Tuition for 1987-88 will rise to $12,500
Self-help level remains the same

By Earl C. Vee

The total cost of tuition, room and board will increase to $18,970 for 1987-88, an 8.5 percent increase over last year, President Paul E. Gray '54 announced yesterday.

Tuition alone will rise by $700, from $3,100 in 1986-7 to $3,750 next year. The increase of 5.9 percent is the smallest since 1969. The remaining portion of the rise from 120 percent increase in room and board fees.

The self-help level, the amount an MIT undergraduate is expected to earn or borrow during the academic year, remains unchanged at $4900 for the third straight year. Holding self-help at its current level will aid the financial burden of students needing aid, Gray said.

Each year the Treasurer's Office publishes a range of figures for the next year's tuition, and Gray determines the level after consultation with the Academic Council, explained Bryan R. Moser '87, president of the Undergraduate Association.

Norman M. Wesley, president of the Graduate Student Council, said, "I think it's a reasonable increase." The Academic Council said last month that an increase in tuition to $12,500 would be the smallest possible rise that would still allow MIT to meet its financial obligations.

The tuition increase will not bring in enough money to the Institute, Moser observed.

The Graduate Student Council recently announced the results of the survey, which was conducted in Feb. 1986. The survey, which was answered by 1600 graduate students, asked about academics, housing, social activities, and overall Institute approval.

In response to these findings of a definite lack of communication between the GSC and students, the GSC has begun mailing a quarterly survey to graduate students, followed directly to each graduate student, said Norman M. Wercley G, president of the GSC.

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Wereley noted that the tuition increase does not have to be a surprise among the students to graduate students, since many graduate students are supported by research grants. The increase, however, will affect graduate students without support, including many students in the School of Architecture, the Department of Urban Studies Planning, and the Sloan School of Management.

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UA hopesful discuss campus issues

By Asia Hinson

On March 11, MIT undergraduates will be asked to choose next year's Undergraduate Association President and Vice President. Three teams will appear on the ballot: Scott A. Lord '88 and David S. Stiglitz '89, and Alan B. Davidson '89, and Marjorie D. Taiwers '88 and Miki Ishida '89.

The candidates for president and vice president of the Undergraduate Association discussed educational reform, student activities, and a number of other issues, in an interview with The Tech.

A gap exists between the UA and the undergraduate student's Rodriguez said. Rodriguez, who is coordinator of Student Life at MIT '87 work, feels he has the experience and commitment to bridge this gap. He and Davidson will work to address issues around the MIT community, such as increasing funding for student groups, the alcohol policy, and the Westgate Center renovation.

Tavares has been involved in groups opposing apartheid and calling for divestment of MIT's South African-related investments. Tavares has also asked for more student voice in tenure decisions. He and Ishida would work together to ensure that MIT upholds its responsibilities to students and the community, he said.

Lordi and Guben believe that the UA needs new people, and that they can "infuse" new blood into the campus as president and vice president of the UA. They would keep students informed of UA events and would convey students' opinions to the Institute.

Moser reflects on two terms as UAP

By Robert Adams

The Undergraduate Association has become more effective in influencing MIT policy, according to outgoing UA President Bryan R. Moser '87.

In many cases, students can make a difference in MIT policy, he said. "There are some policies at MIT that no one will change, and I think in some cases that's too bad. But students can affect MIT policy. Definitely yes. I'll give you a few examples.

"The graduate student housing lobby wasn't even on the list of MIT's priorities before the campaign began. But after the campaign, it was on the top of the list.

"As another example, I asked students what effect tuition was having on student life. All of the students involved in UA activities.

"The majority of the graduate students felt that "their participation in social activities had decreased since coming to MIT," according to the results of a 1986 Graduate Student Survey.

"Increasing student involvement is an issue," Moser said. "I think the issue of divestment) and other people's concerns about enhancing student participation in social activities as undergraduates, for whom the self-help level is the major priority for students because the self-help level influences student life more than the total cost of attending MIT does.

"Mitigation, Mit's self-help level has been made accessible to students of comparable institutions, and it will take awhile before the self-help level is passed by other schools.

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