Dorm residents get energy refunds

By Diana Ben-Aaron
Housing and Food Services refunded money to students living in MIT dormitories and on-campus apartments because energy cost less than expected this academic year.

Undergraduates in the dormitory system received checks or credits of $16.07 per term, Ashdown House and Green Hall residents $16.39 per term, Tang Hall residents $3.18 per month, and Eastgate and Westgate residents $6.00 per month.

"When we sent out housing contracts, we said energy is a very volatile commodity at this time of year, and we would adjust the amount that we charged, depending on the actual energy cost of the number of students in the system," Hartwell said.

GA holds banquet, drops amendment

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The GA Social Council is now planning housing week ends, according to chairman Hendrick J. Koerner '84. The weekend is "sort of an attempt for us to try to be a little more normal," Wiltsie remarked.

The UA should hold an open forum on housing week ends, events, Kuntz suggested. Win Treese, a member of the General Assembly, said it was a missed opportunity to discuss the housing situation.

The dining situation is "basically not nice," he said. Meal plans which allow students to take a second main course are charging too much, and MIT is considering a flat rate for all common meals.

The Walker Memorial Drive dining hall will sell food only in the spring beginning this fall, and Manual Hall in Walker Memorial may serve only continental breakfast, Treese said.

The Dining Advisory Board, a group of students and members of the faculty and administration, may suggest one or more of the dormitory dining halls be closed during the January Independent Activities Period, he said.

The group also suggested imposing minimum work hours for student dining employees to save overhead costs, closing Walker for dinner or breakfast, and closing Lobdell Dining Room in the Student Center on weekends.

"Closing Lobdell on weekends doesn't make a whole lot of sense," Treese said.

Students should consider dining in their choice of dormitories, according to the GA. The GA is considering a flat rate for all common meals.

The Cambridge Food Coop could provide information, added Sara MacBerman, administrative assistant in the Dean's Office.

"The committee is actually interested in the [cooperative] if there is support for it," Treese added.

The General Assembly presented "Pokey," "Gumpy," and "Sluggo" awards at the banquet before the regular meeting. UA officials failed to release a list of the award winners.

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