New program lowers self-help level

By Wayne W. Wu

MIT plans to introduce a new self-help program for low-income students starting next year, according to Director of Admission Michael C. Beekle and Director of Financial Aid L. Donald Gallagher '54.

The new Opportunity Awards Program will enable around 125 students in the lowest income category to receive grants and scholarships worth $2,700, $2,000 or $1,500.

The current level of self-help, which is the amount that students are required to obtain through loans and employment, is $4,000.

The self-help level of students receiving grants under this program would drop to $2,000, $3,000, or $4,000, depending on the amount of the offer as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

The program has a $1 million budget, most of which will be allocated to next year's incoming freshman class, according to Gallagher.

Upperclassmen will not be eligible for any of the program's funds, because the program is only an experimental project designed to determine the effect of increased financial aid on the demographics of MIT, Gallagher explained.

Also, if upperclassmen were eligible, the program would cost four times as much in the beginning, he noted.

To determine eligibility and the amount of the award, the Financial Aid Office will subcontract personal contributions and the student's own assets, such as summer earnings, from the total cost of tuition, room, and board.

Students who demonstrate the most need will be eligible. The program is designed to attract minority students, Gallagher stated.

B scheme explained that the purpose of the program is to attract and keep these students, whether those from the lowest income category or not.

The new program has yet to begin. "It takes a long time to comply to the state and federal regulations involved," Pickard said.

The current plan calls for the reconstruction of the entire structure above the existing concrete pier. Funding for the project will be provided primarily by the federal government.

Earlier concerns that large vehicles such as public buses would add stress to the weakened bridge prompted the DPW to undertake a $1 million renovation project which began last year and was recently completed this summer.

This rehabilitation effort included the placement of additional steel beams to reinforce the bridge, enabling MBTA buses to safely continue service across the river.

The Harvard Bridge, built in 1892 as a joint venture between the cities of Cambridge and Boston, is owned by the Metropolitan District Commission. The current concerns of the state and federal government.

McBay added.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science will raise research assistant stipends for students who have completed the Master of Science degree, according to Arthur C. Smith, chairman of EECS.

The increase will take effect June 1, 1988.

Beginning June 1, 1988, research assistants in the department of EECS who have completed the degree will receive a monthly stipend of $1250, which is $250 higher than those with only an S.B.

The pay hike was originally proposed in the "Report on the Committee on the Length of the SM Program," a committee established in the fall of 1985 to study ways of decreasing the length of time students take to obtain an SM degree in the EECS department.

The average time students currently take to complete the SM degree in MIT's largest department is four and one-half terms, compared to three and one-half terms twelve years ago, the report stated. Smith is hoping that by raising the salary for doctoral students, it will be enough incentive to have them complete their work faster.

Joyce Palmer G, an EECS graduate student representative to the Graduate Student Council, is not sure that increasing stipends is going to help shorten the time to get the SM degree.

"The students aren't trying to drop out of school and get something under their belts, she said. "But if it doesn't, then one has to try something else. It can be difficult."
Asbestos removed from buildings

By Jinnie Jung

Asbestos — a silicate material used for insulation and fire prevention — is being removed from the Student Center, Tang Hall, and Nabisco Laboratory. The effort is part of an ongoing project at MIT to remove asbestos from buildings undergoing renovation, according to Dr. Alan Ducatman, director of the Environmental Medical Service at MIT.

Research in the last two decades has revealed that prolonged, intense exposure to asbestos is hazardous, leading to various diseases such as asbestosis, mesothelioma, and lung cancer.

But the risk of the asbestos at MIT is "unmeasurably small," said Robert Cunkelman, Student Center renovation project engineer. Asbestos exposure on the MIT campus is much less hazardous than cigarette smoking, Ducatman added.

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Reagan rejects limits on Persian Gulf policy

President Reagan yesterday indicated he will not act on congressional suggestions that limit his use of US forces in the Persian Gulf. The President said he considers "this incident as closed." The White House issued a formal reply to calls for implementation of the War Powers Act. Under that law, Congress has 30 days to disapprove any use of troops home sixty days after forces are committed.

Upbeat words from Shultz-Shavardnadze meeting

The US and the Soviet Union have agreed to work together to implement a UN resolution calling for a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war. That word comes from Secretary of State George P. Shultz PhD '49, who got together with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shavardnadze in New York yesterday. The two also agreed to meet again a month from now to plan a Washington superpower summit.

But the Soviets have announced no change in their opposition to the US call for a mandatory arms embargo against Iran.

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To the Editor:

Ms. Stanger, I, too, have been watching the Bork confirmation hearings with great interest. What strikes me most, though, is the "logic" portrayed in your column ["The logic of an 'aborktionist,""] Sept. 22]. In it, you said in response to Edward M. Kennedy, "I am glad that you have not let him off easily on the strictest of the facts for your attacks on Robert Bork. Indeed, I think that it is you who has strayed from the facts."

By calling Kennedy and his supporters "aborktionists," you seem to imply that all those who oppose Bork's nomination are supporters of legalized abortion. It is ridiculous to make such a generalization which is based not in fact, but rather in your distorted view of the situation.

At the same time that you support your argument with positive, factual reasons, you resort to tearing apart the opposition through sarcastic and biting remarks. Any researcher debater will tell you that this type of attack proves nothing and discards the argument.

You sarcastically advise Kennedy, "Do not let him off too easily on the strictest of facts for your attacks on Robert Bork." How can you expect a judge with such logic to act otherwise?

You call the Supreme Court case Griswold v. Connecticut created, in Bork's opinion, a "dangerously vague right to privacy." To say that an individual's right to personal privacy is "dangerous" is surely in direct opposition to the liberty right guaranteed by the Constitution. The Supreme Court recognized this right in Griswold, and Bork's willingness to declare it in direct opposition to Griswold is surely in direct opposition to the liberty right guaranteed by the Constitution.

You say, "Kennedy, you made the mistake of conceding that Bork supported the 1954 desegregation decision Brown v. Board of Education. Bork does support the decision, but only because not supporting it would be suicidal to his career as a judge."

The logic with which he justifies his opinion is so convoluted and in opposition to the facts he has used when deciding other cases that one cannot help but conclude that he does not truly believe what he is saying.

I hope that MIT will recognize that smokers are also a part of the MIT community, and will establish some facility for us. If not, if you see me bundled against the cold in January smoking on the steps of Building 1, please recognize that I have a few personality traits aside from my addiction — including respect for authority and community. The MIT community, such respect is not extended to me.

Carole van Zoonen G.
Bork would overturn previous Court decisions "willy-nilly"

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I must therefore, on the basis of Bork's factual record as a judge and of the opinions he has shown himself to have, oppose his nomination. Perhaps you might care to write your next column using the facts and evidence instead of sarcasm and wordy rhetoric. I would enjoy the opportunity to refute any so-called "facts" which you might use to prove Bork's worthiness to be a justice on the Supreme Court.

Jonathan I. Kamens '91

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Carnegie gives $1.1m to study minority education

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According to the project summary, a key concern will be making higher education accessible to minorities and retaining minority students once they begin attending school. Another task is to increase the number of minorities receiving Ph.D.s and receiving faculty positions.

The Blueprint for Action will also address the following issues, according to the project summary: the institutional environment for minority students at college and university; education of various communities about the importance of higher education for minorities; academic and non-academic preparation of minority students; recruitment and training of minority teachers at the elementary and secondary school level; public policy regarding minority participation in higher education.

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Which all sounds fairly highbrow and pedantic. What, are we in for a history lesson as well as an evening of Elizabethan monologue?

Not so. McKellen’s manner is far from didactic as he converses with the audience, and seeks to involve them at every turn. At the beginning of the show, he invites auditors (“you’re not spectators; they go to football matches!”) to call out names of Shakespeare plays we have seen until all 37 are named. “You’ve done it!” he congratulates us heartily.

Shakespeare’s life as related by McKellen’s easy personal terms is quite engrossing. And Shakespeare’s language, as Ian McKellen shows, was written “to be understood”: simple, clear and beautiful. Interspersed are a number of anecdotes from McKellan’s own not uneventful life. He mentions Francesca Annis, Peter Shaffer, John Gielgud, Vanessa Redgrave and a fair number of others encountered while starring in roles at Stratford in the mid-seventies or in the West End (3 consecutive Best Actor awards).

As if this were not enough, while appearing in 21 undergraduate productions while at Cambridge, he managed to be a contemporary of Derek Jacobi, David Frost, Trevor Nunn, Peter Cook and John Cleese. There must have been some unforgettable performances into Acting Shakespeare: Perhaps the most remarkable is his Macbeth, who over the course of a sequence of speeches degenerates from a brash, confident soldier of commanding stature (Timothy Dalton leaps to mind) into walking shadow of a man, broken

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Fatal Attraction fails to explore consequences of adultery

By RICARDO RODRIGUEZ

DAN, HAPPILY MARRIED MALE

DAN (Michael Douglas) is a successful male lawyer, meets Alex (Glenn Close), single, successful, female publishing executive. Two days in bed follow... Such is the basis for the drama-thriller, Fatal Attraction. This film aspires to explore the severe repercussions that may result from seemingly "harmless" adultery. Appropriately, the two-night-stand occurs when Dan's wife and child are away viewing a prospective home in the country.

When it comes time for Dan's life to turn to normalcy, Alex (Glenn Close) insists they continue to see each other, making Dan (Michael Douglas) extremely uneasy — as far as he's concerned the experience between Alex and he was a fling, uneasy - as far as he's concerned the experience between Alex and he was a fling, uneasy - as far as he's concerned the experience between Alex and he was a fling, uneasy. Alex wants extra support. Particularly notable is Anne Archer, who plays Dan's wife, Beth. She is the strongest and most realistic character in the movie, and ultimately it is she for whom everyone cheers. During much of the film, Beth is completely unaware that Dan has had an affair, and the resulting ironies are heart-wrenching. When Beth does finally learn about the affair, the audience's compassion is for her and not for Dan — the male — as it is times in other films. Beth's outrage is welcome and justified — it is an exhibit of her strength.

The fact that Anne Archer is very good looking also helps one to ask, "Was this affair really worth it?" But Archer's character receives much less attention than it deserves: the pain and suffering of finding out about her husband is lost in the movie's climax.

A recurring theme of the film is the allure of Alex that Dan used her, and having done so was prepared to throw her out like a used dish rag. This overused sentiment was finally contradicted by the movie: to a great extent it was Alex who sought Dan, not vice versa. And when Dan made it clear he was married, Alex was unmoved, if not intrigued by the challenge. This made it very difficult to feel any sympathy for Alex when she claimed she was being abused.

On the male's side, Dan is not the sluttish every-weekend scum-bag, but neither is he the innocent seductee who was lost in the passion of the moment. His acceptance of Alex's advances is done so matter-of-factly that it's easily overlooked. Dan experiences no uneasiness, no reservations about cheating — it is as if he'd done it many times, something that was surely not intended by the film.

Lack of substance emerges in many other ways. One example is the very first scene, which is set at a pre-publishing book party. The entire party is a cheap relief. But canine comedy is decidedly unoriginal and has no place in a well-formed drama. Another example is the family dog, used often and without discretion as a source of comic relief. But canine comedy is decidedly unoriginal and has no place in a well-formed drama. Another example is the family dog, used often and without discretion as a source of comic relief.

On the level of being a thriller, the film succeeds. It has plenty of tension and certainly a scary feel to it. But as the title suggests, emotions are not the only things violated. Alex becomes increasingly crazy as the film progresses: at first it is only something slight — maybe she dresses or the look in her eye. But as the story unwinds, Alex becomes a raging ghoul who would scare any Living Dead. She is the strongest and most realistic character in the movie.

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McKellen’s Shakespeare showcase

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McKellen turns the same trick in another scene, playing both Falstaff and Prince Hal, in a scene in which each of these plays Hal’s father, the king. As the rotund Falstaff, McKellen suddenly seems to fill out his oversized suit implausibly, a commanding figure by dint of his fictive weight and very real, grumbling bear of a voice. He also plays Romeo and Juliet (executing as Romeo one of the more plausible deaths I have ever seen), and popping in and out of character in the blink of an eye. He pops not only from Hal to Falstaff and back, but also into and out of his own character. At one point, selling the story of his arrival at Cambridge, he injects an entire speech (“Once more unto the breach...”) into the middle of a sentence, then jumps back into the same sentence without even stopping for applause. The scene is played, comically, as McKellen himself would have done it as a wet-behind-the-ears undergraduate in 1958, but also with some of King Henry’s majesty shining through.

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Fund drive aims for $550 million

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In the past 25 years, MIT has grown to a nation of externally funded sponsored research programs, Culleton noted in the financial report. Currently, MIT relies on sponsored research for over 70% of its operating revenues, he said. Culleton also said that MIT cannot "look to growth in research efforts or income from rising tuition as realistic options" in financial revenues.

Rather, a significant increase in MIT's endowment - the primary goal of the upcoming campaign - would "provide the income for the benefit of future generations of MIT students and faculty," and is "necessary to assure the future of educational leadership in a rapidly changing technological society."

EECS raises stipends for doctoral students

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The EECS department is considering raising TA stipends to keep them higher than the RA rates, Smith said. Again, EECS does not adhere to differential compensation as do the other engineering departments. In other departments, MA students receive $910/month while doctoral students receive $995/month. All TAs in the EECS department are currently paid at the lower rate.

"Most departments increase the pay scale because people working on their doctorates have more experience," Perkins commented. "They are recognized for being able to make input that new graduate students can't make."

Hike for TAs considered

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The department has not decided whether to adopt the differential compensation scheme for TAs. "It depends on how much money the department can find to support the students," Smith said. "We want to make the TAs as attractive as the RAships at the current pay rate."

Smith also noted that the department is raising its stipends to keep competitive with other schools. "We try to keep the rates near everyone else so that we don't lose students on the basis of pay," Perkins commented. "We also tell the departments that they can raise the rates up to 10 percent of the base rate if they feel they need to."

Smith is not worried about the current quality of MIT's graduate students, but he does not want to have students choosing other schools because they cannot afford MIT's fees.

Currently all or almost all of the graduate students in EECS either have a fellowship as an assistantship, according to Smith. If the faculty does not raise the stipend money, there might be fewer RAs than there are now, he warned. The department plans on helping students obtain fellowships or possibly increasing the number of TAs to take up the slack.

The EECS faculty has this year negotiated with companies to increase the research contracts. They have tried to combat complaints about negotiating, Smith said.

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"MIT is acknowledged to have one of the highest self-help levels," Gallagher admitted. He pointed out, though, the current level of self-help has not increased for the past three years despite the yearly rise in tuition. The self-help expectation is still approximately $1000 more than Stanford University's self-help level. Stanford University's level is $450 lower than MIT's self-help level and that of its competing schools. But this year's $4900 self-help expectation is still approximately $1000 more than Harvard, Yale and Princeton self-help levels. Stanford University's level is $450 lower than MIT's self-help level.

The program will be publicized to high school seniors this year. But the program is still in an experimental stage because MIT may adjust the amount of the grant and the number of recipients in coming years.

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"We recognize that the bridge has to be open," Pickard affirmed. To assuage the concerns of commuters that use the bridge, the DPW has opted to keep the bridge open during construction "in a condition that will allow partial traffic flow."

Still, progress has been slow on the reconstruction. Pickard explained that bids would probably be given out this fall and that some construction could be done on the bridge in the winter.

Captain Albert Swanson, historian at the Metropolitan District Commission, admitted, "It's been difficult to acquire the finance to rebuild it."

"Just because there has been little activity doesn't mean we're not working," Pickard said. "We're working as hard as we can."

He emphasized that last year's renovation project to stabilize the bridge has made it safe to sustain traffic and he added that pedestrians and commuters should not be concerned about the bridge's safety.

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