MIT receives large Ford grant

Harvard, Chicago among colleges given urban funds

As part of a long range program to develop faster new intellectual resources for work on the problems of American cities, the Ford Foundation made grants of $138.8 million to four major U.S. universities for work in urban affairs. MIT will receive $3 million and implement several unique programs.

At a joint press conference held at Harvard's Holyoke Center, MIT President Howard Johnson, Harvard President Nathan Pusey, and Daniel Hoynihan, Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies made an announcement of the grants. Along with Harvard, the University of Chicago received $3 million, and Columbia University was given $1.8 million.

A quantum change

Although the universities involved have long been interested in urban affairs, these new grants will, in the words of Mr. Moynihan, "a quantum change in the level of activity in this field."

MIT will use its share of the grant to enable broad participation in the study of urban problems by individuals and groups from the fields of architecture, the city planning, engineering, economics, political science, and management. An interdepartmental Urban Systems Laboratory will be set up to explore the city as a complex, interacting organism. Like the other participating schools, MIT will also endow professorships in the field of urban affairs.

Killick speaks

Eastgate tower dedicated

Already fully occupied, the Institute's new Eastgate Residence Tower for married students and faculty was officially opened Thursday. The principal speaker at the ceremony and held in the tower's penthouse lounge was Dr. James R. Killick Jr., Chairman of the Corporation. Also present was President Howard Johnson, and various leaders of the Cambridge community including Mayor Daniel J. Hayes and City Manager Joseph A. Definella.

More family apartments

Second only to the Green Building as the tallest structure on campus, Eastgate consists of 236 one- and two-bedroom efficiency apartments, of which three-quarters are allocated for married students. Together with Westgate, Eastgate brings to 600 the number of family apartments that the Institute contributes to the Cambridge housing situation.

Eastgate was made possible by a gift from one of Grover M. Herrmann, the Chicago industrialist, and a loan from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. In conjunction with the Grover M. Herrmann Building and the Alfred P. Sloan Building, Eastgate forms an integrated complex of buildings in the Kendall Square area known as the Sloan Campus.

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Sen. Baker discusses nuclear desalination

Nuclear desalination in the Middle East was the announced topic of the talk given by U.S. Senator Howard Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.) Wednesday, but the Senator took the opportunity to give his views on a wide range of issues.

Speaking in the Talbot Lounge in East Campus, Senator Baker first turned his attention to what he considered to be the overcentralization of governmental powers in Washington. It was his opinion that this process was gradually leading to the extinction of effective local government.

Tax showing

In order to remedy the situation, Baker brought forward a plan he submitted to the Senate earlier this year. Under his proposal, the

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