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said. MIT is constrained by federal regulations such that a student's aid cannot exceed demonstrated need, "so they might not like that regulation but they do exist."

A student receiving an outside scholarship, Perkins noted, will have aid reduced in another area. For this reason, he indicated, some groups will not award a scholarship to MIT students and some students avoid applying for scholarships.

MIT would change the policy if the incentive to apply for scholarships were greatly increased, Perkins claimed, but he said he does not think that likely. MIT students presently receive $2.5 million in outside awards.

Financial aid is "a zero-sum game," Perkins commented. "You don't have any way of getting luxury," he added, and there is no incentive for summer earnings.

Summer earnings are based on a student's year, Gallagher said, not on figures reported by the College Scholarship Service (CSS). An increase in summer earnings, he said, will decrease Pell Grant eligibility; but, if need is high enough, MIT will supplement the grant.

Faculty salaries are driven up by competition from private industry, Companion noted. "Endowment income and unrestricted income are not keeping pace with inflation," he said.

A science and technology education is more expensive than one on the humanities, Perkins said. "Giving levels here are low," and the cost of the educational program has gone up much faster than inflation.

The total academic budget is $410 million, according to Vice President Constantine B. Simonian. Tuition payments total $72 million, and unrestricted funds provide the difference. The endowment of other top schools is considerably larger than MIT's, he continued.

"There is a real problem. People who are prepared to donate" would rather give money for a new program than for financial aid, Perkins said. The last major donation for financial aid, he said, came from the late Ralph Penick of Rochester.

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) and the Undergraduate Association (UA) sponsored the forum, which was attended by approximately fifty students and fifteen faculty and staff members. Another open meeting will be held February 23 from 3:30 to 5:30pm in room 6-120.

Minority student groups present statement on MIT financial aid policies

By Barry S. Sura

The MIT Black Students Union and La Union Chicana por Aztlán (formerly the Mexican-American Student Association) issued a statement last Wednesday opposing changes in MIT's "need-blind" admissions policy and increasing the equity level, or minimum amount of self-support, not including summer earnings, required of students receiving financial aid.

Such changes, the two groups claimed, would "discriminate on the basis of income, specifically against those minority groups that have lower incomes than majority Americans," thus decreasing the diversity of the MIT student body.

"More efforts should be made to develop alternative sources of funds," the groups stated. "Financial aid should be the first priority when determining the allocation of unrestricted funds."

The equity level for the current academic year is $4000, or 28.9 percent of the Institute's estimated undergraduate student budget and average travel expenses of $13,850.

IPS, JCF plan to move user facilities

Building 11, Combs said. Graphic Arts will move its copy center from the basement of Building 3 to the basement of Building 11. The Pensions Office and Building Services department have expressed interest in the space that will be vacated when the JCF and Graphic Arts move their operations. The Industrial Liaison Program (ILP) will also move from Building 39, taking up new quarters on the fourth and fifth floors of the Suffolk Building (Building E38) at Main and Carleton Streets, said Combs. The ILP, which serves as a liaison between MIT and private industry, is presently located only in Building 39, but also in Buildings 4 and 10.

Although the Suffolk Building is farther from the center of campus than are the ILP's current offices, the move will consolidate the program's offices in one building, said ILP Administrative Assistant Katherine K. Allen. The Kendall Square/Cambridge Center area is becoming "quite desirable," she said.

The second and third floors of Building 11 are now in the final stages of construction. The first floor designs are still preliminary, and the basement design is not yet under way, Combs said.

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IPS will also use a conference room in the penthouse above the Homberg Building's fourth floor. The IPS MULTICS computer system will be moved from the third floor of Building 39 to Building W1 at the west end of campus, Combs said.

The Joint Computer Facility will move from its present location in Building 1 to a more visible location on the first floor of the building.

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