Leaders tell GA they seek to exempt activities from fee

By Burt S. Kaliski

Student government leaders declined to discuss with the student activities committee the possibility of three projects—raking money for the Whitehead Institute, screening films for the Dean's Office, and erecting the Digital Clock—being handled," he said, "and I won't.

The GA was told by the Dean's Office not to worry about it; it would be handled," he said, "and I won't.

Faculty discusses Athena, Whitehead

By Burt S. Kaliski

The faculty continued its discussion of Project Athena and Professor James G. Fox presented a report on the status of the Whitehead Institute at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Athena Committee is "not sure yet" of the overall configuration for the new computer system, said Professor James G. Fox, director of the Institute, who reviewed the status of the Whitehead Institute at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

"We've been discussing the right time to bring students on the committee," Wilson said. "The committee is already considering nine students for three openings, and awaits recommendations from the Undergraduate Association Nominations Committee.

The Project Athena Committee will restrict use of word-processing facilities when they become operational in April or May, Wilson said. "If every student who wanted to write term papers, the idea would be overdone," he said, "and the use would overload the system.

The first floor of Building 11 will contain terminals and several VAX-11 minicomputers, Wilson said. The computer equipment will be located in Buildings 66, 38, and 37, and in the MIT Microcomputers offices for Project Athena staff.

Personal computers donated by International Business Machines Corp. will run UNIX by March and be organized into campus-area networks with IBM 3414 mainframes as file servers by September, 1984, Wilson said.

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Diseased hamsters flee Yale lab

By Simon L. Garfinkel

Three hamsters injected with a "potentially dangerous sample" of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease escaped from the Yale Medical School's Neurology Research Laboratory last Oct. 3. The hamsters were infected with the disease, which causes a slowly progressive, fatal neurological disorder also known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or scien.

Although little is known of the disease, which is produced by the same prion that causes mad cow disease, the disease is known to cause a fatal neurological disorder in humans.

The disease is caused by an abnormal protein that is produced by the nervous system and can be transmitted from one person to another. The disease is also known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or spongiform encephalopathy. The disease is also known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or spongiform encephalopathy. The disease is also known as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease or spongiform encephalopathy.

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