Gray agreed on need for more activities funding

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ricular activities program at MIT.

DeRubens, Dumas, and other student leaders met with MIT President Paul E. Gray '54 to discuss the problem. Referring to DeRubens, "President Gray didn't realize the budget had been frozen for so long. He looked at our case and agreed that the need for some funds existed.

"After the Finance Board failed to reach an agreement with Dean Shirley McBary, "DeRubens continued, "our office rewrote the Board's proposal. The revised proposal asked for a budget increase of $1,000, of which $7,000 were to be allocated to student activities and $4,000 to government and social activities."

In a letter dated June 29, 1981, McBary told DeRubens, "I am pleased to inform you that your request for additional funds has been approved in the full amount...

... It is our understanding that these funds will be used in the manner outlined...

... and should allow the UA to continue its efforts to offer and maintain student activities of high quality."

DeRubens told the UA Finance Board Chairman, explaining the necessity for DeRubens' interceding in the process, saying, "I imagine that there exists a conflict between your [McBary] and John that between her and the Finance Board."

He blamed the poor relations on personality conflicts between past Finance Board members and MIT administrators. He did indicate a possible improvement in that relationship, and hoped that the Finance Board would become "involves in the formulation of the Development Office budget, from which we get our allocation."

The General Assembly, the legislative arm of the UA, approved a resolution last spring requiring the Finance Board to allocate any additional funds received using "the usual methods." Referring to that resolution, Pecen received, "It may sound like we should have budget complaints to allocate the $7,000 [for student activities], but all I think we should do is use this money in an allocated reserves. Then if a club has a request, we'll hear it."

The budget complications process would involve hearings for all groups requesting funds and the preparation of a supplementary budget for all part of the $7,000.

The government funds, according to DeRubens, "will be used primarily for the Social Council, publicity, and Special Projects. Special Projects, he explained, "is a fund set aside for the UA President to use for the undergraduates. We talked about MBTA subscriptions and a student bank or credit union. We want to start a pub in the Student Center. Without an increase, I don't think the budget would have lasted past November. There's too many things I want to do..."

MIT may get new life sciences institute

By Jack Link

The MIT administration and multi-millionaire J. Craig Venter '68 and David Baltimore to be the Institute's first director. Baltimore in American Cancer Society Professor of Microbiology at MIT. The agreement between MIT and the Board of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, which is now forming, calls for the Institute to have a faculty of 20 persons, many of whom would share appointments as MIT faculty members, acting in Professor Francis C. fibers. The professors' salaries, as well as the costs of support of additional graduate students, would be paid by the Whitehead Institute at a total annual cost of over $1 million. The annual income of the Institute will be $5 million, supplemented by research grants.

Whithead has offered an additional $1 million to MIT, pending the successful completion of initial agreements.

The Whitehead Institute would be housed in a $20 million building, to be constructed opposite the East Garage on the MIT campus, on land obtained from Boston Properties, according to a spokesperson for Whitehead.

"Boston Properties is negotiating with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to obtain approval for the deal, the spokesperson added." "So far, all agreements are oral," said Low. "During the next few weeks we are preparing a memorandum of understanding, preliminary to the drawing up of any contracts. It will be reviewed at the September faculty meeting, and no formal agreement can be concluded until the next meeting of the MIT Corporation in Oc-

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The Whitehead Institute is helping formulate preliminary plans for the structure of the Whitehead Institute. "MIT wants financial guarantees for the new professors' salaries, as well as effective independence for the Whitehead Institute," said Low.

Current plans call for three of the board's twelve members, as well as the director, to be MIT faculty members. While the Whitehead Institute will be independent of MIT, "We want to have serious input on policy decisions," said Low. "We will make every effort to minimize conflicts of interest between all parties involved," said Low. He cited the "increased breadth a first-rate research institute associated with MIT" would bring as the chief advantage to the collaboration.

"At the same time, we have to ask ourselves whether or not we are already big enough and what are the possible negative effects involved," explained Low.

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