MIT, Wellesley set 5-year dual degree

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Wellesley College has instituted a double degree program in which Wellesley students receive bachelor's degrees from both MIT and Wellesley at the end of five years of study, according to Edward Stettner, acting dean of Wellesley College.

The program will allow Wellesley students who transfer to MIT after three years at Wellesley to receive degrees from both MIT and Wellesley, according to Theodore W. Dunn PhD '72, professor of physics at Wellesley.

As interested Wellesley student would apply to MIT at the end of her sophomore year, Stettner said.

If accepted, transfer to MIT after her third year at Wellesley to complete requirements for an MIT degree.

A student in the program will graduate with a bachelor of arts degree from Wellesley and a bachelor of science degree from MIT at the end of five years, Stettner noted.

"Wellesley College has a new program," explained Professor John J. Bibby, director of the MIT-Wellesley Exchange Office, but the double degree program will not require a change in MIT policies or programs.

"There is absolutely no difference in the MIT rules about this," Silbey said. "MIT is not doing anything different. If you apply to the transfer application from Wellesley College will be considered for admission no differently than if you are from other schools, he noted.

Wellesley applicants "would apply the same as any transfer students," Stettner said. "I think that would be treated the same as any other students at MIT," he added.

The program differs from other dual degree programs, because Wellesley students will be allowed to take courses at MIT before transferring, according to Dunas. Wellesley students could take courses at MIT during their freshman and sophomore years before attempting to transfer, he said.

It is important that Wellesley students are allowed to take subjects before transferring, Dunas explained, because "MIT can look at the record in MIT courses when evaluating the transfer application.

Students can apply to the program beginning next year, according to Stettner. "I think there will be a lot of interest from people to apply this year," he said. Stettner expects a much lower participation in the program than in the normal exchange program. "I would expect not more than three or four students to apply under the dual degree program, he said.

"The [Committee on Educational Policy] was concerned that if there's any publicity of the program, it will 'inadvertently por- tray MIT,' Silbey said.

"I think we've agreed that MIT will have to review the [publici- ty]." Stettner said. "I think it's important that MIT do it themselves for both schools, he continued.

"We've been talking for over a year on how to focus on community standards," said Shirley M. McBay, dean for student affairs at Wellesley. "It is important that Wellesley have a much lower participation in the program than in the normal exchange program," he added.

"The least we would do is to provide Senior House with some money," he continued. "I think we would have to do that," he added.

"The dormitories are lacking in effective representation on the Student Council," states an April 27 memorandum from Daniel B. Kilfoyle '86, Dormitory Council chairman, to Gerald S. Rau '83, Social Council chairman.

The Undergraduate Association Finance Board granted the Social Council $2000 for the co-sponsorship of social activities throughout the academic year," according to the March 5 Finance Board minutes.

The funds are "available to all undergraduates for social events," Rau said.

"We let the Social Council fund certain events. We're just not being informed of what they've done," Kilfoyle commented.

"The dormitory social chairmen are just not being informed of when the Social Council meetings are held," he said.

"The dormitories can get the money," he continued. "I think Senior House got some money from the Social Council for their Steer Roast," he said.

The Social Council promised but has not paid $200 to Senior House for the April 30 event, according to Steven Kossar '85, house president.

The Social Council must "con- scientiously inform the dormi- tories," (Please turn to page 2)