Institute Will Increase Tuition by 5.6 Percent

By Jackson Jung

The cost of attending MIT will rise $1,235 for the 1993-94 academic year, the Institute announced Friday. The 5.2 percent increase in tuition from $23,565 for '92-'93 is the second lowest in 23 years.

Tuition alone will jump 5.6 percent from $18,000 to $19,100. Room and board increases are 4.4 percent and 4 percent respectively.

"For 15 years, the annual increases have been greater than the consumer price index," Vest said. "This is because the cost of the majority of goods and services provided by the universities — such as scholarships and fellowships, books and journals, faculty and staff salaries — tends to rise more quickly than the CPI."

Gastelum and Sachs were successful in working through the UA to give students a say in the matter, Vest added. The actual cost of an MIT education is estimated to be $38,000 next year.

Self-help level jumps 7.6 percent

The self-help level will rise $500 to $7,100 next year. Percentage self-help increases have been larger than percentage tuition increases for the last two years, according to data from the Student Financial Aid Office. The self-help level is the nominal amount that students are expected to pay before receiving scholarship assistance. About 59 percent of undergraduates are receiving financial aid through the Institute this year. The average financial aid award this year was $17,700. This includes assistance in the form of grants, loans, and part-time jobs.

Some students who do not qualify for MIT financial aid still receive scholarships from outside sources. MIT estimates that only about 20 percent of its students pay the full charges for tuition, room, and board.

As more students have become eligible for financial aid, the size of MIT's endowment struggles to keep pace, according to Stanley G. Hud- don, director of student financial aid. MIT is emphasizing the importance of its fund-raising campaign to help maintain scholarship levels.

Vest commented, "We have set realistic growth of tuition as a fund-amental principle in planning MIT's future budgets. We are also striving to maintain an appropriate balance between financial aid and the price charged for an MIT education."

"These two actions are consist-ent with our stand against the jus- tice Department's anti-trust suit, and are major driving forces in the development of an imbalance in our operating budget," he added.

Candidates Face Off At Sunday UA Debate

By Eva Moy

The Undergraduate Association presidential debate Sunday emphasized the differences between the two teams of candidates.

Hans C. Godfrey '93 and Anne S. Tsao '94 represent years of working with the administration through the UA. Although Anthony R. G. Gastelum '95 and Zohar Sachs '96 have not had direct UA experience, they feel they are still qualified to debate. "Don't believe we need to have worked through the UA to give us our legitimacy," Sachs said.

"The vast majority of undergraduates feel excluded" from the UA, Gastelum said. It is a matter of "insiders versus outsiders, participation versus elitism, energized process versus passive do-nothing body," he said.

Godfrey and Tsao rely on their past UA experience in seeing what is working and not working. "It's a matter of strategic planning, and that is what we can offer to you," Tsao said.

This is "a very good election, very clear cut," Gastelum said. "It's up to you to decide which is better — the status quo or a fresh perspec-tive."

- About 20 people attended the debate. UA Election Commissioner Rohit Sharma '96 commented, "I was hoping it would be a little better, but I was hoping they could spend some more time on the life fee issue, but other than that I thought it was pretty good."

- Goals of UA/P candidates

Godfrey and Tsao want to "bring in people who have energy" and delegate authority, while Gastelum and Sachs would like to make changes at the top as UA/PVP.

Godfrey feels that the role of the UA is "always to serve the students." If elected, they plan to improve communication between the students and the UA through advertisements in The Tech and on MIT cable. In addition, they would directly visit dormitory and independent living group house meetings.

In addition, the UA will offer leadership seminars for freshmen and sophomores to teach them how to look for and solve different issues, Tsao said. This program will continue again this Thursday.

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Postering Problems Hamper Campaigns

By Jeremy Hylton

Violations of the Undergraduate Association's poster policy are a continuing problem, according to Rohit Sharma '96, UA election commissioner.

Sharma also attributed the poster policy's troubles to the large number of candidates. "We've got a lot of candidates for a lot of the class council positions," he said. "They're all out there and trying to get the best spot."

After receiving complaints from candidates about poster violations, Sharma wrote to all the candidates to reiterate the poster policy. "That seemed to do pretty well," he said. "We've still had some problems, but those were mostly left over from [earlier] problems."

Gastelum and Sachs were suspended after repeated violations, Sharma said. "Certain violations re-occurred and the commission had no other recourse but to take action after a certain point," he said. Sharma cited the team for putting too many posters on a single bulletin board and tearing other posters down.

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