**MIT offers new grad housing**

By Andrew L. Fish

MIT will rent 18 condominium units and add 30 spaces in Ashdown House as part of its interplan to increase the amount of housing available to graduating students. The Institute also will soon receive in plan for a new graduate dormitory, according to Senior Vice President Robert J. Dickson '56. The Institute is planning to renovate an existing building in Cambridge, and while work may not begin for about a year, Dickson said he would reveal more information about the project.

MIT is currently constructing new rooms in the basement of Ashdown House to add 30 spaces to the dormitory. The new rooms will occupy space which contained outdated machinery and food service equipment. The construction will be completed in time for the spring term, Dickson said.

In addition, MIT has obtained 18 condominium units which are being rented to graduating students, Dickson said. Nine of the units have already been rented, and 18 more were just obtained.

Dickson said the condominium units are part of a new term method of increasing the amounts of housing available to graduating students. Once the new graduate dormitory opens, MIT will add more condominium units on the open market.

Dickson said that the term method is not

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**Boston church recruiter pursues Interfacehase frosh**

By Thomas S. Haas

When Carlos E. Phillips '91 and David E. Johnson '91 - two incoming black freshmen - were first approached to join the Boston Church of Christ, they did not take much of a leap. They had traveled far from their homes in Georgia and Michigan to attend Project Interphase - a special summer session geared mainly to help minority students make the transition from high school to MIT - but they figured they knew how to take care of themselves.

Over the course of the summer, the two freshmen, both members of Church of Christ who also worked on the student support project of Interfacehase invited several stu- dents to a weekend retreat. At the same time, a scholarship proposal was being discussed at the Office of Minority Edu- cation at MIT, to which Phillips, Johnson, and 14 other students to a work- shop at the New Covenant Christian Center in Boston.

The Church staff member again later refused to comment. The administrative secretary was out of state and could not be reached for comment.

Controversy developed when students complained that the church had been using too aggressively in recruiting them. An Interfacehase student told the student in news reports, which he found aggressive recruitment style of the church is过分.

Administrators cautioned that these specific recruitment inci- dents are not new and are not a problem for Interfacehase. Administrators have also been working heavily on Interphase onerous to recent events from this. The church was not one of those in a position of authority. The institute of incoming students is all that aggressive recruitment style of the church is过分.

Brian Scanlon, the house church minister for the Boston Church of Christ at MIT, could not be reached for comment, as his telephone was disconnected. Other church members contacted said they did not know about the church's actions. The solicitation offered to Project Interphase students. Roughly 40 MIT students are members of the Christian Church of Boston.

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**Class of 1972 calls for divestment**

By Ben Z. Stanger

Representatives of the MIT 1972 Class have written to MIT officials which calls for raising tuition.

The students have the committee in charge of decid- ing of the Executive Committee, fund with President Paul E. Gray discussed the matter of a separate committee for raising tuition. When will they ever stop?" Bennett repeated his criti- 

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**MIT drops to 10th in ranking of total costs**

By Akbar Merchant

MIT ranks in the 10th most ex- pensive four-year institution this year, with average tuition, fees, room and board totaling $16,970, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported. The Average annual charge was based on the College Board's annual survey of college costs.

Tuition and fee at four-year private institutions will average $7110, an increase of 8 per- cent over last year. MIT tuition increased 5.9 percent to $12,500. Tuition and fees at four-year public institutions will average $5195, a six percent rise.

This year's increase marks the seventh consecutive year that tuition increases have increased in- flation. The Consumer Price In- dex rose 3.7 percent in 1986-87. Secretary of Education Wil- liam J. Bennett repeated his cri- ticism of colleges raising fees say- ing inflation. "They go again - and again, and again. When will they ever stop?" Bennett said.

Private institutions cited fulfill- ing state requirements concerning the proportion of costs shared by students and making up for state and local appropriations as primary factors behind the tu- ition increases.

Bennington College in Vermont remains the most expensive insti- tution with average total charges of $17,990. Sarah Lawrence Col- lega in New York placed second at $17,440. MIT was first in total costs for 1984-85 and second in total costs for 1985-86. Last year MIT ranked fifth on the list scale.

The 10 most expensive institu- tions do the most to charge in total charges. Although Bennington College last year paid $1100 more than MIT, only $326 separate MIT from number three Barry College.

The following institutions include four Ivy League schools - Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and Yale. The University of Chicago and Tufts University also made the top ten.