Second term Activities Midway to emphasize extracurricular groups

MIT's second term Activities Midway is set for Friday night, February 18, in the Sierra del Puebro Room of the Student Center. From 7:30 to 10:30.

The purpose of the midway, sponsored by the Activities Council, is to give undergraduates, especially freshmen, an opportunity to meet and talk with members of activities which they may be interested in joining.

The midway should be particularly effective at this time of the school year when the freshmen have had a chance to decide which activities they would like to join, yet have not had convenient channels through which to contact the activities and express their interest.

Further details concerning the Activities Midway are available from Wayne Moore '66, Chairman of Activities Midway Committee (X1212), or Randy Epple '69, Chairman of the Activities Council (X2360).

Apply this week

Opportunity for study in Germany

by Joeb Price

A few weeks ago MIT had the privilege of receiving a visit from Mr. Klaus L. Schneider, a representative from the Student Government of the University of Berlin. At a luncheon attended by Mr. Schneider, members of the Administration, and student government officers, the idea of a student exchange program was discussed.

In contrast with other programs, this will not be a one-on-one exchange. The University of Berlin will accept as many MIT students as there are qualified applicants. The academic requirements for the academic training equivalent to two years at MIT and fluency in German. The German language is the sole medium of instruction in lectures and seminars. A very good knowledge of German is therefore indispensable.

The University of Berlin will require an examination in German even if the applicant has certificates of previous instruction in the language.

University of Berlin

The University of Berlin is one of the eight major universitites in Germany. A university is the highest academic institution in Germany. They are followed by the Technische Hochschulen (Engineering Schools), which offer degrees of a lower professional status. The University of Berlin, in particular, is regarded as their best university, and is certainly one of the better European schools. Its official name is Technische Universität Berlin, and, as the name indicates, it is technically oriented.

As for the educational program, German universities do not conduct formal classes, and do not have "subjects" in the MIT sense. Generally speaking, there are no binding regulations concerning the mode or content of a period of study. Hence the German student is expected to arrange his study in such a way that through lectures, seminars and practical training, he may pass certain examinations within a period of time.

For the MIT exchange student, the University of Berlin has a privilege in principle to set up a supervisory faculty system, so as to report on the achievement of the MIT student with respect to the rest of the class. It is only on this basis that MIT can credit him with our academic units. The Foreign Opportunities Committee has been extensively investigating what are the fields in which classes can be taken for MIT credit.

Breed's given award for metallurgy paper

John F. Breed, assistant professor of metallurgy at MIT, has been named to receive the Rosenzweig-W. Raymond Award of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineering.

This award, presented annually in recognition of the most technical paper published by a member of the Institute during the school year between three years of age, is for Breed's paper "The Utilization of Swedish Iron - Chromium - Nickel Alloys." The presentation will take place at the annual meeting of AIME, scheduled for February 27 through March 1, in New York.

Breed received his BS degree from New York University and his Master of Engineering and Doctor of Engineering from Yale University. He has held his present position at MIT since 1964, and, in addition to teaching and research, he supervises the Central Microscopy Facility.