Aid campaign goes to DC

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As Disruption Appeal Day approaches last Thursday night at Boston College, a group of students from private colleges in Massachusetts will be sent to Washington to join in an effort to win increased financial support for private colleges.

The students will be appearing in support of the aid campaign of Edward Brooks of Massachusetts.

The meeting, according to Dave Slesinger, one of the MIT Undergraduate Association's representatives who was called by the BC student government "to start a movement throughout the state and the country to campaign for funding for private institutions.

In explaining the need for such funding, Slesinger pointed out that approximately 70% of Massachusetts college students attend private colleges and that without additional money, none of these colleges will go bankrupt.

Coalition planned

The Boston College student government is trying to form a coalition of private colleges throughout Massachusetts. The coalition will probably focus on lobbying and similar methods of influencing legislators. Slesinger mentioned the possibility of a march to the State House in Boston. He said that the organizers of the coalition were relative novices and would have to send a representative. Vice-President John Wynne pointed out that MIT already has several people working in Washington in this area. In particular, Vice-President for Special Laboratories Albert Hill and Vice-President for Business and Fiscal Affairs Paul Cusick. He felt that the campaign would have a "greater effect if it were a student coalition arguing broadly" for financial aid to private institutions. Colleges and universities, he noted, have long been lobbying for financial support, and support such methods in principle.

However, he said that universities have divergent views on the form the aid should take. He noted that the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education had considered several possibilities for aid. Wynne emphasized that the students would have more impact as a separate effort from that already being conducted by private institutions, and added that universities must consider the effect of the financial support they receive, especially if it places restrictions on them.

Negotiations between the BC administration and student leaders have been going on since March 23, and the strike was called when the Student Congress rejected a proposal for $300 increase next year and an additional increase the following year. The negotiations were reopened last Monday, but an agreement was reached on a $240 tuition increase for next year, with no stipulations for the following year. The undergraduate are voting today on whether to accept the new proposal.

Building 18, the Camille Edward Dreyfus Chemistry Building, was dedicated formally last Friday, with a department-held open house in the afternoon.

Several innovative techniques have been used to minimize the efficiency of the post-graduate-level research facility.

The building differs from most others on campus in several ways. The hallways are along the glass-walled sides of the building instead of down the middle. Walking in the building is much more pleasant, and the usual dark, stuffy atmosphere is avoided. Secondly, the building has no classrooms, since it was designed to serve as a research building. It does hold several seminar rooms, however.

New reading room

The Department's new reading room on the fourth and fifth floors is the large only open space in the building. On the fourth floor, there is a reading area with soft chairs and shelves for periodicals. Behind this area along the outside wall of the building is a microfilm reading area. The library has 60 titles on microfilm, 20 of them on an experimental basis to determine their usage, and is equipped with several new readers as well as copying equipment. The fifth floor has additional shelf space and work tables. The library, part of the MIT library system, is open from 9 to 5, and graduate students and staff members will receive keys.

According to R. H. Landsman, of I.M.Pei and Partners, the architectural firm which designed the building, it has facilities for 240 researchers, arranged in a series of two-man labs. The labs measure approximately 10 by 25 feet, and are equipped with hoods and gas jets for each researcher.

Course Vocations Bldg. 18

During Friday's open house in several students experimented with the New Department's new reading room on the fourth and fifth floors.

The elimination of the usual central hallway, Landsman contended, greatly facilitates the various piping connections to the mechanical shafts in the building. While the design might seem to be inefficient in the use of floor space, he said that the savings in piping difficulties compensated for this. The building has three easily accessible mechanical shafts, and because of their location, they have been possible to provide a separate vent for each lab hood, to eliminate danger from the mixing of the fumes from different experiments. All the fixtures in the building are modular, said Landsman, so that the building is "flexible. If they should need it, he claimed he could make the building serve more purposes in the long run and yet still accommodate a higher initial cost.

Landsman noted that there had been some doubt as to whether the graduate students would like the windowless labs. He said that questioning revealed that they felt no need for them. This was confirmed by several of the researchers who had already moved in.

No date has been set for the receipt of George Katiasficas and Pete Bohmer on charges of dis- disruption classes at MIT.

The case will be heard for the second time before a jury, in what is essentially an automatic appeal of the verdict handed down by Judge Haven Parker.

The appeal to a jury is automatic in criminal cases which have been first tried before a judge.

Katiasficas said that he expected the new trial to begin soon, probably within a month, with Judge Parker again presiding.

If a guilty verdict is again returned, he promised to take the case to the Supreme Court, if not "we have the money and the time." According to Katiasficas, there is a possibility of contesting the constitutionality of the law on the grounds that it is vague. Their lawyer, Daniel Klaboeck, had been asked to Judge Parker earlier in the case arguing this point, but he did not rule on the motion for dis- missal on these grounds.

Presently, Katiasficas and Bohmer are free on personal recognition, but face a one month jail sentence and a $50 fine if they lose their appeal.

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