Alcohol changes considered

By Michael Gojer and Thomas T. Huang

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs is "seriously consider- ing" changes to MIT's alcohol policy to require students to regis- ter with the Campus Activities Office both private and public parties where alcohol is served in dormitory common areas, according to Barbara M. Fienman, director of student activities.

The change would require such registration for public parties. The proposed change is only in the discussion phase, Fienman stressed.

A Feb. 9 draft memorandum outlining the proposed change stirred anger among student club- ers. Thomas P. Knight '96, chairman of the Undergraduate As- sociation Committee on the Alcohol Policy, claimed that the association "rejects the proposed registration requirement for public parties" and called registration for private parties "unfair and unenforceable." Matthew A. F. Simon '96, chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, said that unavoidable de- cision hindered a computer science student's project last fall.

But Joel Moses PhD '67, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, said that "the diminished popularity of the house is directly at-

Boston bank tries to delay MIT Press book

By Niraj S. Desai

The Bank of Boston tried last week to pressure MIT officials into delaying publication of a book that拷贝ed the role of Gen. Michael S. Dukakis in the state's dramatic economic growth,

"The Massachusetts Miracle," a collection of 21 essays that seek to explain the state's economic growth in the 1980s, will be pub- lished by the MIT Press next month.

Controversy over the book began on Friday when a Boston Globe article quoted MIT sources as saying that the bank had tried to distance itself from the book's "anti-Dukakis" political stance.

Wayne Taylor, a bank spokes- man, denied that the bank had tried to halt publication of the book because of its political content. Rather, he said, the bank was concerned that the collection of essays, nine of which were written by economists employed by

Faculty will consider two resolutions on ABS

By Andrew L. Fisher

The faculty will consider two resolutions concerning the dis- banding of the Department of Applied Biological Sciences at to- morrow's regular meeting.

One resolution, drafted by members of the department, calls for Provost John M. Deutch '61, and Chairman of the Faculty of K. N. Gray '35, to appoint a faculty committee to review the process that led to the closing of the department, in order to "de- termine the lessons to be learned from this difficult experience, to entertain procedures followed in earlier departmental reorganiza- tions, and to make recommenda- tions for future institute policy."

The other resolution, proposed by six faculty members including one professor in ABS, is critical of the "precipitous announce- ment in January" that the depart- ment would be dissolved. The resolution said that the decision has "caused severe and continuing diffi- culties for the students, faculty and staff of ABS," and has also created problems for departments which "must absorb new faculty and students into their programs."

The resolution states that the faculty "explores the absence of due process and procedure in the disbarding of ABS, and that such decisions should require consultation with the executive committee of the MIT Corpora- tion, the faculty, the student sit- tions involved, and the department's visiting committee."

ODSA raises UA budget by $11,000

By Michael Gojer

The Office of the Dean for Student Affairs has increased its base appropriations for the Undergraduate Association from $11,000 to $15,000, according to Daniel F. Brown '99, according to Dean for Student Af- fairs James R. Tewhey. Her of- fice has budgeted $67,000 (for the UA to distribute to student ac- tivities) next year, compared to the $56,300 that was initially approved by the UA budget committee.

But current UA president Man-uel Rodriguez '89 argued that the new appropriations really repre- sent only a $700 increase over the funds the UA had to work with last year.

Because the UA received a $5,000 grant from Associate Provost S. J. Kowey last year — in order to help meet soaring demands from student activities — Rodriguez said that the UA had increased its budget by $5,000 this year.

McBay said she asked Provost John Deutch '61 for an increase in funds two months ago during the yearly budget review for her office, and that Deutch approved the request. She said the in-