MIT has received a $9 million grant to construct a health sciences and technology complex. The gift brings MIT halfway to its $225 million Leadership Campaign goal.

By Stephen Besen

In an attempt to eliminate some of the problems that occurred last year, the MIT Admissions office has moved up the acceptance notification date from April 15 to March 21.

However, MIT must contend with a new problem, the record number of applicants applying for financial aid. The financial aid situation, combined with the new notification date, has clouded this year's admissions picture.

Director of Admissions Peter H. Richardson '48 told The Tech that MIT decided to switch from the common Ivy League admissions date of April 15 to the earlier date because last year's yield — the percentage of admissions offered accepted — was low. He added that the low yield could have been a direct result of the late notification date.

UIA President Phil Moore said that he could not "see the difference" between the two dates. Richardson's figures showed that the March 24 mailing will enable MIT students to secure the names of admissions in their home areas. He said he encourages all students "to go out and talk to people and help them make a choice."

Another key admissions issue is the increased tuition and the resultant amount of financial aid which costs at MIT and at any other private school are small numbers," he said.

Moore declared that "the point is whether a student can afford to get into any private school in this class." He also noted that a general trend away from expensive private schools may have already begun. Howard Strobe G., former editor of The Graduate, said that "if tuition keeps going up, they may exclude anyone but the elite."

"The differences between the private school in this year is based on the elite," said Moore.

New, old problems for admissions

MIT News

By William Lasser

A U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee recommended Monday that $300 million be appropriated in fiscal year 1978 for National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), disregarding President Carter's proposal to end all funding for the program.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor and Health Education and Welfare, chaired by Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.), voted to reduce the portion of federal funding from fiscal year 1977's figure of $331 million to $283 million. The House Appropriations Subcommittee also voted, however, to increase the amount of work study money from $100 million in 1976 to $230 million in 1978.

The full Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider the bill on March 10, and the full Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider the bill on March 10, and the full Appropriations Committee approves the ap-

House panel restores Federal loan funds

By Drew Blakeman

Jeffrey L. Pressman, associate professor of Political Science, died Tuesday night after he apparently fell from a ninth-floor window of his apartment in Cambridge. He was 33.

A memorial service was held in Kresge Auditorium yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Many of Professor Pressman's students spoke to the several hundred people in attendance.

Professor Myron Weiner, head of the Department of Political Science, said that "Pressman was an extraordinary teacher who was highly regarded by all of his students. There is simply no way of exaggerating the rapport with his students."

Among the subjects Pressman taught was "Introduction to the American Political Process," 17.31, one of the most popular courses at the Institute. He was selected for the MIT Graduate Student Council Teaching Excellence Award in 1975.

A native of Los Angeles, Pressman received a B.A. in 1965 and held a Henry Fellowship at Oxford University in 1966-67. He earned his Ph.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1967 and 1972 respectively.

Weiner also stated that Pressman was "an able and inspiring professor at Dartmouth College in 1972 and was appointed to the MIT faculty as an assistant professor in 1973. He was promoted to associate professor in 1975.

Pressman was survived by his wife, Kate; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Pressman of Buffalo, N.Y.; and a sister, Adele, of Palo Alto, Calif.
Alumni to help students with 3-pronged program

By Margot Tskaklas

In an effort to encourage and develop direct interaction between MIT alumni and students, the Alumni Association is stepping up a three-pronged program of student-alumni projects.

The program, conceived over a year ago at an Alumni Officers' Conference, is directed by the Committee to Strengthen Alumni Relations. In conjunction with the Admissions Office and Student Employment, the committee will conduct career seminars, provide summer jobs, and pair freshmen with sponsoring alumni from the moment they arrive on campus.

Claude Brenner '57, volunteer chairman of the committee, expressed his commitment as an opportunity for "alumni to serve the Institute." The chairman has two interests, said Brenner, "one concerned with academic activities, relating to the teaching process, the other to contribute to improve the quality of life for students.

Brenner concisely defined the philosophy of the alumni, "Tech is hell" is still the motto. One aspect should well include alumni making available their life experience to help them (students) over some of the rough spots.

The career orientation seminars will be sponsored and conducted by alumni, drawing professionals from a variety of fields to informally discuss career opportunities, trends, and realities with students. The seminars will be geared toward upperclassmen, but, as need dictates, their focus can be modified. Unfortunately, this segment is temporarily without a chairman who resigned a week ago due to his own career demands.

The summer employment program, directed by Charles Hieken '55, is actually one example of a national effort by the Alumni Association "to secure jobs for graduates during the summer," said Hieken. Metropolitan Boston has the greatest number (11,000) of alumni and students, so the focus will be local. However, Hieken added, "we hope to have clubs participate nationally so that students can find jobs in their home states as well. The positions themselves will be available from a variety of sources, including those companies with which alumni are associated." "Frankly," admitted Hieken, "I don't care where the jobs come from, and I don't think the students do either.

Nelson Armstrong, Director of Student Employment, agreed: "We just want to get in touch with as many club presidents as we can. We've got to let them know that students need to earn money." Currently, there are several drafts of a cover letter that will be sent to alumni club presidents around the country. The letter states that MIT expects freshmen to earn $700 during the summer, sophomores, $900; juniors, $1,000; and seniors, $1,100. "These students are indeed well-trained and highly motivated," the letter continues, "making them excellent candidates for summer employment." Another draft notes, "Experience is helpful, but money is crucial!"

The Southern California Club has the most active program to date, as evidenced by the eleven positions currently offered in the Student Employment Office through the club.

Hieken emphasized that alumni "were definitely interested in helping students, not only for the summers, but also for part-time work during the term and, potentially, as permanent employees as well. He cited one instance of an alumna in Cambridge who had lived students and was "very pleased with the results." "What I'm presently trying to do," Hieken explained, "is to find a responsible person to work in the Boston area to be a chairperson for developing the program.

Hieken said that the Denver Alumni Club's recent efforts exemplified the success of the program.

Last September, during the Alumni Officers' Conference, the president of that club met in Boston with students from Colorado and collected resumes which he subsequently sent with a personal letter to "key people in industry" in Colorado. The results were 25 arranged interviews for positions this summer, and several hirings as of this date. Hieken optimistically concluded, "the program has got to succeed.

The third branch of the program is patterned after the family-sponsor program currently available to foreign students. Any freshman could have an alumni sponsor program currently available to foreign students. Any freshman could have an alumni sponsor program currently available to foreign students. Any freshman could have an alumni sponsor program currently available to foreign students.

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Tufts' Threepenny Opera
a professional production

By Drew Blakeman

The Threepenny Opera, Bertolt Brecht's and Kurt Weill's classic musical play, has taken on a new twist in the production now playing at Tufts University Arena Theatre. Instead of the action taking place in 18th century London as Brecht originally wrote, a surburban twist has been added depicting the deplorable crimes of the notorious criminal MacHeath (Charles Cermele). MacHeath has secretly married Polly Peachum (April Baldwin), much to the chagrin of her father, Jonathan (Kip Keith) and mother, Celia (Claire Conley). They devise a plan whereby MacHeath will be beheaded by his favorite whore, Jenny Dell (Allison Courtney Holt). News to them, Police Chief Tiger Brown (Robert Sternen) is MacHeath's brother-in-law and has made sure that his friend has no criminal record. Brown's sister, Lucy (Nancy Levitan), also wants to break up the marriage, but for a different reason — she is pregnant with MacHeath's child and feels that she should rightfully be his wife.

The Threepenny Opera is superbly performed throughout. The show plays well in the theater-in-the-round format of tiny Hideaway's and this can be worked out from Tuesday's opening performance. One problem that can be fixed is the production much more intimate than the hugely produced Broadway showing of the show. As patrons enter the theater, they are ushered to their seats by surly policemen equipped with riot gear. Beggars and prostitutes, including a whip-wielding prostitute-Nazi, assault the audience as a street singer and narrator (Deborah Marie Auinger) attempts to dispel the deleterious crimes of the notorious criminal MacHeath (Charles Cermele).

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After all, is what a national anthem is supposed to do. Earlier by Samuel A. Ward of New Jersey, "The Star-Spangled Banner" is the most popular patriotic song in America. Nearly as popular is Francis Scott Key's "America the Beautiful." Despite the song's third and fourth verses being an affront to our British antecedents, whose "breeze . . . wave . . . " The second answers that the song approaches the perfect national anthem. Neither song starts by asking the question, "O! America the Beautiful," but is a great tribute to the nation's natural landscape, creating a better national anthem! Both the words and the music are deeply American. The poem was written by Katherine Lee Bates of Falmouth, Mass.; the tune had been written 15 years earlier by Samuel A. Ward of New Jersey: 

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Feedback

IM track dispute resolved

To the Editor:

I'd like to inform you of an error made in last week's article concerning the IM track meet.

(The Tech, Feb. 23)

As captain of the Chocolate City team, I was informed by the officials that my team placed fourth with 19 points. How we appeared in The Tech as being in fifth with 13 is beyond me.

I'd appreciate it if you would make the appropriate reparations.

Keith W. Reid '79

(Editor's note: The article was correct. The confusion resulted because Chocolate City had a runner disqualified, thus dropping them to fifth place as reported.)

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A family as an informal source of support or council, "the target," said Brenner, "is to provide an alumni family for every freshman that would like one." The program initially included only transfer students, but was subsequently revised to include all freshmen.

"We would go up with a surplus of families," Brenner explained, attributing that surplus "possibly" to inadequate publicity." Nancy Wheelley of the Alumni Association staff at MIT added, "Actually a family friend had her grandchildren here." She added, "We would like to work with students." We remember the days when we were students. We think it is important for students to know that they really become part of this university as soon as they enter MIT.

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MIT receives $9 million grant

By Mark James

A $9 million grant—one of the largest in MIT history—from the Pew Memorial Trust has brought the MIT Leadership Campaign halfway to its $225 million goal.

The grant is directed toward the construction of a new health sciences and technology complex to be built on Carlton St. between Main and Amherst Sts., according to the MIT News Office. President Jerome Wiesner said that "it is especially significant that MIT should reach the half-way mark in its Leadership Campaign with a major grant for the health sciences and technology." The trust was established by the children of Joseph N. Pew of Philadelphia. Pew founded the Sun Oil Company in 1886.

Several members of the Pew family have attended MIT, from three generations. The Pew foundation gave $3.5 million to MIT in 1974 to establish the Fuels Research Laboratory in the Chemical Engineering Building. The new facility, which is still in the design stage, will include laboratories of physiology, human biology and experimental medicine, programs in health care planning and management, and portions of the Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology.

The complex will also include a health services center for the MIT community.

"Finding funds yet to be completed" for the center, according to Chairman of the Corporation Howard W. Johnson. The Pew gift will serve as "a base grant" for the center, according to Johnson.

The gift will be announced at a meeting of the MIT Corporation today.

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Sabre leads fencers to N. England crown

By Brian Wehacs

The MIT fencing team finished a 10-3 season by winning its eighth consecutive New England Championship Saturday in du Pont.

Sweeping the field in all three weapons, losing only one bout in sabre, three bouts in foil, and four in epee, the team placed all of its fencers in the finals for the first time in many years. Mark Smith ’78, in his first year in saber, took that championship from Robert Shin ’77 who won all ten of his other bouts. Shin’s feat was equaled only by Dave Wesenfeld of Trinity in another saber pool. Richard Reimer ’77 defeated Richard Henshall ’78 in a fence-off for first place in the foil finals after both had ended the final round-robin with a 4-1 record. In epee, captain Arlie Sterling ’77 took second and John Rodriquez ’80 took fourth. In all, the team won 52 of 60 bouts, beating second place Trinity by 10 points.

In recognition of their amazing 18-1 record, the saber squad received the Vitale weapons trophy, a new award in honor of Mantore Vitale, former MIT fencing coach who retired last year.

Pistol takes 2 of 3, aims for sectionals

The MIT varsity pistol team wound up its season with a 6-3 record after their closest match of the year last Saturday going into the match on Saturday, the record stood at 4-2. with losses to du Pont.

The team anticipates a good showing at the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Foil Championships today and tomorrow. Sterling and Smith will join Reimer in foil in an attempt to recapture the Iron Man, the IFA foil championship trophy the trio had won in 1975.

John Lowell ’79 goes up for a shot in an IM C-league basketball game between the Burton Third Bombers and Chi Phi. The IM season ends this week.

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The annual MIT InvitationaL

Volleyball Tournament will be held all day tomorrow in the duPont gymnasium. The tournament includes some of the top teams in New England and is open to all.

Elections for president, secretary, and two numbers-at-large of the MIT Athletic Association will be held at 800pm, March 21 in the Varsity Club Lounge. To be eligible, candidates for these positions must gather 100 signatures on petitions forms available in the Athletic Department general office.

The signup deadline for IM rifle is Fri., March 25. Practicer time at the duPont Range is available from 6 to 7:30 pm Mondays. The cost of using the range is $1.00. Any questions about IM rifle should be directed to Jerome Dausman at 723-8278.

Sports commentary

It’s the spectator’s choice

By Gary Engelson

Early Wednesday evening, by some miracle, you manage to finish your toiling at a reasonable hour. On your way down to watch the pinball hackers work out on the move machine, you say an athletic schedule. Noticing that there is an IM and a varsity basketball game tonight, you quickly change your mind about the pin-ball.

Now you are faced with the toughest decision of the day — watch the varsity game or the IM game? After three seconds of intense deliberations, most people pick the IM game over the intercollegiate game in nearly every sport. Why? Don’t people care about their college’s reputation on the regional or national scale? The fact is that most people tend to watch the intense rivalries between living groups on the intramural fields.

The varsity clubs at MIT do exhibit a lot of skill in many areas. This does attract the people who want to see a well-played game, but no does A or IM competition.

“Now, what’s the difference, you ask? Numbers, sheer numbers. People want to see the people they know and love, like living group friends. Since many living groups have an A-league team in a given sport, each living group turns out many spectators for each event. Also, living groups have a publicity-spreading advantage within the group compared to the varsity players since the spoken word from one friend to another spreads much faster than the printed word. Also, there is a good chance that many of the intramural spectators know at least one player personally, whereas many spectators at a varsity event may not even know one participant.

So, what’s the difference, you ask? Varsity teams work hard all year to compete against some of the best teams in the East or even the nation. Just three teams get invited to track, fencing, and women’s volleyball teams. This year’s track squad has been one of the most exciting to watch, often breaking school records and featuring such athletes as Frank Richardson ’77 who has been called MIT’s all-time best distance runner. Women’s volleyball has just captured its eighth straight New England championship.

Really exciting sports action does not only occur on the IM football or hockey fields. The varsity teams produce some of the best competition available. But, like any team they need the fans as much as the fans need them.

Now that you’ve given the decision more than three seconds worth of consideration, just which event are you going to?