Tuition for 1986-87 will rise to $11,800

Self Help vs. Tuition

By Ben E. Stanger

President Paul E. Gray '54 announced yesterday that the total cost of MIT tuition, room and board will increase to $16,150 for 1986-87, a 2.5% or 6.7% increase over last year.

The bulk of the increase is contained in a 5.3% hike in tuition, the lowest level of compliance in the Sullivan Principles program — “Mickey Mouse little proposal,” as one MIT student put it.

The self-help level, the amount an MIT student is expected to earn or borrow in an academic year, will not rise above the current level of $3,500. The last time the self-help level did not change was one year from now to the year 1977-78, when students had to come up with $2,500 on their own.

Gray decided on the cost of attending MIT not long after talking with the Academic Council last month. The Executive Committee yesterday approved the decision.

Students made it clear that it is important to stabilize the self-help level, according to Vice President Constantine B. Simonides, secretary of the Corporation. The self-help level is still lower compared with other schools, he explained.

The MIT/USA Foundation (UA) President Bryan R. Moser explained that the self-help level will remain the same. Maintaining the present level was what Moser said was “an option” at the Academic Council meeting.

Moser told the Academic Council that the cost of MIT is detrimental to student life and education. Following Moser’s announcements, Provost John M. Deutch ’61 and Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay told the Academic Council to consider the feasibility of keeping the self-help level constant, Moser said.

The self-help level is more important to students than the tuition level, he said. The high self-help level diminishes prospective students from applying to MIT, Moser explained. Gray has considered the “real effect” of self-help levels, he said.

Moser said Gray has agreed that next year the UA president and vice president will meet with MIT’s vice president for financial operations before the Academic Council meets to discuss tuition. This year, neither Moser nor Graduate Student Council President Jim and Nell G were given proposed figures in advance of the meeting.

Neil said the tuition increase does not effect the graduate students, although certain departments — Architecture, Political Science and Urban Studies and Planning, in particular — are hit hard by tuition increases.

Keeping the self-help level constant has shown that “constructive, serious, critical student input can really have an effect,” Moser said.

Workers petition for security

By Ben Z. Stanger

The office employees and student activists are asking the MIT community to pass a petition supporting job security in the face of MIT’s search for a new food management company.

Dining service workers started the petition, according to Alan R. Rosen ’88 of the MIT Coalition Against Apartheid, Local 26 of the AFL-CIO, which represents those workers, had met last weekend to discuss the issue.

The coalition demanded that “food service workers be guaranteed job security and no pay reductions. In calling for the just treatment of people in South Africa we cannot ignore the injustice that exists in our own community.”

Last Wednesday, Rosen, Shiva Ayasauri ’86 and Stephen F. Brummer ’86 met with officials from the Office of Housing and Food Services to discuss the petition.

Director of Housing and Food Services Gene Brammer could not guarantee that current food service workers would keep their positions should an outside company supervise dining facilities, he said. But Brammer stressed that, “in all probability,” they would.

Brammer said that he is “concerned about the people in the [current] system.” Should MIT change its food service, he would try to “make these people come out of the translation as whole as possible.”

Earlier this week, a food service manager removed the petition from Meser Hall in Walker according to Rosen.

Ayasauri and that a law-level manager is a 15% housing and food services office had or- dered the petition removed.

Both Brummer and Lawrence E. Maguire, associate director of housing and food services, de-