Outgoing UA president reflects on his tenure

(Continued from page 1) Board, Dormitory Council, etc. — operated somewhat like separate organizations, Katz said. Katz and UA Vice President Ephraim Lin '90 sought to make the UA a more cohesive body, with authority more centralized in the UA Council. Katz noted that the Council has met regularly in the past year, attracting representatives from most parts of the community.

Moreover, Katz and Lin tried to involve as many people as possible outside of the office of the President in the UA's efforts. Previously, the system was such that the UAP and UAWP alone controlled most of what the UA did, Katz said. Now, even after he and Lin leave office, there will be a number of people who have experience in the UA's operations and can continue one, Katz said.

Katz cited the UA Housing Committee's effort, the formation of a committee to study the operations of PinBallard, talks with the ARA Dining Services, and the regular publication of a UA newsletter as other examples of the UA's activity in 1988-89. The MIT alcohol policy — another issue that has confronted the UA — remained relatively unchanged over the past year, Katz noted. MIT has moved away from toughened enforcement as a way to curb alcohol abuse and toward increased education, he said. While programs such as TIPS, which trains people to serve alcohol at parties, are not the whole solution, the UA has argued that they are the best method that MIT can employ.

At the same time as Katz and Lin were elected in March 1988, a referendum calling for students to be charged a fee to fund activities was defeated. The UA did not move strongly on activities funding last year as a result, Katz said. It would have been difficult for the UA to approach the administration for more money after the undergraduate student body had voted down the fee, he said. Katz said he still believes that a activities fee would be the best source of funding. Activities funding will be a major problem confronting the the student body in the future, Katz predicted.

Drive to seek MIT volunteers

(Continued from page 1) don't really know how to. We're willing to do the first steps for them — finding a needy organize- tion to be set up with the willing volunteer. All they have to do is put in the time and work," Lee said. "We hope that in taking the initiative for them, MIT students' involvement in community service will increase," she added. "Although we sometimes forget, we at MIT, are the advantaged. The organizations the Center deals with are some of the neediest and most disadvantaged people in the country. It's more than just charity by choice, it's our obligation to help out," Ma said.

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