WMBR will cut back air hours

By Burt S. Kaliski

M.I.T.'s radio station WMBR (88.1 MHz) will reduce programming from 20 hours to 14 hours daily starting this Monday, said Robert Connolly, station manager.

"The reason for the reduction in air time "is not financial at all," said General Manager Richard B. Feldman '84. The station is worried about its equipment and must maintain it," he added. The station has collected $6500 from hourly on-air appeals.

The station will request additional funds from foundations supporting educational radio. Feldman said last month, "The $150,000 figure is "not unrealistic." Connolly claimed.

Many shows that presently run for three hours will be reduced to two hours, Connolly said. The broadcast will probably not continue past midnight.

The radio show "Nite Owl" will return to its "traditional form" as a student-produced program Friday, Connolly said. There will be all-request "free" format radio from 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

WMBR went off the air Feb. 14 after technical staff members resigned, since the Federal Communications Commission requires all stations of WMBR's size to have a technical staff to maintain a log of transmitter readings. The station resumed broadcasting Feb 21.

The Federal Communications Commission requires the station to operate at least 12 hours daily, Connolly said.

Four dorm rents planned

By Al Yen

Undergraduate dormitory rent will increase by an average of $195.00 — 9.9 percent — for the 1983-84 academic year, according to John Currie '57, director of finance.

"This rent increase has two components: First, the increase which is necessary to meet budgeted operating expenses; and second, an increase in debt service to pay for the cost of constructing kitchens in East Campus and Senior House," said Currie's letter.

The rate hike also includes an adjustment toward establishing four equalized sets of dormitory rooms as opposed to the half price set in which each dormitory pays a different rent. "What we're striving for in three years is a four room rate setup," said George E. Hartwell, associate director of housing.

The system, according to Hartwell, will account for any remaining federal funds by reducing debt service, and budgeting. A flat rate for all undergraduates housing was considered in the past, Hartwell said, but "it is not fair for the rates of the new dormitories to be the same as those of the older dormitories." The residents of the lower houses — McCormick Hall, Bar- ton-Cambridge House, MacGregor House, and 500 Memorial Drive — will pay the highest rates per term. The New West Campus Houses make up the second room rate grouping.

The third group consists of the older dormitories — East Cam- pus, Baker House, Bexley Hall, and Senior House — while the lowest room rate amount will be paid by the residents of Random Hall.

The rent figures at which the four groups will eventually settle is not known yet, Hartwell said, but he hopes the rent increases over the next three years will be small.

Nuclear test ban discussed

By Gary Dirlik


"My guess is that if 1 ban on [the space shuttle] were [on the space shuttle] in the next few decades," said Charls Byrns, deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), speculated at a lecture last night.

The station has "no reliable" plan, Hartwell emphasized. "The system, according to Hartwell, will account for any remaining federal funds by reducing debt service, and budgeting. A flat rate for all undergraduates housing was considered in the past, Hartwell said, but "it is not fair for the rates of the new dormitories to be the same as those of the older dormitories." The residents of the lower houses — McCormick Hall, Barton-Cambridge House, MacGregor House, and 500 Memorial Drive — will pay the highest rates per term. The New West Campus Houses make up the second room rate grouping.

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"One nuclear test is performed by some country every week, according to Everett Mendels狂欢, professor of History of Science at Harvard University. He estimates 1730 nuclear explosions have taken place since July 1945.


The Reagan administration is neither "war on terrorism," said Currie.

"We are here to educate graduate students . . . and undergraduate students." The new system of paying graduate students will make hiring graduate research assistants cheaper for the professors than hiring postdoctoral researchers. The new system proves MIT's commitment to education, Currie claimed. "We are not just a research institution. We are here to educate graduate students . . . and undergraduate students."

The new system will now pay 25.2 cents in a benefit fund for each dollar of salary it pays its employees. The new system will raise MIT's contribution to 33.9 cents. "The government says that we must do this for all salaries or not at all," said Currie.

The Institute will start contributing to the benefit fund July 1, Currie said. Student wages earned in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program will not be included, he added.