ODSA: 97 crowds in fall

By Daniel Cross

MIT's undergraduate dormitory system will have about 97 overcrowded rooms next year, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert A. Sherwood.

The Dean's Office "tentatively" plans to spread the overcrowding among six dormitories, Sherwood said. Baker House will have six, Burton House 20, East Campus 15, McCormick Hall 14, New West Campus Houses 17, and 500 Memorial Drive 25, he estimated.

The average overcrowded room houses about 20 students, Sherwood estimated in August; if current projections are accurate, approximately 240 students will likely live in overcrowded rooms this fall.

The projections are based on an expected freshman class of 1,075 students, 40 transfer students seeking dormitory rooms, and 30 matriculated students, Sherwood said. If more than 97 overcrowded rooms are needed, he continued, the excess will be spread through the dormitory system.

"Anti-rush" activities made in an attempt to keep dormitory spaces open will not be effective in making rooms available for students enrolled in a ninth term at MIT, Sherwood said. "If I find [an anti-rush] is occurring in a house, I would not necessarily fill empty rooms in that house with ninth-term undergraduates," he declared.

Residents in such houses would be required to pay the rent lost from not filling all rooms in the house, he said.

Undergraduates will not normally be allowed to stay in the dormitories after eight terms at MIT, Sherwood said. Institute policy is that "students are eligible [for dormitory rooms] only for eight terms or until they get their bachelor's degree," at a meeting of the house presidents and the (Dormitory Council) Chairman this was discussed and it was agreed to continue that policy," he said.

Undergraduates in a ninth term may be allowed to live in empty rooms, if any, to avoid rent loss, Sherwood said. The Institute each year receives approximately forty requests for housing from ninth-term undergraduates.

Club Amherst seeks sorority

By Gene Dene

Club Amherst, a group of 40 undergraduate women, will this week choose a national sorority affiliate, according to Pamela M. Gannon '84, vice president of the club.

The Interfraternity Conference Expansion Committee, Club Amherst, and the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs met last week and yesterday with representatives of five national sororities to discuss the possibility of forming a chapter at MIT.

The group, which began their campus visits by meeting with Robert A. Sherwood, associate dean for student affairs, and Steven D. Immerman, assistant dean for student affairs, before a two-hour formal presentation to members of the Interfraternity and the Expansion Committee.

The representatives, including presidents and vice presidents of the national organizations and five sorority level to provide some type of national organization, were a lot of sororities that do not have housings and members come together only for meetings.

The club stresses chapter independence, Goldfarb said. "We didn't want a national organization to come in and take over everything we had done." The goal of seeking a national who would function on the advisory level to provide some type of organization.

Goldfarb and Kathleen A. Harragan '84, president of Club Amherst, attended the northeast regional National Panhellenic Conference at March 21.

"Our purpose for attending the conference was to meet members of other sororities who would provide information. Up to that point, we had only read their literature and were way commented. The conference served as a forum for Club Amherst to seek candidates, Gannon said.

"We looked at academic standards, emphasis on programs, states disqualified, and how much money they had." The club is not interested in

Reagan plans fin. aid cut

By Paul Sheng

President Ronald W. Reagan's proposed fiscal plan contains major changes in federal financial aid for postsecondary education, including the elimination of the State Student Incentive Grant and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs.

The budget cuts $1 billion from the Pell Grant and the Student Loan Program.

The State Student Incentive Grant was established in 1972 to provide incentives for states to establish their own grants and scholarships. States distributed over $1 billion last year, under a variety of programs.

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McBay: Study fee

By V. Michael Bove

"We need to have a lot of discussion about a student activities fee," said Shirley M. McBay, dean of student affairs, at a meeting of students and administrators to discuss the report of the MIT Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs.

Officially in the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs met Thursday with student government leaders and other who met with the Visiting Committee last fall to discuss an activities fee for financing student groups, as recommended by the committee.

"There are a whole lot of other areas of support," for student activities "that might go away in budget cuts," were such a fee implemented, said Stephen B. Immerman, assistant dean for student affairs.

A number of students expressed similar reservations about the future of alternative funding sources, citing examples including a $10,000 grant from the deans of the Schools of Engineering and Science for the Student Committee on Educational Policy's Course Evaluation Guide and Institute grants to MIT's radio station WMCR.

The Visiting Committee was offered to recommend either pay or academic credit as incentives for student participation in activities, claiming such a solution that "would lead to an unhealthy balance of faculty or Dean's Office involvement" in activity operation.

Faculty involvement in activity

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