Graduate coeds form new organization to provide center for common activities

By Sue Downs

Under the leadership of Chelyn Rha, a new organization for graduate women students at MIT, the Association of Women Students was the only previous form of representation. However, because of differences in academic, social and environmental matters between the graduate and undergraduate women, it was felt that it would be beneficial for the graduate women to have their own organization.

The purpose of this organization will be to help all its members in all areas of MIT activities, making it easier to sponsor cultural, social, and political activities. Most important, through this organization, the women can obtain help from each other whenever the need exists.

Projects now under consideration are sponsoring seminars, lectures, a clothing and book exchange, a clearing house on jobs, a formal tea, luncheons, a formal ball, and setting a section for pregnant women students in the Graduate Student Manual.

Officers were elected at an organizational meeting October 21. They are Chelyn Rha, course XX, president; Ruth Nelson, course XVIII, vice president; Regina Elsasser, course XV, Treasurer; and Andrea Allen, philosophy, Secretary.

Rocket Society sells surplus to raise funds

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Thirdly, there is a chronic fund shortage. However, the society has obtained some materials for nothing. Occasionally, a surplus of several materials develops, and at such times a sale of items such as dewer flasks, large pieces of graphite, radar sets, and other such extraneous but valuable objects is held.

Anyone interested in the society should contact the president, Leonard Silver ’66 at x2971.

$20,000 budget, 200 national delegates; "The Future Metropolis" to study basic ideas

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and modifying urban development.

The last area in the conference, "The Future Metropolis," will strongly emphasize values. It will discuss the implications of structural and functional alterations in the physical environment of the city for the life style, the kind, and the happiness of the man of the future. The city will be treated as an historical phenomenon, with stress being placed upon its impact on human experience, its place in Western civilization, and its potential as a future utopia.

"The Future Metropolis" should give the participants a value- laden, no doubt controversial, humanitarian view of urban institutions. It will ask seemingly simple, but basic questions such as: What is a city? What has the city meant for human development? What can man be like? What should be the form and nature of the future metropolis? How are the city and man of the future related? How does one balance planning against giving freedom of choice to future generations? In this area, as in the other two, there are no obvious answers; the offering is stimulation, not solution.

Personally relevant

What have you as an MIT student to do with such problems? If your future work involves new forms of communication or transportation, if your ideas help to lengthen or increase leisure time, then you will personally share an impact on our future society. Conversely, urban problems are issues which will definitely influence your future.

With a $20,000 budget and 200 delegates of a nationwide distribution, there is a lot of planning to be done. Committee Chairman Dave Mandel ’66. One section of the committee is working on the subject across themselves. Students will be needed to moderate the small delegate discussion groups at the conference and to record the discussions. If interested contact Terry Vander Werf ’66 (x2926) or Bill Pecora ’66 (x3214). Physical arrangements (Jim Severson ’66 (x2881) and Publicity (Lorgin Dean ’66 (x2206) also have room for interested students.

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