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Kilhill speaks to alumni  

By Cheek Keith  

To the average student, whose conception of MIT's Alumni Association is an open palm extended immediately upon graduation, last week's Alumni Officers Conference was a pleasant surprise.  

Approximately 400 prominent alumni, club officers, and members of the education council (who interview hopeful future freshmen) paid impressive attention to Corporation President James B. Killian Jr., '39, Dean Paul E. Gray '54, Dean Kenneth R. Waddell '48, Director of Admissions Robert B. Green, and President Howard W. Johnson. The problems and opportunities facing MIT now.  

Along with explanations of the new freshmen system, reports on the student environment, and facts about admissions procedures, the alumni did hear some fiscal facts. Among them: $672,000 returns during '59-60 MIT through the Alumni Fund in 1963, compared to $1,912,094 by 15,225 alumni collected in 1953, and $85,840 from 24,071 alumni in 1954.  

Second Century  

The alumni also heard how the Institute is spending the $83,000,000 collected through the effort of the Second Century Fund as well as an additional $214,500 divided into major buildings for teaching and research, $32,800 (Green Bldg., Hunt Bldg., Hermann-Wright Bldg., Whiskbar Bldg., Center for Space Science, etc.). Facilities for students, $174,400 (Student Center, Boathouse, Eastgate, Westgate, McCormick Hall, etc.) Utility buildings, future buildings, modernization—$5 million; Student aid—$582,577 (including $4 million endowed); Faculty salaries—$3,094,000 (including $7 million endowed). Basic research—$6,858; New programs for enrichment—education, uplift, and Other—$4,512,000.  

Faculty pay  

Dr. Kilhill also stated that only two 3, 2, or 4 instead of their faculty better salaries and fringe benefits is a done, but we ought to be at it. He indicated that the students are working toward that goal.  

As an example of 'keeping the line' from the Second Century Fund, Dr. Kilhill pointed out that some donations were given specifically for a residence hall, but would have been completed and engineered for such a structure.  

Glimpse into the future  

In addition to being briefed by the alumni officers, the students are thoroughly attended upon Alumni Association activities and programs. The Bulletin from the Los Angeles Traveling Center and Educational Services, Inc., is used to familiarize members about research and study abroad, among other activities, and the Pierce Room was dedicated.  

Throughout the conference the atmosphere of staff and student intensity prevailed. It's more 'sugar and spice and everything nice'; it's being told to apply better ways to apply their personal values. Despite the tendency to find mistakes, I'm trying to find the best ways to apply their personal values as well as to the best and most successful tools to the best.  

At least to the delegates at the alumni meeting Alumni Officers Office, the Alumni Association will be bringing members, something to be joked about and ignored, but a tool with which to improve a school, we are so proud to have attended.  

Alumni Association chooses Mangesdorf as president  

Theodore A. Mangesdorf of New York City and of New Kent, Virginia, retired executive vice president of Virginia Commonwealth University has been elected President of the 50,000 member MIT Alumni Association for 1956-57.  

Mr. Mangesdorf succeeds Samuel A. Greene of Wellesley, Massachusetts, President of United Charities of Boston. Mangesdorf will formally assume office at an Alumni Day luncheon in the MIT Great Court, Monday, June 13. Some 1,500 alumni and their guests returned from the campus for the annual Alumni Day Program.  

The Association nominated 3 of its members for 7 year terms as alumni members of the MIT Corporation. They are John R. Jameson '51, President of Standard Oil of New Jersey; John Lawrence '52, President of Dresser Industries, Inc.; and George R. Vista '31, President of the US Rubber Company.  

In an effort to improve the quality of work produced in the Instrumentation Lab—MIT is not involved in the manufacture of the various spacecraft, but caters the designs and supervises the testing of internal and final models.  

The system of advanced guidance presently being formulated under Professor Draper is called SAIRES, for Self Aligning, Boost, and Re Entry.  

MIT makes no financial gain from work done under federal contract in the 1-Lab. Neither the Institute receives its greatest gain in the research activity of Professors and students in the lab and the dynamic impact that this has on the updating of the regular MIT curriculum and knowledge.  

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