open forum on financial aid last Wednesday. "The cost of running the financial aid system is forcing MIT into a position where it can continue its present policies."

Perkins, chairman of the Academic Council task force on financial aid policy, said he is not specifically concerned with setting tuition and self-help levels for next year. Instead, his committee will consider MIT's policies of admission without regard to financial need, financial aid based on standardized test scores, and uniformity in the self-help requirements of students receiving aid.

The task force is considering an "admit-and-deny" policy whereby the largest number of students will receive financial aid, instead of the current policy of requiring all students to work a specific number of hours on campus. Perkins explained that the committee is also studying the "more onerous" policy of taking need into account in the admissions process.

The MIT Black Student Union and the Union Civica del Aire presented a statement opposing elimination of need-based admissions at the forum. [Page 2]

"We do not try to put a quota on the financial aid of a freshman class," said Leonard V. Gallagher '54, Director of Student Financial Aid. "Financial aid is awarded strictly on the basis of need."

At least twenty-five or thirty students leave MIT each year because of financial problems, noted Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McCay.

Student financial need totalled $21,751,739 this year, Gallagher said. Grants meet 57 percent of the need, and MIT unrestricted funds provide 43 percent of grants.

"Financial aid must stop drawing on MIT unrestricted funds and creating a deficit," Perkins said. MIT currently operates at a deficit of between $6 million and $14 million, according to Stuart H. Cowen, vice president for finance.

"We should try to spread money as equitably as we can," Perkins said. MIT does not have enough financial aid to meet all the need, he said.

"We are committed to meet it or help you meet it," Gallagher said.

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Energy $400

Help $400

Earnings for needy students

Source: Student Financial Aid Office

Undergraduate expenses and resources, 1982-83

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MT closed NRSA's building because it failed to meet safety code requirements.

By Ivan K. Kang

MIT officials closed Building W2, which housed the Non-Resident Student Association (NRSA), on January 12 as a result of safety and building code violations cited by Cambridge city inspectors.

The MIT Safety Office, the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA), and Physical Plant decided to close the facility after Cambridge building inspectors found numerous safety and building code violations, including improperly grounded wiring, lack of smoke detectors, an obstructed fire escape, and poorly designed stairwells, according to Safety Office Director John M. Frensis.

NRSA is in the process of obtaining a Cambridge approved certificate of occupancy for the 30 year old building, Frensisa said, but he does not know how long it will take.

Cambridge officials inspected the building in December and found MIT of the violations early this month, according to NRSA tutor Robert E. Piret G. G.

He was allowed to move back a week after the building was closed, Piret indicated, and the building will soon be open for daily use.

An ad hoc committee on student activity space will further study the situation before any further renovation takes place, indicated Peter M. Brown, assistant dean for student affairs.

"Before any renovation," Brown said, the committee would like to see if NRSA is a "healthy, viable organization" and determine whether there is any justification for this kind of expense.

He continued, "NRSA will have a chance to justify its use of the space. The committee has not worked out a plan."

The chairman of the ad hoc committee, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood, said his committee will address the status of NRSA and make a recommendation on the future use of the building.

He suggested that groups such as the new sorority, international students, the Women's Resource Center, and graduate students may be interested in the use of the building.

NRSA President Julia A. Godard '84 and Vice President Jef-

IPS, JCF to move to renovated Building 11

By Daniel J. Weidran and Barry Fong

Information Processing Services (IPS), the Joint Computer Facility (JCF), and an MIT Graphic Arts "Quick Copy Center" will move into the Humbug Building (Building 11) late this spring, according to Physical Plant Construction Coordinator William H. Combs '54.

The Humbug Building, located next to buildings 3 and 7 on the main corridor, housed the An ad hoc committee on student activity space will further IPS, JCF and others.

Although details of the program are still being discussed, Velucci said, students will be given exposure to both software and hardware before graduating from high school.

MIT and Harvard will contribute educational and technological expertise, and state and federal government and private grants will help pay for the program.

If the program proves successful, other cities in Massachusetts and throughout the nation may begin similar programs, Velucci said.

MIT representatives to the committee include Walter L. Milone, special assistant to the president for urban relations, John P. Terry of the Office of the Provost, and Professor Judah L. Schwartz.

Gerald Indelicato represents Governor Michael S. Dukakis on the program committee. Executive Assistant to the Mayor Richard McKinley, Superintendent of Schools William Lannon, and Velucci represent the city government.

Medical Department before the Health Services Center (Building 11) opened a year ago.

Information Processing Services is moving from Building 39 to allow the entire building to be used for research in very large scale integration (VLSI). IPS will move its terminals and printers from the second floor of Building 39 to the second and third floors of Building 11.

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MIT, Harvard joint computer program

By Roderick A. Dick

MIT and Harvard are joining the City of Cambridge to develop a computer education program for the city's public schools.

City Councilor Alfred E. Velucci organized a committee to plan the program after discussing the need for cooperation with US Senator Paul E. Tsongas (D-Mass.), the mayor said.

The United States must face the high technology challenge of Japan, and other international competition, Tsongas has stressed repeatedly. "The Japanese are doing well now economically and are still taking advantage of the US economy," he said Friday.

"Tsongas' message is clear," stated Velucci in a proposal for the Cambridge school system. "Either America faces up to the high technology challenge of Japan and others or we face the future unable to compete."

Velucci's committee -- which includes representatives of Tsongas' office, the city, two universities and private industry -- is forming a non-profit organization to develop a prototype program for the Cambridge public schools.

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