Greens give MIT $2million

By Mike McNamara

President Jerome B. Wiesner this week announced the presentation of gifts to the Institute by Cecil H. and Ida Green in order to support the new Division for Study and Research in Education, and for the establishment of new programs in the Division.

The grant for the DSRE will be used to help establish several new programs in the Division, which Wiesner stated this year to sponsor interdisciplinary research in teaching and education. The first of these is the first to be established for the new division, according to its director, Professor of Mathematics William T. Martin.

The Green gift for entering graduate students will be the first goal of the Ida M. Green Graduate Fellowship, as stated by Dean Irwin Sizer of the MIT Graduate School. "This is a very grave need to do something for graduate women students," Sizer told The Tech. "These fellowships will help us to compete for the best women applicants.

Wiesner, in separate statements relating to the two gifts, cited them as "an exceedingly generous expression of confidence in the new venture [DSRE]," and "the latest in a long series of major leadership contributions Mr. and Mrs. Green have made to MIT."

Three programs planned

The DSRE, Martin told The Tech, is using to use the contributions from the Greens for three specific programs immediately:

1) Establishing two lecturerships in education for post-doctoral staff members;
2) Establishing a program for mid-career education, allowing persons to address educational questions relating to their specialty for a period of one year; and
3) Setting up a program of distinguished faculty associates to visit the Division and provide input for shaping its future growth.

"These programs all have the common denominator," Martin stated, "of moving new people, and therefore new ideas, into the common denominator," Martin stated, "of moving new people, and therefore new ideas, into the work of the Division." New uses for the money agreed on, will be found at DSRE and its work progressed. "This first enrollment will allow us to move with more dispatch on some programs that we have been wanting to go forward on."

Front door nameplates stolen from fraternities

By Bill Cokkina

At least twelve MIT fraternity doors were vandalized in the past week.

Since last Friday night, the front door nameplates of at least twelve houses (see picture) have been stolen, and a thirteenth attempt was apparently made.

Captain James Oliveri of Campus Patrol said that only one house, Sigma Nu, had contacted him.

"This sounds like something even fraternities polled about five or six years ago," he commented. "They had a sort of a challenge to see how many they could get."

Members of Beta Theta Pi, one of the fraternities hit, saw three adult males, possibly college students, running away from their house, most likely on an impromptu attempt to take their nameplate.

Prof. Myron Wiener of Political Science

Wiener is appointed head of PoliSci dept

By Mike McNamara

Professor Myron Wiener of Political Science will be appointed head of that department, to take effect July 1, 1974.

Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Harold Hashman announced Tuesday that he would recommend Wiener to the MIT Corporation to fill the post vacated by Professor Eugene Skolnikoff in October.

The announcement, made in a letter addressed to faculty members in the department, specified that Wiener's appointment would be for a three-year period with renewal for a second term if the faculty considers him for the post.

The Tech received this photo anonymously late Thursday, with the following caption typed on the back: "Fraternity signs, anyone? (Not pictured: Pika, DKE, No. 6)."

Streaking: a new intercollegiate sport?

By Norman D. Sandler

For years, people have been exposing themselves in dark doorways, exhibiting themselves on the beach and stripping their clothes to protest a variety of issues. In the past few weeks, however, with the acceptance of streaking as a national collegiate pastime, what began a month ago as isolated cases on several campuses in different parts of the country has now grown into a major intercollegiate competition across the nation.

The Baker House Streaking Society, formed by Charlie Bruno '74, launched MIT into the streaking competition last Sunday, when exactly at midnight 15 male streakers ran around the Baker campus, with reporters from Baker, around Kresge Auditorium, and back to Baker, in slightly less than two minutes.

Since the midnight streak of the Baker House 15, there have been two streaks through 26-10Q, one on an 8:02 lecture in progress and the other by Prof. Hans Lekefs Techer lecturing his 9:00 class in the same lecture hall.

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On the basis of reports filed with The Tech from around the nation, it is apparent that streaking is quickly taking hold as the greatest new in intercollegiate sport.

One student at Stanford told The Tech that streaking is on the increase there, although there have been no mass streaks. However, that doesn't mean that Stanford students are not interested in breaking streaking records. One group plans to set a new record for the nation's longest streak, by going from Palo Alto to San Jose, a distance of about 11 miles.

Stanford streakers are also reportedly gearing up for a streak through a popular sex education course, which is set to begin at the start of the next term on April 14. Some 2,500 students registered for the course, and several groups say they will be the first to streak through the class.

College administrators and local authorities have not quite decided how to handle the streaking situation. In St. Louis, two young men streaked through a police station. The officers on duty laughed as the pair ran through the office.

In New Haven, Conn., three Yale students streaked up Broadway during rush hour last Friday night behind another student in a track suit who was seen to be streaking. The three made runners were brought before the university's executive committee and were officially reprimanded for damaging the image of Yale.

Meanwhile, MIT officials have issued no official statements on streaking, with the exception that they may be subject to prosecution if they leave MIT property. Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Kenneth Brown told The Tech there have been few real problems with the Baker House Streaking Society, although he warned that students involved in future midnight streaking sessions should be aware of the possible consequences.

"The most important thing in the department in the next few years will be curricular development," Wiener told The Tech. "Administrative reorganization would also be considered when the Executive Officer, Associate Professor Harvey Solly, steps down from that post in June, Wiener added.

The prospective department head stated that he saw the department as serving three "basic constituencies": its own graduate students; its own undergraduate majors; and "the majority of MIT students who [for]turn to page 2"