Task force talks of financial aid

By Burton S. Koblik

"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 to 'wonder how it can continue its present policies."

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Code violations force NRSA to close

By Ivan K. Feng

MIT officials closed Building W2, which housed the Non-Resi-

ent Student Association (NRSA), on January 13 as a re-

suit of safety and building code violations cited by Cambridge city inspectors.

The MIT Safety Office, the Off-

ce of the Dean for Student Af-

fairs (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 ob-

structed fire escape, and poorly designed stairwells, according to Safety Office Director John M. Fresina.

The ODSA is in the process of obtaining a Cambridge approved certificate of occupancy for the 10-year old building, Fresina said, but he does not know how long it will take.

Cambridge officials inspected the building in December and in-

formed MIT of the violations ear-

ly this month, according to NRSA tutor Robert E. Pettegrew. He was allowed to move back a week after the building was closed, Pettegrew indicated, and the building will soon be open for day use.

An ad hoc committee on stu-

dent activity space will further study the situation before any further renovation takes place, in-

cluded Peter H. Brown, assistant dean for student affairs.

"Before any renovation," Brown said, the committee would like to see if NRSA is a "healthy, viable organization [to deter-

mine] whether there is any justifica-

tion 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 ad-

dress the status of NRSA and make a recommendation on the future use of the building. He suggested that groups such as the new security, international students, the Women's Resource Center, and graduate students may be interested in the use of the building.

NRSA President Julia A. Goddard '94 and Vice President Af-

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IPS, JCF to move to renovated Building 11

By Daniel J. Welden

Information Processing Ser-

vices (IPS), the Joint Computer Facility (JCF), and an MIT Graphic Arts "Quick Copy Cen-

ter" will move into the Homberg Building (Building 11) late this spring, according to Physical Plant Construction Coordinator William H. Comly '54.

The Homberg Building, locat-

ed next to buildings 3 and 7 on the main corridor, housed the medical Department before the Health Services Center (Building E2) opened a year ago.

Information Processing Ser-

vices 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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en exposure to both software and hardware before graduating from high school.

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

If the program proves success-

ful, other cities in Massachusetts and throughout the nation may begin similar programs, Vellucci said.

MIT representatives to the committee include Walter L. Milne, 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. Execu-

tive Assistant to the Mayor Rich-

ard McKinnon, Superintendent of Schools William Lannon, and Vellucci represent the city govern-

ment.