The bottom line

Estimated annual student budget

By Barry S. Surman

The figure for the fiscal 1987 undergraduate year will spend $14,800 on his education next year, according to the Student Financial Aid Office. The total student budget calculated by the financial aid office includes $9600 in tuition, $3880 for room and board, and $1230 for books and personal expenses.

The student financial aid office increased the allowances for books, materials, and personal expenses by $70, or 5.6 percent, over the last year's $1250 figure.

Mit offers 1807 applicants admission to Class of 1987

By Jake Thies

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The percentage of women in the group of accepted applicants is 32 percent, up slightly from last year's figure of 26.4 percent, according to Richardson. The number of minority students also increased from last year's total, from 9.6 percent to 10.0 percent of those accepted, MIT accepted seventy international students - not including students from Canada this year, matching last year's total, Richardson added.

MIT presents freeze petition

By Arnold Costeretas

Eight MIT students and faculty members presented a petition to the Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., in Washington Tuesday demanding the United States and Soviet Union negotiate a mutual, verifiable nuclear arms freeze.


["The United States and the Soviet Union are roughly equal in strategic nuclear power," the petition states, citing an annual MIT report on nuclear affairs. The petition also asks for a multilateral declaration rejecting the first use of nuclear weapons, a comprehensive test ban treaty, and verification of the spread of nuclear weapons among nations.

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This year's admissions process was "very similar," Richardson said. "I am totally opposed to an admissions policy which centers on financial circumstances of the applicant."

"It's hard to describe the char-

acter of this entering class since they have yet to make a decision about what they want to be," Richardson said. "But I can't wait to meet them at the fresh-

man picnics.

"We're looking for people who are excited about the future."