REPORTS FOR MAKING LISTS OF PROS-PERS IN THEIR AREAS AND ORGANIZE CURRENTLY HAVE CAMPAIGN LEADERS. THREE DOMESTIC AREAS OR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES. TWENTY-SEVEN LEADERS FOR THE CAMPAIGN IN THEIR AREA HAVE BEEN RECRUITING CORPORATION THAT THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE RESOURCE OPERATIONS, SAID TO THE ORIGINAL STARTER FUND, HOPED NOT TO BE SEEN FOR SOME TIME. THE LEADERSHIP PROJECT WAS INITIATED TO HELP THE INSTITUTE IN ITS EFFORTS TO SAVE MONEY AND CUT COSTS, WHILE MAKING SURE THAT WE DID NOT PROPADELIZE THE INSTITUTE'S STANDING AS THE PREMIER ENGINEERING SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY," ACCORDING TO LEEES. "WE HAD TO MAINTAIN BOTH OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, IN MIND." WE WANTED TO CUT GOOD, WE ALSO MAINTAINED THE QUALITY ISSUE AS A RESTRAINT. IT WILL COST MORE THAN THAT WAY, BUT WE WILL SLOW THE BROADSHEETS FOR EXTRA FEES, AND WE HAVE NOT YET EXPLORED, AND HELP US RETAIN OUR STANDING.

OPENING COURSE XXXVII TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Course XXXVII, now used as a general-science major, would be opened to engineering to meet a "limited" demand from students." Committee would prepare a sample curriculum for such a course.

ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH INSTITUTE

A wholly-owned tax-exempt Research Institute composed of full-time core staff and MIT faculty and students would give the Institute an option for increased research in applied, support services, and general administration. A committee will prepare a sample curriculum for such a course.

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By Eileen Mannix

Representatives of the Resources Development Office told The Tech that they are pleased with the progress of the $255 million fund drive launched last spring. However, at this early stage, visits to key prospects are just beginning, and no major gifts have been materialized. According to N.C. Lee, '53, Director of Resource Operations, the 25,000 volunteers have signed up and will be assisting in the identification of potential donors.

Lee anticipates that the tangible results of these visits will not be seen for some time. Smaller gifts have been added to the original starter fund, however; Lee said that the total now stands at $49 million, up from April's figure of $43 million.

Kenneth S. Brock, '48, Director of Resource Operations, said that the Committee on Foundations has been recruiting corporation members or alumni to act as leaders for the campaign in their communities. Twenty-seven domestic areas or cities and three overseas locations currently have campaign leaders. These persons hold alumni meetings and also review the fund drive plans for making lists of prospects and deciding how best to approach each one. Brock said that of a list of 3,000 possible prospects named, 800-900 have been identified so far. Brock further said that new offices have been added to the Resource Development Staff. Each major geographical division, i.e., Midwest, the Far West, New England, etc., has one office serving the overall operation and traveling to various locations to assist their campaign leaders.

Lee said the campaign will fill in the key prospects, who would be able to contribute a dollar to their millions or more over a five-year period, and secondary prospects, who would donate $10,000 or more over five years.

Solicitations for major donors will be conducted throughout this fall. These are time-consuming because they require the direct involvement of the President and the Chairman of Resource Development, as Lee put it, "You don't ask for a substantial gift without a chief in the organization doing the asking.

Both officials feel that the reception to fund drive leaders has been very warm, and are much encouraged by the fact that so many have volunteered their time and services. "I think we are far ahead organizationally than where we would normally be in a major campaign, like this," said Brock.

The response was also favorable to the Alumni Officers Conference held on Sept. 10, attended by some 600 alumni. One and a half million dollars have been added to the fund since then.

Brock is optimistic about the general outlook for the success of the campaign. Referring to prospects and donors, he said, "Once they get the feeling that when their circumstances are right, when their economic situation is right, they'll be very generous." Lee foresaw the self-sustaining nature of the Campaign, as the drive is known, is expected to last for five years. Funds will be raised for building a new student center, financing new dormitory construction on campus, creating a new faculty for student guidance, and the general endowment.

The drive is MIT's third since World War II, following the Mid-Century Drive in 1950 and the Second Century Fund, launched in celebration of MIT's centennial in 1940. Both of those drives exceeded their targets of $20 million and $60 million respectively by large amounts.

By Margaret Brandau

Memorial services will be held Friday for Steven Dravitzke '77, who died while mountain climbing last Saturday.

Dravitzke, an undesignated sophomore, who lived in Baker House, was with a group from the MIT Outing Club in the New Hampshire White Mountains when he apparently fell and died. "We don't have all the details," said President Rob Milne '78, "but we think that somehow a rock fell on him.

Dravitzke was climbing a slope that was rated by the Outing Club as "an easy fifth class— a step or two up from an ordinary mountain hike." Outing Club members said that Dravitzke, who came from Wisconsin, was a competent climber. "He was in a section that was well within his experience," said Milne, "and he had done a good deal of climbing before this." Milne added that his climbing partner was even more experienced. This guy was really sharp on safety. According to the best reports we have, as a two man team they were doing things right.

According to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Jim Bishop "something happened— we didn't know what—and he fell down an easy sleeping gully, about 40 feet down. Somewhere in the fall a boulder struck him.

Bishop did say that in the area where Dravitzke was climbing there were few loose boulders.

According to Milne, "The mountain takes its toll every once in a hundred thousand times, and this was just one of those incidents."

The state Game and Fish department is investigating the incident.

Fund drive gains speed

By Mike McNamara

A faculty and staff "self-assignment group" in the School of Engineering is being recommended that MIT consider switching to an academic calendar based on quarters and from flat-rate tuition to per-unit tuition.

The report of the Self-Assignment Project, released last week, stated that these and other changes would help the Institute streamline its operations, increase its efficiency, and meet new demands being placed upon it in education and research.

The result of a year-long study by task forces composed of engineering and other faculty and institute representatives also recommends a re-structuring of the School of Engineering to "lead to a consolidation in the number of different subjects taught and encourage curricula based upon a small number of core programs.

The Self-Assignment Project was initiated to help the Institute in its efforts to save money and cut costs, while making sure that we did nothing to jeopardize the Institute's standing as the premier engineering schools in the country," according to Leees.

"We had to keep both of these considerations in mind," Leees continued. "We wanted to cut goods, we also maintained the quality issue as a restraint. It will cost more than that way, but we will broaden the school to its useful fields that we haven't yet explored, and help us retain our standing.

About 120 faculty and staff worked on the report, which reported on recommendations in five areas: increased research in applied, support services, educational activities, financial management of the Institute, and service support for education and research. The 19 task forces working on the project produced 47 specific recommendations for revising operations in these areas.

Most of the recommendations have been accepted by the Engineering Council, Bruce stated, and have been suggested for further action. "Some of the more routine changes— accounting procedures, co-op programs, and the like—are being worked out of the way by now," Bruce explained. "Some of the others we'll take a great deal of study and thought, however.

The recommendation concerning the academic calendar suggested breaking the academic year into three-month quarters. In place of the two four-month semesters and the one-month Independent Activities Period now used. The fourth quarter—the three summer months—could be utilized as a full academic period for year-end operation (see story, page 3) or could be left in the "summer semester" period observed during the summer vacation.

Under such a plan, most students would take 36 units—the equivalent of the three-quarter courses—each quarter. This would result in a slightly heavier load of 104 units per year, 18 units more than the current 90-unit average annual load.

The quarter-plan calendar was proposed mainly to make masters' degree programs—programs which are still very important in engineering," Leees said. "It is more attractive, according to the report. Using a quarter plan, with its slightly higher loads and greater flexibility, a student could complete a masters' degree in one year, instead of the one-and-a-half years normally required now.

While pointing out that the quarter calendar schedule will be useful for part-time students, co-op students, and mid-career industry people taking advanced degrees, the report recognizes that advantages of the 12-month calendar could not be retained. "It seems reasonable, however.

(Student killed in mountain fall)

Director of Resource Operations Kenneth S. Brock '48

"You get to use your hands..."

—woman engineering student (See story page 2)

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