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STREAMLINING OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT: PROGRESS

Two recommendations on streamlining the activities of the Undergraduate Association were presented to Instcomm last Wednesday by the Student Government Investigating Committee and were approved by that body. The gist of the recommendations is on the preceding page and we see no point in repeating it here.

 Suffice it to say that reduction of so-called "rote-work" will leave the Institute Committees with more time, patience and resources to deal with matters of education, activities, campus and off-campus living problems, and representation of the undergraduate body before the public.

A third recommendation involving the combination of the Elections Committee and the Walker Memorial Committee is a Secretariat will be presented for approval next week by the IGIC and we urge Instcomm to adopt this measure as wholeheartedly as it approved the two recommendations of last Wednesday.

OPEN HOUSE RULES: A NEW DEVELOPMENT

We were very glad to note from a report in the Harvard Crimson that guests are now allowed in the Junior Common Room at Kirkland House until 11 o'clock on Saturday evenings, and we congratulate the residents on their achievement.

This leaves only Eliot House without an open house program of this type.

The report goes on to say that House members and their dates may use the Common Room for dancing, card-playing or checkers, as long as they fulfill three regulations, to wit:

1. Both chandeliers must be fully lighted.
2. No alcoholic beverages, including beer, may be drunk.
3. Good order, manners, and morals must be upheld.

We hope Kirkland House residents will be orderly while they are in the Common Room and we wish those at Eliot House speedy success in obtaining their rightful privilege.

At the same time those of us at the Institute who live on campus can consider ourselves fortunate in having a set of open house rules as liberal as the one put into effect last term; excepting those for Eliot House which have been so modified as to make the fraternities throw off the shackles of discrimination. One of the benefits from labor with which we are now engaged is the elimination of bow ties and formal dances. This makes the fraternities throw off the shackles of discrimination.

WHAT PRICE MORALITY?

The creation of a state censorship commission has been proposed by State Representative Gabriel P. Pimentel and has received initial approval from the legislative committee on state administration. Such a commission would review all books and periodicals before they could be sold in Massachusetts. The sale of unapproved publications would be punished by fines up to $1,000 or up to one year in jail.

The probable aim of the bill is to prevent immoral literature from getting into the hands of those citizens willing to purchase it. Assuming that a citizen is not free to police himself if he wants to, we can only praise the State Representative's proposal: if his bill is passed by the Legislature, a great deal of trashy books and magazines now on the bookstalls throughout the Commonwealth would disappear. All the same we question its feasibility, since those with time and money could secure such literature in a neighbor's state; in addition, any enforcement machine would tend to become rather complex.

All that, however, is beside the point. What is more important is the fact that legislation under which a certain book or magazine is harmful or not will remain with a board of two men: one appointed by the Attorney General and the other by the Commissions on Safety. If either of these men sets up a board of harmless, two men will be in a position to interpret them at will.

The arm of censorship is a two-edged weapon has been shown us by Nazi Germany and by the countries behind the Iron Curtain. While condemning with undisguised sincerity the regard for the moral welfare of the people of Massachusetts, a point Mr. Pimentel's bill, we cannot but spot with misgivings the possibility of the weapon being mishandled. It would take an Attorney General and a Commissioner of Public Safety of superhuman wisdom and magnanimity to prevent this.

It is after all better to see harmful literature on the bookstalls than to have a censorship board which may overreach itself.
Providence Downs
Tech Quintet 81-65
The Beaver five once again took the field against an overwhelming Providence quintet on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Walker Gymnasium. The Rhode Island squad caught fire early in the second quarter and proceeded to hand the Engineers their third defeat in twelve starts by the resounding score of 31-65.

Providence Too Strong
Coach Ed Leeder’s men were no match for the skilled eyes and fast breaks of the visiting squad, and just couldn’t keep pace. The Cardinal and Grey led throughout the first quarter but Providence found the mark twice in the last fifteen seconds to grab a 1-17 lead as the whistle blew. Although the Engineers had a 14-7 lead midway in the period.

Providence Leads All
From there on in it was all Providence and the Tech quintet was held at the half 30-20. Captain Mike Nacey was once again an outstanding performer, garnering 16 points. The Engineers are host to Brown College at Walker tonight.

The Beaver Barons
M.I.T., more famous for its brain power than for its athletic prowess, has seen, in recent weeks, the emergence of a new high jump star in the person of freshman Bill Antoine.

Athlete of the Week
Formerly of English High, famed for their trackmen, Antoine has been causing quite a stir in local and national track circles. Voiced the athlete of the week by the Boston Herald after winning the Boston YMCA handicap meet with a 6' 0" jump, to date the highest of his career, he showed himself worthy of the honor by later tying and breaking the record in the Blue Neptune meet.

The Engineers had a 14-7 lead midway in the period. Previously the Wildcats had bowed to Harvard and Tufts in close meets. Moreletters to be field in March events so far. Northeast- er coach Jerry Talbott’s squad has shown good first line strength, especially in the field events, but apparently lacks depth in most of the running events. Bob Seller, wight specialist, and Diane Mons- tiers, shot-putters, have been set- ting records in practically every event. Sal Masomian, jumping star in his senior year for the Wildcats, has been hampered recently by a bad back and after an excellent showing against Harvard, Glenn and Shea lead Wildcat runners.

Hackney Mile by Lancers
Ed Shea, two-mile star, and Dick Gilson, who has been alternating between the mile and the 1000-yard run, are the only athletes among the visiting runners. The former was hard hit by the loss of Ed Martin; the latter hurt on the team and an excellent shot-putter.

The Engineers faced a severe disadvantage in conditioning at this point, since this is the first meet of the season and they have been hampered in practice by bad weather coming up after exams and the midyear break. Jerry Carpenter, who holds the MITAA shot-put record, has the class to battle Monica- tone in that event but is just begin- ning to work into shape. Jerry Omanson, also a good shot-put man, has just come out and will not be ready for this weekend.

Relays Help Engineers
A month of indoor relay competition will help the engineer runners who have added many promising sophomores to an already strong squad. Other new additions include Ben Cox and Walt Hollier, quarter-milers, and distance man Clyde Baker. The returning students on the M.I.T. 4-2 plan for conclud- ing a fine early Technical education. One may also enter the high hurdles, where the Beaver have been extremely weak for the past five years.

Smokers
The sports staff of THE TECH would like to take this opportunity to urge all men who are interested in newspaper work, particularly sports writing, to attend the smoker being held in the student-faculty lounge on Tuesday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m.

NOTICES
Vacancies at Baker House
There are several rooms available in Baker House. For further information, please be made at the Baker House Office.

Freshman Lacrosse
Freshman lacrosse practice will officially start on Monday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. Prospective players are asked to report at that time to Room B10 in Briggs Field House. The team will be looking for fresh fast foot are invited. No experience: All freshmen interest in the game is acceptable for A2 credits.

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Pershing Rifles
Regiment Hosts At Competition

The MIT branch of Pershing Rifles held its Eighth Regimental Drill Assembly, to be held on Friday, April 3. The Company was given this honor at the Regimental Assembly held on February 8 and 9 in New York City. The Institute became basic on April 4 after a competition from Cornell University, which also wished to receive this honor.

The Eighth Regiment consists of the following: Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey who have Pershing Rifles units at 47 present colleges or two colleges with two units each. Among those to be represented in the competition are a few colleges in New York, Cornell, Fordham, New York University, Syracuse, College of Technology, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Boston, Rhode Island State, Queens College, and M.I.T.

Assembly Ball Highlight

According to the tentative program, there will be an Assembly Ball held in Boston, Friday, April 3. On Saturday morning the I.D.R. competition will take place and on Saturday afternoon the company will have the privilege of displaying their ability in fancy drill. The day will be capped with a stag banquet at the Eighth Regimental Assembly Ball. In previous years the Assembly Ball has been the highlight of the social season in many schools.

Last year the Institute company sent twenty men to the Regiment host held in New York City. The company competed only in I.D.R. drill, finishing fifth among seven companies competing.

Shooting to Win

This year the company, with the assistance of Capt. Shirley Landay and Drill Officer Roger House, will be shooting for the winner's circle. The company also wishes to show the true meaning of a successful social affair can be held in Boston. Specific details about the Steer will be released at a later date.

Prof. Fassett Speaks

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clambers into the assembly hall. They feel that they have been fairly successful in meeting needs of the Baker residents, and are particularly happy when one of their previous votes is returned with a friend.

Red "House Master"

When a student comes to Mr. Fassett with a problem, the two can retire into the privacy of a completely separated room to find the answers to delicate and confidential. Mr. Fassett feels that his job is to help, and gives advice when he is asked, and not to push. He and his wife have lived in the dormitory all along, in the dormitories, and greatly dislike the term "house master," preferring "faculty resident." They are solely responsible to the student body for the necessary and accountable. Mr. Fassett believes that he and his wife are "a fascinating, satisfying, but bewildering experient.

Registration Statistics

To assume that these specialized courses will attract students from the more general ones.

The sophomores are forecast with 60 percent of the juniors, and from the upper class body is completely by 600 freshmen, 702 seniors, and 357 seniors. One-third of the student body is in the graduate school, 1972. Both freshmen and seniors in V.I.A. and X.I.G. are counted as seniors.

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The argument in Dorm Committee concerned the justification of the petition. The case for the petition was presented by a representative of Boston University. The case against was presented by the committee chairman, William M. Melissia. The contentions of the petition were the following: that the dormitory is a dormitory and not a house; that the dormitory is a democracy and not a dictatorship; and that the dormitory is a community and not a collection of individuals. Mr. Fassett supported the petition and the dormitory is a democracy and community and not a house.

The vote was taken by a show of hands. The first vote was a five-for-five tie with two abstentions.

John Kety of Harvard House then changed his abstention to a "yes." Mr. Fassett and Mr. Kety then went to the dormitory to talk to the president of Boston University about the matter. Then the vote was brought up at the next In-Asilum Committee meeting, February 30.

The motion was that it be recommended to the house managers that the doors, closets, and household of a resident are secure from the search of house manager except in the presence of the owner. The motion was amended so that if the house manager and a member of the Judicial Committee have a decision to make, a majority of house rules is being committed they may search for that violation.

Open House Plans

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appointed chairman of the open house sub-committee. Personnel coordinator is Richard Baker, Secretary to Dan Ferguson. Treasurer is Stanley Snyder. All of the men are in the class of '36.

Bi-Annual Affair

Prior to the war Open House was a bi-annual affair, and six present plans call for continuance of this policy. The Open House will be the third since the war, since the Open House is primarily an undergraduate project, the committee wishes to encourage participation by many students as possible. It is hoped that many freshmen and sophomores will come out of the committee, as they will be responsible for the 1954 Open House.

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Ring Committees were accepted by the I.D.R. on a vote of three to two that the committee recommend purchasing junior rings from the firm of Loren Marchon. This firm was plucked out of a field of three which submitted sample. The rings were Dine's and Cross, L. G. Balfour and Loren Marchon. The latter will feature a ring featuring a good production of proper standards. Further information regarding the ordering of rings will be forthcoming, and cooperative students will be notified.

Members of the Senior Ring Committee are: Chairman, Alexander D. Danziger, '39; Stanley R. Busch, '39; Donna M. Loede, '39; M. A. Buoss, '39; J. Burgess Jameson, '39; and George D. Stevenson, '39.

Newly Elected Officers

The election of the officers to the Lecture Series Committee, W.M.T., National Students Association, and THE TECH were sponsored by the I.D.R.

New officers of the Lecture Series Committee are: Chairman, K. Bach, '39; Vice-Chairman, G. B. B. Milner, '39; Treasurer, Henry G. Good, '39; Secretary, Edward A. McCarty, '39; and Publicity Manager, E. D. Overender, '39.

W.M.T.

Radio station W.M.T.-recently announced the election of officers: Station Manager, John L. Bennett, '39; Assistant Station Manager, Michael J. O'Neil, '40; News Manager, D. A. P. Barbee, '39; Business Manager, Laurose R. Weinreich, '39; and Technical Manager, Joseph A. Johnson, '39.

The following officers of the Na-