Inflation troubles drive (Continued from page 1) 70's, student financial aid was a sensitive issue with many people, and this was a very real concern for us in setting the student aid plan.

He said that now, however, the public attitude has changed considerably and that the Campaign officials are pushing extra hard for funds in this area. "We hope to maintain, and even increase, the scholarship, fellowship, and loan opportunities, and this means that we have to make up for the original low projection and the effects of inflation."

Inflation has proven to be a major headache throughout the drive, especially in respect to construction projects, but Lees explains that this is not a new or unique situation. "Funding for construction is always troublesome," said Lees. "A steady flow of small contributions isn't suitable for such major projects as we're mounting. It is necessary to have several large donations - say $2 or $3 million - coming in at proper intervals. We are disappointed in the progress with the new Athletic Facility. It is something that will affect the entire MIT community, yet donations have been very sparse. At present, construction is underway, and about $6 million of the necessary $8.80 million has been collected, but at one point construction costs were going up more quickly than donations were coming in."

Next House, the proposed dormitory, has also encountered difficulties in funding, according to Lees. The original request for $10 million was to have been for two residences. "We've cut our hopes to one building, and if it wasn't for a recent $2 million contribution, I don't know where we would be." He said that plans have already been drawn up and construction should start imminently, with the fall of 1983 as a targeted occupancy date. "Financing is still a very real problem, however, and as of now, a bond will have to be taken out to cover the cost of construction."

The Leadership Campaign will end next April and officials have no plans for mounting another capital campaign. Nonetheless, there is a constant need for finances, and fundraising efforts will continue past this date, said Lees. "It's a fact of life," he explained, "that the various functions of the school are constantly in need of support. While it won't be in the context of a capital campaign, fundraising will be continued for a substantial list of top priorities, to finish what has not been completed, and to attend to faculty needs." He hastened to add that Leadership Campaign officials are very pleased with the drive thus far and the campaign has to regarded as successful.

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Activities planned for graduates (Continued from page 2) Celotto said that to offset the administration's neglect of graduate status, the GSC and various departments plan social affairs for the graduate group. "Some departments plan their own social activities for the graduate students but there aren't enough of these. GSC has a few parties at the beginning of the year but we need the students to voice their desires to us. We need graduates to work on the council so we can get more input," he explained.

Furthermore, Celotto stressed the need for filing any complaints to GSC. Only through this method is the council able to know student problems. Complaints can be given at council meetings every third Thursday of the month. The meetings are held in various dining halls from 5 to 7:30 pm. All participants receive a free meal. Complaints can also be given to the GSC secretary, Peg Hume, at X-2190.

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