MIT graduate one of fifteen men named to White House Fellowships

On September 1, Richard de Neufville, a graduate student from the Department of Civil Engineering, started work as a White House Fellow. He is one of the first 15 such Fellows appointed by President Johnson in this new program. This year’s Fellows, announced at a recent White House ceremony, will work at the highest level of government for one year. Four will be assigned to the White House staff and will work for McGee Bundy, Jack Valenti, and Bill Moyers (assistants to President Johnson) one will work for Vice-President Humphrey, and one with each of the 10 Cabinet members.

In addition to their work assignments, the Fellows will participate in an extensive educational program arranged by the Brookings Institution. They will have the opportunity to confer with Cabinet members, Associate Justices, Senators, and prominent economists and social scientists.

Class of 66
Mr. de Neufville, MIT ’66, received his Ph.D. in civil engineering from MIT. He is particularly interested in the planning of large scale engineering programs and in economic development. Most recently he traveled through Central America doing a study of the economic integration of the Central American Common Market. While at MIT he was president of the Delta Psi fraternity. He was also elected to Tau Beta Pi, Sigma XI, and to Phi Kappa Psi the civil engineering honorary.

He was selected as a White House Fellow after a regional interview conducted by a panel chaired by Elwood Cluett, editor of the Christian Science Monitor. This was followed by a final meeting in Washington with the Commission on White House Fellows headed by David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

The program is open to all occupations and women are encouraged to apply. This year’s finalists included, among others, engineers, university faculty members, scientists, economists, and writers.

A search for next year’s Fellows is now under way. Candidates for the White House Fellow program must be graduate students in an accredited college, American citizens, and between 23 and 35 years old on September 1, 1966. Each must have demonstrated high moral character, exceptional ability, marked leadership qualities, and promise for future development.

Inquiries and requests for application blanks should be addressed to Mr. Weinsheil at the Office of the Graduate School, or directly to the Commission on White House Fellows, the White House, Washington, D.C.

New astronaut earned masters degree here

Charles M. Duke, of Laramie, South Carolina, and holder of an MIT master’s degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering, has been awarded, along with 11 other fliers, credentials as one of the nation’s newest astronauts. He is among the eighth and latest crop of graduates from the four-year-old Air Force Astronaut Research Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Duke, who graduated in 1967 from Arizona State University, took his master’s degree at MIT in 1966. He has been in the Air Force eight years, and plans to continue on as an instructor at the Edwards Air Force Base School.

Building thirteen finished

Building 13, as seen from Mass. Ave., shows labs, classrooms and offices to house part of the Center for Materials Science and Engineering. The five story building has more floor space than any academic building constructed since the main Institute.

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