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## MIT Receives \$500,000 Grant From the Donner Foundation

Precedent-setting grants totaling \$2,500,000 for professorial endowments at MIT and four other eastern universities—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania, were announced today by the Donner Foundation of Philadelphia, one of the country's largest philanthropic foundations.

Announcement of the grants, amounting to \$500,000 each and payable over a five year period, was made by Robert A. Maes, executive vice president of the Donner Foundation, at a press conference held at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel in Philadelphia.

The money is to be used to endow a Donner Chair of Science at each of the universities, Maes said.

Income from the grants will provide an estimated \$20,000 yearly salary to the person selected to fill the position created at each of the universities.

The Donner Chairs will be the most highly endowed chairs ever established at the University of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and among the most highly endowed at Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

Maes said that this grant represents one of the few occasions when foundation funds have been awarded for endowed chairs rather than for buildings, equipment, scholarships, or projects.

Acting President Stratton said this of the grant, "The destiny of civilization may well rest upon the future creativeness of science and technology. Scientists and engineers have already achieved the physical means to

conquer space, new ways of preventing and healing diseases, new tools for a longer and more comfortable life, as well as a host of other accomplishments. Yet we as a nation have failed as President Eisenhower has said 'to give high priority enough to science education and to the place of science in our national life.'

"It is for this reason that I particularly welcome the generous action by the Donner Foundation, establishing an endowed professorship in the physical sciences to be known as the Donner Chair of Science. It is a just recognition of an area of human knowledge which far too frequently has been delegated a role second to that of the arts. The world today understands, as did the ancient Greeks, that the educated man must have at least an acquaintanceship with, if not an intimate understanding of, the forces of nature."

## The Tech Issues Line-up As VooDoo Keeps Team Secret for B-Ball Game

The famous, honest-to-goodness Beer-Ball game between the squads of *The Tech* and *VooDoo* will be held at Magazine Beach Park in Cambridge this Sunday. For those not acquainted with the area, the Park is opposite the Stop & Shop Supermarket. The starting time has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Among the guests invited so far are Colonel Merriam, Director of Intramural Athletics, and Mr. Joseph McKenney, Director of Public Relations for the Boston Red Sox. Other members of the administration and the sports world are expected to be there.

Despite incredible efforts by intrepid *The Tech* reporters, the *VooDoo* line-up has been kept secret. We believe that the weakness of the team and fear of the vaunted journalists and shame of alcoholic inadequacy has led them into secrecy. *The Tech* will start the following team:

Steve Samuels	.....	Shortstop
John McElroy	.....	Third Base
Alberto Velaohaga	.....	Center Field
Stewart Wilson	.....	First Base
Dave Packer	.....	Right Field
Louie Nelson	.....	Left Field
Glenn Zeidera	.....	Second Base
Bank Manchester	.....	Catcher
Jack Friedman	.....	Pitcher

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## Nine MIT Fraternity Men Arrested In BU Fracas; Plead "Not Guilty"

By Glenn W. Zeiders Jr. '59

Nine MIT men were arrested last Tuesday night during a BU-provoked riot on Bay State Road in which a local newspaper alleged that "500 MIT students" participated. This was a remarkable turnout for the four MIT fraternities in the area. Those arrested were: Roden Brandt '58, Hugh Morrow '60, Robert Burkard '60, Manuel Penna '60, Rodney Rogers '58, John Priest '60, all Theta Xi bums; and William Widnall '59, Allan MacLaren '59, and Richard Stifler '61, members of Beta Theta

Pi. One BU man was taken into custody.

The nine MIT men were each released on \$25 bail plus \$3 bail commission. The money was supplied by the two fraternities. The trials were set for Wednesday morning in Roxbury Court, but, since each of the defendants pleaded "Not Guilty," the hearings were postponed until next Tuesday. The MIT men have acquired the services of George Herd, a lawyer who has represented MIT "rioters" before. In addition to the civil courts, the IFC Investigating

ceased abruptly with the arrival of the police. All was quiet for a short time until the MIT coeds at 120 Bay State suddenly opened fire on the Betas across the street. A full-scale water-fight involving the Women's Dorm, the Betas, and Student House ensued, until the coed housemother appeared. Once again, all was quiet—until the coeds suddenly attacked Student House. Again the police arrived on the scene, and the attackers were quickly ushered inside—only to find a full bathtub awaiting them. Dripping wet, the coeds returned to their dorm.

Peace and quiet once again reigned supreme—until about 10:30 pm when a bomb scare in BU's Myles Standish Hall and a false alarm nearby brought several hundred BU men and an equal number of Shelton Hall girls pouring onto Bay State Road. Instead of retreating when the cry "Panty Raid!" was raised, the girls stood their ground. At this point, the MIT men suddenly appeared on the scene to watch the proceedings. At the same time, the police again arrived, only to be greeted by cardenting and cop-wetting waterbombs from overhead. Seeking the culprits—and neglecting the fact that the bombs were thrown from the roof—the police arrested the six Theta Xis who had been standing on a balcony in the same building. Randomly choosing a student who was watching the fracas, the police ushered him to the open door of the waiting police car. After entering through that door and leaving through the other, he hastily headed down Bay State Road with a plain clothesman in hot pursuit. Through the aid of a particularly anxious Boston newspaper photographer, the plain clothesman, after losing sight of the culprit, identified Stifler, who had just left the Beta house, as the escapee. When two other Betas, trying to explain the presence of Stifler, intervened, the police arrested all three. Noting the toll that had been taken, the remaining students elected to return to their domiciles, leaving the streets free except for about forty cops and several very-recently-washed cars.

### Action Elsewhere

But MIT was not alone, for ten BU men were arrested the night before for partaking of the festivities. Also, following a Monday night raid, the Jackson girls rebelled against the traditional "panty raids", and reversed procedures by gathering en masse before the Tufts men's dorms, carrying placards reading "We Want Short Shorts".



Mixed emotions are registered by the alleged "rioters" upon their release on bail. Could they be concerned about the strong-arm methods employed by the police?

## Morse, Professor of Physics, Elected As Chairman of Faculty

Dr. Philip M. Morse, professor of physics was Wednesday elected chairman of the MIT faculty. He succeeds Dr. John T. Norton, professor of metallurgy.

New secretary of the faculty to succeed chemistry professor Leicester F. Hamilton, who will retire this summer after 44 years of teaching at the Institute, is Professor Alvin Sloane, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Successor to Professor Sloane as assistant secretary of the faculty is Dr. Philip Franklin, professor of mathematics.

Committee is conducting an inquiry of its own.

### The Weaker Sex

Festivities began Tuesday afternoon with a water-fight involving Delta Upsilon, Theta Chi, and BU's Charlesgate Hall, which eventually brought the paddywagons to the scene; no "casualties" were inflicted here, however, since the festivities

## Science Secretaries Of UN to Visit in Cambridge May 24

MIT will play host to the United Nations this week-end. Nineteen UN Scientific Secretaries from ten foreign countries will arrive tomorrow for a two-day visit here, at Harvard University, and Radcliffe College.

The international team has been recruited by the UN to organize the second Atoms-for-Peace Conference which will be held next September in Geneva, Switzerland. Representing numerous fields of science and engineering, the visitors will include three men each from Russia, Great Britain and France, two from Canada, and one each from Argentina, Belgium, Egypt, India, Italy and Japan.

The group will arrive at MIT at 9 a.m. Saturday. Their itinerary includes a visit to the MIT Nuclear Reactor on Albany Street (10:30 a.m.), a tour of the MIT Library, Compton Laboratories, and Auditorium (1:30-2:30), a visit to Harvard (3:15), tea at the Radcliffe Graduate Center (4), and dinner at the MIT Faculty Club (7 p.m.). On Sunday the guests are expected to make individual tours of the Boston area.

Among MIT hosts to the UN visitors will be Dr. Walter G. Whitman, head of the department of chemical engineering, who was Secretary-General of the first International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in 1955.

### Grade Reports

1. Second Term grade reports will be mailed to the Home address of all U.S. and Canadian students on Thursday evening, June 12, 1958.
2. Reports for foreign students will be sent to their term address.
3. You may have your report sent elsewhere by calling at the Registrars' Office not later than June 6.
4. No reports are prepared for June degree candidates. Verbal Grades may be obtained at the Registrar's Office after June 17, 1958.
5. Transcripts of record will not be available after June 6, until after June 17. Orders should be placed now.

## Parking Answer?

Apparently tiring of the parking problem at the Institute, some students decided to take action. Although the single car parked — with a flat tire — before the steps of Building Ten did not nearly approach the thirty cars predicted in an anonymous phone call to *The Tech*, the situation nevertheless perurbed the Security Force which was called to change the tire — and to remove the unwelcome visitor. Although the parking problem was alleviated for one car, the Security Force recommends that this approach not be used in the future.

## Soviet Visitors Find Warm Welcome Here

by Jeffrey Steinfeld '61

"We wish to penetrate more deeply . . . and meet all the students here possible." This desire was expressed by one of the visiting Russian student editors at a press conference at Harvard, Monday. It has been fulfilled many times this past week, in dinners, discussions, and informal bull sessions.

One such discussion was an impromptu Egghead Seminar held last night in Burton House, to which the entire student body and interested faculty members were invited. Today, the Russians are going on television. They will appear on WGBH-TV at 6 p.m.

Immediately after arriving at the airport Monday, the Russians signed in at Burton House. They were assigned rooms on the third floor of the Conner Hall section. The rooms had been freshly cleaned during the week-end by the men living next door.

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Anatoly Valyozhenich with two newly found friends—stewardesses on the New York-Boston flight.