Danforth Foundation Fellowships granted to three MIT seniors

The Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo., has just awarded its 1967 Graduate Fellowships. These Fellowships are open to men and women who are seniors at 128 colleges, have a serious interest in college teaching, and plan to study for a PhD in various fields. Students receiving the Danforth grants are Edie Goldberg (XVIII) of St. Louis St., Ill.; Steven Slater (XIII) of Brooklyn, Mass., and James Sweeney (XVIII) of Kaumahana, Hawaii. Mr. Thomas W. Harrington, Jr., Danforth Liaison Officer, commented that "this is the largest number of Danforths to be given to MIT students in any one year.

Pedestrians endangered
Mass. Ave. bridge delayed

By Mark Robin

Despite the efforts of the Institute to gain permission to build a pedestrian bridge over Massachusetts Avenue, it now appears as though legal difficulties will have set back such a bridge for at least a year.

Bridge or tunnel

Although the idea of a pedestrian bridge had been circulated throughout MIT since about 1950, no definite plans had been made until this past year. The question of whether to build a bridge or a tunnel under the road was answered the first week of February, when the city announced a quick decision.

Additional facts in favor of the bridge were that a tunnel extending into Building 7 would be inconvenient for many pedestrians and that there would be other problems related to the accessibility of all the utilities now located under the road.

These arguments convinced even the architects, who favored the tunnel on the grounds that the bridge would not be aesthetically pleasing, that the bridge would be better choice than the tunnel.

Design selected

Architects were then asked to select a site and design for the bridge. They arrived at a feasible design—attractive enough that people might use it, rather than cross directly on the street—and selected a site on one side of the main entrance to the Institute, so that the design could be blended with that of the Student Center and the Center for Advanced Engineering.

Once these plans had been judged satisfactory, a bill was introduced in the General Court to get permission to build this bridge. However, the state legislature passed the "home rule" bill, which gave the authority for all local decisions to the cities. Fortunately, this bill has muddied the waters of legislation to permit to build this bridge.

The Institute's lawyers have since advised MIT that neither approval from the state nor approval from both groups would be adequate authorization for the bridge. As a result, the bill was withdrawn from the legislature and the Institute is awaiting a new bill to clarify the question of home rule.

Alpha Phi Omega Carnival features Big Screw Award

By Larry Voeltland

The Big Screw contest, which is to be conducted in conjunction with the Alpha Phi Omega Spring Carnival, is an attempt by APO to honor those faculty members who make that tough decision to participate in the Carnival in Rockwell Cage Saturday, March 25, Sunday, March 26 and Monday, March 27. The Carnival will be open from 3-7 p.m.

Four semi-finalists will be selected by the vote of the MIT Community in the Lobby of Building 10 between 5-7 p.m., Sunday, March 19, Monday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 21.

The selection of semi-finalists will be announced Friday, April 7. Final balloting will be held at the Carnival in Rockwell Cage Saturday, April 8.

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Conference on education planned for spring of 68

In April, 1968, the Institute Committee will sponsor a four-day conference on the education in the American university. Two hundred delegates representing thirty colleges of the nation will discuss what they think of higher education and what needs to be done to reform the present system.

The topics will range from educational philosophy to specific school problems. Such questions as "How can a college adapt to student needs?" will be discussed.

Also, the purpose of the conference is to clarify basic problems and present alternative solutions. "Many important areas of specific areas will be studied: pre-school systems; student-faculty relations; the student and the community; big business in the university; and other fundamental issues.

A large sampling of MIT and Harvard faculty showed a marked enthusiasm and support for the conference. Because of the wide scope of the conference, many members of both faculties will be on the planning and coordinating staff.

Financially, the conference will be supported through the support of the Conference Planning Committee, which is making every effort to obtain backing from outside foundations and corporations. The budget should be close, to $30,000.

Because this conference is of great general and important to the field of education, a major active effort from the MIT student body is required. This early to the planning stage, positions at all levels are available to work on structuring the topic; selecting delegates and sponsors: finances; publicity; and general administration. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who would like to participate should contact Steve Masen, X236.

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