2 White House Fellows arrive

Harold P. Smith, Jr., 37 and Walter J. Hunsam, Jr. will get an annual inside view of government at the top level in their new posts as White House Fellows. Richard de Neufville '60 brings a year of the experience back to MIT as he starts work as an assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering.

Experiences in government

The White House Fellows Program, established by President Johnson, was the brainchild of John Gardner, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare when he was President of the Carnegie Foundation. It is designed to give young men and women from all professions a year’s experience at the highest level of government. Following a month of orientation in September, the eighteen Fellows are assigned to the President’s personal staff, the Vice President, or a member of the Cabinet.

During the orientation and throughout the rest of the program the Fellows have seminars with the President, each of the secretaries, leading members of Congress, many agency heads and other national figures. This educational side of the Fellowship, which includes several field trips, is the responsibility of the Brookings Institution, a highly respected non-profit group for research in political science. The new Fellows begin their work this month. Dr. Smith, nuclear engineer, will work directly for Secretary Mcnamara, and Mr. Hunsam, a graduate of Course VIII and former class president, has been assigned to Postmaster General O’Brian for the coming year.

Price describes science as entity of Janus status

(Continued from Page 1) an attitude of detachment following from a feeling of superiority derived from the search for the pure truth. The other face is the conviction that all pure science can be translated into social benefit. Independence of a scientist body was another of his concerns. He noted that an organization loses some of its freedom in accepting funds from such sources as the government, but also noted that this vested interest is a security for science, and that the greatest part of funds for science from the government are used for both pure and applied science.

Status of science

Science can be corrupted by its involvement with other things, but if it is too withdrawn, the intellectual and moral basis of our society will be weakened, according to Price. He called for a systematic approach to the analysis of the status of science, and cited the church system, also "once discoverers and claimers of truth," as having been in the same dilemma. In conclusion, Price recommended a rapprochement of the halves of science’s split personality, noting that scientists be actively involved in public affairs to the same time distinguishing between them and private affairs, always seeking for ways to benefit mankind.

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