Chairman sought for Corp.

Wiesner declines offer to replace retiring Johnson

By Barry S. Sarum

A committee charged with finding a new Chairman for the MIT Corporation has met once since its appointment a month ago by President Paul E. Gray '54, and the only person asked thus far has turned down the job.

The search committee, headed by Carl M. Mueller '41, will recommend a successor to retiring Chairman Howard W. Johnson for approval by the Corporation's Executive Committee.

Corporation bylaws call for the Chairman's post to be filled by a former president of the Institute, when possible, but President emeritus and Institute Professor Jerome Wiesner declined the position for personal reasons.

Only once since MIT's founding has a person other than the President been a former Chairman not been a former president — Vannevar Bush held the Corporation's top post from 1937 to 1959.

According to search committee member Emily Wade '45, the group sent letters requesting suggestions of candidates to alumni officers and Corporation members, and are still awaiting responses. "It's a matter of a name coming up," she said.

Neither Wade nor committee member Angus MacDonald '46 would speculate on who the next Chairman might be. Mueller was not available for comment.

Johnson is retiring after 12 years at the head of the Corporation, preceded by five years at the head of the Corporation bylaws call for the President of "merger of Residence and the Student Corporation Visiting Committee, which has met with the corporation, "We [in the ODSA] noticed that at the same time," he reported.

The request for reports is only a preliminary indication of how other activities will be contacted in the future, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Robert Holden. "That was kind of a quick first pass," Holden said. "That is not final."

A tentative agenda for the visiting committee to consider drafted by McBay included discussions about student activities and student government, various ODSA student aid programs, consideration of "merger of Residence Programs and Student Activities," and other student activities.

Holden will retire at the end of September, after 19 years of service to the Institute.

With Holden's departure imminent, and administrative funding being cut over the next three years, the Office of the President for Student Affairs is planning to consolidate its student activities and residence programs.

"Student activities are here to stay," Holden declared. "If there will be any policy changes."

Holden came to MIT in August 1953, as general secretary of the Technology Christian Association, and the Technology Community Association. Many functions that were performed by TCA have since been taken over by various MIT offices, Holden said.

Holden moved to the Dean's Office in 1956, and has been faculty resident in Tang Hall since 1967. He plans to return to his former residence in Newton, Massachusetts, to "meet my neighbors again."

"It's a ballroom," Holden said of his tenure at the Institute. "It's my heart is here and mind is here."

Neither Dean for Student Affairs Shirley McKoy nor Associate Dean Robert A. Sherwood was available for comment.

MIT seeks Simplex development plans

By Tony Zamparutti

MIT has selected three of five competing real estate developers to submit detailed proposals for the development of the Simplex land.

One of the companies eliminated had not hired architectural and engineering firms for the project, as did all other competitors, and the other did not seem to want to continue the competition, Walter Milne, Special Assistant to the President, noted.

MIT purchased most of the approximately 20 acres of property, located between Massachusetts Avenue, and Brookline, Pacific, and Purrington Streets just north of the Institute, from the Simplex Wire and Cable Company in 1970. Conflicts between MIT and Cambridgeport residents, and MIT attempts to develop the property, have so far been limited.

Five companies submitted preliminary proposals to MIT on May 7, and a panel of MIT administrators has met with representatives of each developer.

The preliminary proposals did not specify uses of the property, but preferred several possibilities. About seventy-five percent of the final use of the property will eventually be decided by the market, suggested Phillip Trussell, MIT Real Estate Officer.

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