INAUGURAL PROGRAM CLIMAXES TWO WEEKS OF INTROSPECTION

By Lee Giguere
In a ceremony that left the new president visibly moved, several hundred guests attended the MIT charter ceremony yesterday afternoon to witness the change of office from Johnson to Wiesner. The ceremony was a major event in the MIT's program.

The charter was granted to MIT on September 8, 1861, by the Massachusetts legislature. It was originally intended to establish a technical college for the education of men in the arts and sciences of engineering and the mechanical arts.

The charter was read by Archibald MacLeish, who was introduced by President Johnson. MacLeish's address was a reflection on the past, present, and future of MIT.

"The Institute is at a new threshold of internal development," he said. "We can recast the concept of a liberal education in a contemporary model by integrating science and technology with the study of man and his culture. We must respond to the national needs.""}

The Selective Service System announced Thursday that 125 would be the highest lottery number reached this year. As a result, all men born before 1952 who are classified 1-A as of December 31 and hold numbers higher than 125 are safe from being drafted unless there is a major national mobilization.

The agency also declared that all men who had numbers 125 and below would definitely be drafted, unless they had received exemptions or deferments.

The announcement does not affect men born in 1952, who were assigned lottery numbers this summer. They are not eligible for the draft until next year.

Under Selective Service regulations, students and others with deferments who hold lottery numbers above 125 may cancel their deferments and then eliminate virtually any possibility of being drafted.

To do this, a man with a deferment must write his local draft board by December 31 asking that his deferment be rescinded. The board is required to comply with his request. Men in this situation are urged to send a registered letter with return receipt, since it gives the tender-proof of dalivery.

Draft ceiling set at 125 during current year

Corporation Chairman Howard Johnson presents newly-inaugurated president Jerome B. Wiesner with a copy of the charter of MIT, symbolizing the authority and responsibility vested in the office. The charter was originally granted to William Barton Rogers by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1861. Photo by Sheldon Lowenthal

The Black Student Union has changed its "A" team from intramural football, following injunction by the IM Executive Committee of all football protests being canceled during their game with Florida Alpha September 18.

The BSU had complained that its defense had been left without a substitute, which had given LCA an unfair advantage. The final score of that game was 14-0.

The withdrawal drops the "A" League to five teams, with each team expected to be picking up a football for their match with Florida Alpha.

The team has been scheduled to play Sigma Alpha Episilon last Sunday. At the Executive Committee meeting, BSU member Rick Draz was suspended from intramurals through the end of the football season for sticking referee Robert J. Bergman after the BSU-LCA game.

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