Institute Announces 6.5% Tuition Increase

Self-Help Level Raised by 8.2% to $6,600

By Eric Richard

The cost of attending MIT will once again increase this year — by 6.5 percent — while the self-help level, which students are expected to pay before they receive financial aid, jumped 8.2 percent.

The $1,100 increase in tuition was approved on March 6 by the MIT Corporation. Tuition for the 1992-93 academic year will be $16,000.

"Right now is the time to keep the tuition increase as small as possible," said Arthur C. Smith, dean for undergraduate education and student affairs.

The increase was in line with earlier predictions made by James J. Kaplan, vice president for financial operations, who felt that the administration "was going to do everything within reason to moderate tuition increases." 

President Charles M. Vest explained the decisions of the Corporation, saying the major issue in setting tuition was to keep the increase as small as possible while supplying sufficient additional income to enable the Institute to continue its "need-blind" admissions policy.

"The tuition increase was not as low as I hoped it would have been," said Provost Mark S. Wrightson.

"We are trying to maintain a very careful balance of providing academic excellence while assuring the financial well-being of the Institute," said Smith.

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Wellesley Student
Alleges Three Rapes

By Katherine Shim

A Wellesley College student reported March 3 that she was sexually assaulted as she slept in her dormitory room — the third such assault the student has reported in the last three weeks.

In each of the three sexual assaults, the student claimed that she did not see the attacker. She also reported being sexually harassed in early February.

The student told Town of Wellesley police that she had fallen asleep completely clothed while studying in her second floor dormitory room in Pomroy Hall at around 1:30 a.m. on March 3. The attacker was only able to ravish her until approximately 3:30 a.m. and had been knocked unconscious, Wellesley police said.

Police said their initial interview was not enough to determine whether the woman had been raped. They conducted a second interview with the woman again, The Boston Globe reported.

The student told police that she did not see her alleged attacker because she was unconscious and could not provide a description, according to the Globe.

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MIT Professor Fights Famine With Relief Missions to Haiti

By Christian H. S. Yung

Hunger in Haiti is a problem created by conditions within the nation and made only more difficult by a trade embargo which bars transportation of many goods to the Caribbean island nation. One MIT professor has found an unusual way to fight the shortage of food there, however.

Over the past year, Professor of Nuclear Engineering Ronald G. Ballinger, Sc.D '82 has traveled to Haiti several times to distribute food to a local orphanage in Bonyotte, a Caribbean island nation. One MIT professor has found an unusual way to fight the shortage of food there, however.

Roughly a year ago, Bless the Children of Haiti Inc., a non-profit organization, has helped Bless the Children of Haiti, a non-profit organization, has helped

Brown Presents Platform to Boston Crowd

By Karen Kaplan

Speaking to what he called the largest crowd assembled in his campaign so far, former Gov. Jerry Brown of California told several thousand supporters yesterday at Boston Common that "this election is about leadership."

"We're trying to change the system, to get it to work for the people it's not working for," said Brown, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination. "The people in charge don't care, they don't know, they're not doing anything about it, and they should be removed."

Wearing a double-breasted navy suit, wingtips, his signature white turtleneck and a red ribbon to symbolize the suffering of AIDS victims, Brown emphasized his major campaign themes — efficient energy use, universal health care, creating jobs, phasing out the use of nuclear power, and a long-term policy linked to human rights. Of course, he also spoke of the need to reform Washington politics and rid the cap-