Starting July 1, the cost of the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program will more than double because of new federal regulations regarding overhead costs. The UROP program is an integral and important part of an MIT undergraduate education, and any reduction in UROP represents a cause of alarm for all present and former undergraduates.

With the change in regulations, the Institute will no longer be able to waive the overhead costs of research — along with the cost of all other expenses — for UROP salaries. Overhead costs, which were waived last year on about $5 million in UROP salary funds, include physical plant services, and library and administrative services.

With higher costs, fewer professors will be able to hire undergraduates. There will be more competition for the limited funds available, and qualified and capable students will be turned away from research positions. Professors could decide that the overhead costs are too expensive to hire at all, reducing the opportunities for students to participate in research.

For many students, the UROP program has great educational value. The opportunity to do cutting-edge research under the guidance attracts many students to MIT. For some, it is the factor that convinced them to choose MIT over other universities. Eighty percent of students hold a UROP during their academic career. Moreover, research experience gives MIT graduates an edge over other college graduates when applying to graduate schools or searching for jobs.

In order to preserve UROPS as work-study employment. If only credit or volunteer UROPS are available, these students may be denied a part of the MIT experience. Those who are not employed may benefit from the UROP program altogether, hurting the students as well as MIT.

The administration should be lured for its efforts to save UROPs. They have already provided the work-study revenues from the UROP program beforehand, hurting the students as well as MIT.

A coordinated effort by the students and affiliates of MIT must be made to prevent a major change in the educational value of the UROP program. A change in policy regarding the waiver of overhead costs associated with UROPs may have substantial effects on the MIT community. It is up to us, the MIT community as a whole, to take action by convincing the government of the importance of sustaining the current UROP program.

Letters To The Editor

Adams Misquoted at Harassment Forum

The Tech erroneously reported that "Glen Adams G asked the panelists to each give an example of an action that constituted "illegal" harassment and one example of "acceptable" harassment." (I never used the words illegal or acceptable. Furthermore, I did not even use the word harassment in my remarks.)

I did not ask that question. The question I did ask was very specific. I asked each panelist to "give an example of speech, language, sentences, or phrases that should not be punished." Notice that I never used the words illegal or acceptable. Furthermore, I did not even use the word harassment in my remarks.

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