Students attract, inform hometown applicants

By Andrea Mersa

The MIT Educational Council selected a program this year "to provide good information to applicants about what it's like to be a student at MIT," said Bonnie Kellermann 72, coordinator of the program.

The council created the program, called Project Contact, in 1982, but did not organize it until this year.

The 200 students involved in Project Contact visited high schools in their hometowns during (Continued from page 1)

The Student Employment Office.

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Digital and IBM's contributions, in equipment, support, and a steep staff, will total nearly $50,000. MIT has received pledges amounting to one-quarter of its $20 million goal, with additional funding, according to an October report.

The report does not discourage "far out" ideas, and indicates that Athena is an experiment in education whose success is heavily dependent on the innovativeness of the proposals.

Those making proposals may assume these resources will be available: "a screen oriented text editor, some version of FORTRAN 77, C, LISP and PASCAL, a numerical algorithms library, a graphics package, e-mail and file transfer programs and a text formatter," said the guidelines. "The graphics may be delayed until late spring 1984.

Digital has delivered about a quarter of promised equipment and is now installing it, according to Professor James D. Bruce Sr., '60, director of Information Systems and chairman of the project's Development and Operations Committee.

The equipment includes several VAX-11/750 minicomputers and Professional 350 microcomputers, some local resolution microchronometer terminals and a small number of high resolution terminals.

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