Athletic center funding begins

Brook is generally confident that the estimated $6 million required for the MIT complex will be raised. "Presently, much of the initial funding work is being done by the Athletic Services Committee," he noted. "We are now in the process of identifying prospective donors." The committee, a group of 12 or 15 persons, was organized last June to coordinate funding programs for the center. They are currently engaged in finding people willing to contribute to the project, especially those who are not MIT alumni. "We know who the alumni are," Brook explained, "but we may not know who other potential donors are and we can't afford to overlook them."

Although he acknowledged that there will inevitably be contributions from corporate and other sources, he maintained that the majority of outside contributions will be from individuals. "Most of these vital funds will come from individual sources," Brook ascertained, "and most of those sources will be from those who have the likelihood, be MIT alumni."

Brook expects full-scale action by the committee to begin shortly, although he did acknowledge that current threats in the funding area were of a limited nature. Professor Rose H. Smith, Head of the MIT Athletic Department, confirmed this by characterizing present efforts as "a hiatus."

Despite these qualifications, both Brock and Smith ascertained that definite plans are being worked out, and that funding efforts for the athletic center will "bear up" in the immediate future.

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