UA considers drug policy at meeting

BY MICHAEL J. CARROLL

The Undergraduate Association Executive Council discussed MIT's policy on drug use in Institute groups during its final meeting of the term Thursday. The council did not, however, approve any guidelines because a quorum was not present.

The discussion focused on the role of the tutor as the first link between student and the drug-related incidents.

Robert A. Sherrwood, the associate dean for student affairs, said, "I am very happy to see the UA grappling with this kind of issue, since the importance of maintaining a safe environment between the residents and the tutors."

Sherrwood said he did not "feel comfortable that students or housemasters being put into [a policing role]," but added that severe problems should not be pushed over.

There are other worries if tutors know what goes on [and] what responsibility they have," Sherwood said, referring to several cases in the past in which students were involved in drug-related incidents.

However, Sherrwood added that we have been lucky [no one has been killed in such an incident] and that the CIS would lose hands down in any of those situations.

One of the biggest problems is the lack of a clear written policy, according to Margaret J. Keyser, housemaster of Senior House. Although students often do not know what disciplinary action can be taken, student affairs did not say, "disciplinary options are [in fact] fairly well charac- terized the "student's right to know what happens to him if he breaks a rule."

One student that opined on the issue "is completely polarized," Sherwood said. "He is an anti-user and non-user." He said a substantial number of people in his dormitory think public use of drugs should be discouraged, but there is a matter of personal choice.

He also expressed concern raised by the council involved the possibility of drug use in the Infinite Oaf.

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Students face fine of $4500 after fire

BY CRAIG JUNGWIRTH

MacGregor House residents Craig H. Smith '90 and Donald C. Chery '88 were charged with the "fire started at MacGregor House" on Nov. 20 and the false report that "there was [a fire] in the physical plant," said Lawrence F. Maguire, associate dean of Housing and Food Services.

They face a disciplinary hearing in the Committee for Student Affairs (ODSA) Friday. The committee is also considering a complaint that the Dean's Office has filed a complaint with the Dean's Office for Student Affairs against Chery for insufficient cooperation.

When asked how the student's will be required to pay for the damages [caused to MacGregor House] which came to approximately $4500.

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Math and Physics to offer VI options

BY MATTHEW M. CHERIAN

Let us be on an alternate programming road.

The Departments of Physics and Mathematics plan to increase options next fall which will provide alternatives to the Department of Electrical Engineer- ing and Computer Science (EECS).

Professor Alan J. Lazarus '53, physics department chairman, said the effort was a further step in the Department of Science graduate degree. The student has completed the requirements for a physics degree with an option in electrical engineering. The opinion will be "in effect a minor in electrical engineering.

Certification for the letter by physics and EECS would require students from the physics department that were interested in physics, but feared they would not find jobs if they actu- ally majored in electrical engineering.

These requirements are still under discussion, and full details are expected next week. "We hope that by the time the letter is in place, it will help people to major in physics and it will lead them toward training in EECS," Lazarus said. There is also a suggestion that the project lab be done in the EECS department. There are no new courses to be developed for the degree.

The impetus for the electronics option came when members of the physics department realized a number of students were interested in physics, but feared they would not find jobs if they actu- ally majored in electrical engineering.

"If people felt a bachelor's de- gree in physics meant nothing, this type of an option would encourage people to major in physics and it would lead them toward training in EECS," Lazarus said. But this does not mean wo- men's applications are treated differently. The selection process is the same; applications of the top high school female students are treated equally for admission to MIT.

MIT does not have as an admis- sions policy for admitting women, the noted. "There are no quotas."

Students claims that "women who apply are usually very strong to- one-third female, Jones said.

The search for qualified women students begins with a list pur- chased from the Educational Testing Service containing the names of approximately ten thousand of the top high school students in the country, based on Preliminary Scholastic Ap- plication Test scores.

"So many women out there don't even consider MIT," Jones said. Female high school students do not feel qualified to apply to MIT, she said: "They often underestimate themselves." According to Jones, however, "often, they are pleas- antly surprised," Jones added.

"Every year we try to do some- thing a little different," Jones said, "to try to attract more women stu- dents. Instead of mailing pro- specutive students the booklet MIT Today, the Admissions Of- fice

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