New humanities major offered

By Mark Boaltem

For the first time, MIT students are able to follow a program that will allow them to devote their junior and senior years exclusively to study in history, philosophy, literature, or music. The program, which marks the start of the Institute's folklore humanities major, leads to a bachelor of science in humanities and science.

Lassen to head program

Dr. Roy Lammson, Professor of English, who is in charge of the new program, added recently that during the last few years he has found a breed of students applying to MIT in increasing numbers who could probably benefit as well in either science or humanities.

Evidence for this lies in the fact that among MIT's entering freshman classes have been scoring higher in verbal aptitude than their counterparts in the liberal arts schools.

A significant number of these students apply to MIT, it appears, simply because of the Institute's high academic standards and the corresponding prestige and authority of its diploma.

"We proposed the new major because we felt that a university ought to provide a greater freedom of choice to individuals with many talents and skills," Professor Lammson said.

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Field Day note

Field Day 1966 will be held Wednesday, November 12, at 2 pm, at Beaver Key, which is officially titled and MIT's "international." This marks the third time in recent history that Field Day will be held on a Friday. More details will be forthcoming.

November 16-17

Two-day IFC blood drive to help hemophilia patients

By Lee Brevitas

The Harvard and IFC IFC Blood Drive will be held in the Ola of Puerto Rico in the Student Center, Monday and Tuesday, November 17 and 18. Last year, the IFC with the help of the Cambridge Blood and Plasma Center, the New England Hemophilia Society, and the IFC Blood Drive Chairman, Steve Shriver, 21, explained, "The drive this year is aimed at helping those who need blood for the hemophiliacs in New England, and, at the same time, at giving a vital service to the community by the IFC. Holding the drive on two days should make scheduling easier, and contributors won't have to wait in long lines to donate."

Steve Shriver commented, "I hope that we can supply victims of hemophilia, which is one of the most painful and expensive afflictions. Our goal is to collect at least 150-400 pints of blood this year."

The hemophiliac's blood lacks a factor to keep blood from clotting, and uncontrollable external or internal bleeding may be life-threatening. ExTERNAL bleeding can often be stopped by chemicals and surgIcal intervention. Internal bleeding is arrested only after the clotting factor or blood and plasma. At Massachusetts General Hospital, the number of transfusions per patient with hemophilia has ranged from 30 to 150 in a single year. Each pint costs $15 or more, depending on the rarity of the blood type. Fraternity members can sign up with their IFC representatives.

Salinger cancels LSC lecture

The LSC lecture by Fere Salinger, planned for Sunday, has been cancelled. A telegram received by the LSC, which stated that Salinger would "be unable to fulfill the speaking engagement due to urgent business for the next few days,"

The lecture was originally scheduled to be at 21:00 on Thursday, November 16, at the Initiative for Social Concerns connection with President's trip to Southeast Asia. The LSC will announce the next possible date.

The title of Salinger's talk was to have been "The Kennedy Years and After," dealing with his recent best seller, "With Kennedy and his previous trip to Southeast Asia.

Next in the line of speakers to be presented by the LSC this year will be Sen. Wayne Morse (Dem., Ore.), who will address "American Foreign Policy Around the World," is expected to reflect Salinger's expressed during the years he has spent on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The lecture will be given Mon., Oct. 24, in Knowledge Auditorium at 9:30. Admission is free; however, permission will be given to members of the MIT community.

Housing conference called

By Karen Wallis

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes of Cambridge has sent invitations to both MIT and Harvard for a conference of university and city officials to discuss Cambridge housing needs.

Dr. James R. Killian, Chairman of the Corporation, and Howard J. Wambsgans, President of MIT, published a joint statement in response to the invitation saying, "We eagerly look forward to participating in a coordinated housing program for Cambridge, just as we have long sought, as a Totem Square, to advanced development of our city."

Cambridge Corporation, springing from the Cambridge Generation, a non-profit, primarily sponsored development corporation that was formed to address in a coordinated low income housing and to MB with other activities of policy benefit to Cambridge, Dr. Killian was chosen chairman of its board, and each gave $50,000 to the corporation when it was founded. Some of the problems involved in the Cambridge Generation are the proposed belt highway, rapid transit and other construction. Killian and Johnson both place part of the need for more housing on the increasing attractiveness of Cambridge as a place in which to live and work, and the resulting increased real estate values.

Work is progress

Killian and Johnson report that MIT has been "working for months on specific plans to implement its share of the responsibility for helping to solve Cambridge housing needs." More housing for students and staff in both under construction and in the planning stages at MIT and Harvard.

Charles P. Whitlock, Assistant Director for Community Affairs at Harvard, President Nathan M. Pusey, said that the Harvard would also welcome such a conference. He said, "I think Harvard and MIT would both stand ready to do their fair share." He added that Harvard doesn't technically have any plans for comprehensive institutional Center for researches.

Killian reported that "I feel that the Cambridge Corporation will be a good center for marshaling both financial and technical resources in dealing with the housing problems. They consider a comprehensive plan possible, however, as well as a "very wise" effort involving all relevant segments of the community and operating under the leadership of appropriate agencies of the city government.

Two groups of frosh try revised subjects in XXI

By John Corel

Random numbers of this year's freshman classes are experimentally undergoing two new programs in humanities, designated as 21.030 and 21.031. Dennis Rudge announced at a dinner conference Monday night.

Western values

Professor George's course, 21.030, is entitled "The Crisis in Western Values," and attempts to follow "the development of the idea of why they should study humanities."

Professor George has been led off with a series of movies, including "Breathless," in which a policeman is shot at the outset, 'How to be a Philosopher,' and "Brings in the Fish With the Net." Half the section are enrolled in humanities at MIT was only a first group of frosh are expected to show strong interest in the new major, according to Professor Lamson, are those who will look in humanities as an essential part of the Institute's curriculum.

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The absence of a "corner-cut major" left some prospective applicants with the impression that humanities at MIT was only a "quick lunch for scientists in a hurry." Current LSC President Richard Douglas, head of the Department of Humanities. He added that "our School of Humanities and Social Science is equivalent in size to the total faculty of a small liberal arts college" and should be viewed, consequently, as an essential part of the Institute curriculum.

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