Johnston, Immerman react to fee for employee benefits

(Continued from page 1) among the other groups which employ students and are required to pay the surcharge, according to Frank Immerman, associate dean for student affairs.

If the groups do not contribute to the benefit program, MIT would be required to replace their contribution with its own unrestricted funds, and that could lead to an increase in tuition next year, Currie said.

"If we waive the contribution for certain selective groups, ... we would have to pay for it out of unrestricted funds," he said.

Only the president of MIT can waive the requirement, Currie said.

Immerman said, "The question is whether [a Student Center Committee] employee can be considered an Institute employee." Were such students considered MIT employees, he contended, they might also be eligible for insurance and pension programs.

Johnson said those affected by the surcharge issue will get together and decide whether this federal regulation should apply to student groups. "I think we've got a strong case against it."

MIT began a program July 1 to provide tuition scholarships from the employee benefit fund to graduate research and teaching assistants while reducing their salaries. Currie said.

Rent for undergraduate housing increased by 9.9 percent this year in part to contribute to the benefit fund. The housing system, however, spread the contribution over a three-year period after the requirement increased from 25.2 cents to 33.9 percent of salaries, according to Currie.

He said no similar proposal has been made for student activities.

Ball cancelled to avoid loss

(Continued from page 1) page and at least $700 for decorations, Meerman said. A cash bar would have covered the approximately $400 in liquor expenses. The council had already spent $250 on publicity.

The council's decision not to hold an election for homecoming king and queen — a controversial issue in recent years — may have made the community less interested in the weekend, Meerman said.

Fraternities that had many members unable to preplan homecoming dances scheduled parties Saturday night, Meerman said. "It really discouraged us. ... I didn't think the quantity of interest was enough." to hold the event.

The Undergraduate Association General Assembly should approve election of new officers for the council soon after Spring Weekend, he said. His election in June did not leave sufficient time to plan homecoming events, he claimed.

The council had planned to hold a raffle at the ball and had taken the names of the 20 ticketholders, Meerman said. The Finance Board will send refund checks to the purchasers, he added.

David M. Libby '85, chairman of the Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee, "speaking as a member of the Finance Board," said he was glad the Social Council had the " guts " to cancel the event. Student activities have lost much money in other events they did not cancel, he said.

Listings

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Thursday, October 20

The American Connection with Klaus Barbie is the subject of a lecture to be given by John Los- tas at the MIT Hillil-Sarrow Memorial Lecture in the MIT Student Center Mammazine Lounge. The program is open to the public. For more information, contact Miriam Rosenblum, x-2982.

Tuesday, October 25

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in an effort to better inform the public about its activities (AIDS, teenage alco- holism, runaways, etc.), will hold a college media seminar in Room 2003 of the JFK Federal Building in Boston from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.