Heavy, wet snow closes MIT early

By Burt S. Kalinski

MIT closed at 3pm yesterday as eight inches of snow and slush fell, the first MIT closing since last April's sudden snow blizzard.

"The snow was getting deeper, particularly in the western suburbs," said James C. Culliton, director of personnel. He decided to let all employees go home "before dark for safety," based on the forecasts for the evening weather.

The decision to open MIT yesterday morning was difficult, Culliton said, because the weather forecast was not definite at the time. If temperatures had been lower, the first MIT closing since last April's snow blizzard could have been avoided.

"I was concerned," said Culliton, "but the decision was made to open because of the possibility of severe weather later in the day." The National Weather Service declared a winter storm warning.

The storm began with rain as temperatures rose to the mid-40s yesterday afternoon. Shut and deep puddles of icy water covered the campus, before freezing last night.

The storm hit first the western Atlantic states. Up to a foot of snow had fallen in parts of North Carolina, ten inches in New Jersey, and four inches in Washington, by yesterday morning.

The closing was only the second since the great blizzard of February 1978 which delayed registration for the spring term.

MIT will consider new draft/aid ties

By Joel Gluck

"In order to receive Title IV aid, a student who is required to register with Selective Service must file a statement with the institution he attends certifying that he is in compliance with registration requirements," according to financial aid guidelines recently issued by the US Department of Education.

The announcement that MIT under-graduates would be affected by the regulations, estimated Leonard V. Gallagher '54, director of student financial aid, based on statistics that 60 percent of undergraduates are required to register, 50 percent of all undergraduates receive Federal aid, and 4 percent of all eligible males in the nation have not registered.

The new policy will create more paperwork for the Student Financial Aid Office, Gallagher said, although the federal guidelines attempt to minimize this by placing the responsibility for verifying registration on the student. The Institute will also have to take a stand on the policy. (Please turn to page 2)

Germany's Schmidt will speak at commencement

By John J. Ying

Helmut Schmidt, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, will speak at commencement May 27, MIT President Paul E. Gray '34 announced yesterday.

"His presence on our campus will have a profound and lasting impact on both our graduating students and on the larger MIT community," Gray said.

Schmidt succeeded West Germany's Chancellor from 1974 to fall 1982, as head of a coalition consisting of his Social Democratic party and the smaller Free Democratic party. The Christian Democratic party, headed by Premier Christian Hoff, Kohn, gained control in October of West Germany's legislative body, the Bundestag, by winning the free elections away from the Social Democrats, Schmidt continues to serve as a member of the Bundestag.

"In general, we felt since he was out of office, he might make some interesting remarks and have the time to come," said Lua E. Nguyen, president of the Gray registration on the student (GSC). "The only problem we felt we might have concerned security."

"I think it is great. I'm glad he accepted our invitation. He was one of those we wanted," said Kenneth E. Dumas '83, president of the Class of 1983.

MIT's commencement committee, headed by Professor Luray S. Keyes '67, and comprised of faculty members, and other faculty members, recommended eight possible speakers to Gray, including Schmidt.

This year will be the only second time MIT has had an outside (Please turn to page 2)

NRA open again for daytime use

By Burt S. Kalinski

The Non-Resident Student Association (NRSA) opened Building W2, reopened last Monday, according to Julia A. God- dard '84, president of NRSA.

The MIT Safety Office, the Of- fice of the Dean for Student Af- fairs (ODSA) and Physical Plant had closed the facility January 13 because of the chemical fire in Building 10.

The building was easy to close down," Goddard said, "since there is only one resident." NRSA tutor Robert E. Piret G. did the building has been reopened for daytime use, she said, but will not be available for overnight use until later this month.

"We hope to present a proposal for new sleeping ar- rangements to William R. Dick- son '56, vice president for opera- tions, at the end of the week. Physical Plant will then modify the sleeping areas to meet Cam- bridge ordinances if Dickson ap- proves the plan, Goddard said.

Fire and electrical safety viola- tions were the most dangerous, she added. Physical Plant has made many repairs during the past few weeks, but more elec- trical work must be done, she said, including the installation of smoke alarms.

The building has an improb- able designed staircase, which vio- lates MIT safety rules but does not Cambridge law. There is a "chimney" within the stairway through which smoke can rise. Goddard explained. The group will install a fire wall on the sec- ond floor to eliminate the fire hazard.

Three bedrooms in the build- ing do not meet city require- ments, according to a list of vio- lations issued by the Safety Of- fice. A bedroom designed for four has six beds, another room without enough space for one person has two beds, and a room with space for two sleeps four, according to the citation.

"No one told us how many beds could be in each room," Goddard said.

NRSA is circulating a petition to undergraduates and graduate students who live off-campus. Goddard continued, to demon- strate the need for the group.

"Students have used the fa- cilities in the past week," she not- ed. The Institute provides funding for maintenance of the building. Goddard said, but NRSA is looking for a "secure financial way to make the building look nice and keep it that way."

Dean's Office issues pamphlet on harassment by religious groups

By Ben Tiong

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) has placed advertising in The Tech to warn students of harass- ment on campus by certain reli- gious groups.

Many members of the MIT community complained about the proselytizing activities of religious groups such as the Unitarian Church, headed by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and the Church of Scientology, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert M. Ran- dolph.

Rudolph cited cases in which church members approached someone on campus and started a friendly conversation. After several visits, he continued, the members would attempt to pres- sure the student into attending their church services.

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