



Field Day Investigating Comm Cites Dorms Cause Of Trouble

As a result of many complaints concerning the advisability of keeping Field Day as an annual event, a Field Day Investigating Committee was set up to study the situation. The associated problem of Freshmen—Sophomore pre-Field Day activities was also considered by the group. The following are some selected excerpts from the report which the committee has submitted to Institute Committee.

"This year activities connected with Field Day resulted in about \$900 damage to the dormitories—mostly in East Campus. In addition, several students received injuries requiring medical attention, and the studying and normal living of freshmen and sophomores in the dorms was completely disrupted. As a result of this, and other reasons, strong protests were made and a movement began to have Field Day eliminated from M.I.T."

Trouble is in Dorms

"There was almost no question of the location of the most of the pre-Field Day difficulties, which was the dormitories. Most of the fraternities have adopted rules of conduct within their houses before Field Day, and manage to enforce them. The dormitories, although they also have general rules of conduct which strictly forbid the mayhem that occurs, do not and can not enforce their rules."

Fraternities Closer Knit

"The explanation seems to be that each fraternity has a community spirit that prevents continual mayhem within the house, while this spirit is lacking in the dormitories for several reasons. These include the large size of the dormitories, the lack of effective student government in the dormitories before November, the fact that most dormitory students are very unconcerned with physical damage that is done to the dormitories unless it directly inconveniences them, and the really unfortunate fact that most of the dormitory residents neither know

nor care to know students outside of their cliques. Nothing can be done about the size of the dormitories in the near future, but the other faults can be at least partially remedied.

"Before the beginning of the term, the freshmen assigned to each dormitory should assemble at their dormitory for a part of sorts so that they may get to know each other. Beer is an excellent solvent for affairs of this nature. At this gathering, the House Committee Chairman and the Superintendent of the dormitory should acquaint the freshmen with the place and inform them of the house rules and penalties for not obeying them, especially for property damage. The first two weeks of the term each dormitory should try to have an open house by the faculty resident, one or two beer parties, a dance, and anything else anyone can think up to promote mixing and a feeling of belonging in all the residents. Violations of house rules should be punished promptly, and publicized, especially assessments for damage."

Beaver Oarsmen To Face Columbia In Saturday Race

Hoping to regain some prestige after last week's poor showing against Princeton and Harvard, the Beaver heavyweight crews will face Boston University and Columbia on the Charles this Saturday afternoon. The undefeated lightweights are not scheduled this weekend.

As usual, all three crews, varsity, junior varsity, and freshman, will race. The freshman race will start at about 4:30 p.m., and the other races will follow at half-hour intervals.

This regatta is the last home engagement of the year for the Engineer crews. Next weekend both heavies and lights will be competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate, at Washington and Princeton, New Jersey, respectively.

Heavies to Meet B.U. Again

In previous outings this year, the heavyweights have not fared too well, finishing last behind Princeton and Harvard last Saturday, and fourth behind Harvard, Rutgers, and B.U. before that. Although Boston University defeated the Beavers, in the first race of the year, the Terriers were less than a length ahead, and the Techmen might well outspurt them this time. Not much is known about Columbia, the other entry, other than that they lost their initial race against Cornell.

MIT, Tufts To Play At Hatch Memorial Shell

This Sunday afternoon the combined concert band of Tufts College and M.I.T. will present their annual concert in Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade. The shell is on the Boston side of the Charles River near the Longfellow bridge.

The program, which is to begin at 2:30 p.m., will consist of the following selections: "March and Procession of Bacchus" from Sylvia by Delibes, "Chorale, Prelude, and Fugue" in G Minor by Bach, "From the Shores of the Mighty Pacific" by Clarke, "The Hut of Baba-Yaga and The Great Gate of Kiev" from Pictures at an Exhibition by Moussorgsky, "March, Opus 99" by Prokofieff, "Czech Rhapsody" by Weinberger, "Toccata" by Frescobaldi, "Concert March, Lightly and Politely" by Wine-Gar, "Snow White Overture" by Churchill, and finally three marches—"Nibelungen" by Wagner, "Marche Lorraine" by Ganne, and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by Sousa.

Final Deferment Test This Term Offered May 21

Applications for the May 21 Selective Service College Qualification Test must be submitted to the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, not later than midnight next Sunday, May 11.

The May 21 test is primarily for students prevented by illness or other emergencies from taking the test April 23, but any qualified student may take the test if his application is mailed before the deadline. Students who have a certificate of admission for the April 23 test which they failed to use on the assigned date must submit new applications if they wish to take the May 21 test. The old certificates will not admit a student to the May 21 test. The May 21 test will be the last test this school year.

Application Forms in 7-102

The student may obtain a new application from any Selective Service local board. (Mrs. Lutz has applications, Room 7-102.) The application blanks should be submitted as soon as possible to the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

To be eligible to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test an applicant on the testing date (1) must be a Selective Service registrant who intends to request deferment as a student; (2) must be satisfactorily pursuing a full-time college course, undergraduate or graduate, leading to a degree; (3) must not previously have taken the test.

Test Mark of 70 to Pass

The criteria for consideration for deferment as a student at the present time are either a score of 70 or better on the Selective Service College Qualification Test or class standing among the male members in the upper half of the sophomore class, or upper three-fourths of the junior class. Seniors accepted for admission to a graduate school satisfy the criteria if they are among the upper half of the male members of their senior class or if they make a score of 75 or better.

These criteria are guides for the local boards. The local boards are not under compulsion to follow them, but any local board classification is subject to appeal. The appeal must be filed in writing with the local board within ten days of the date the local board mails the notice of I-A classification.

Reports For Coming Year Approved By Inscomm

Budget problems, social calendar, and committee reports were on the agenda of Wednesday's meeting of Institute Committee. The 1953-1954 budget for the Undergraduate Student Government was approved in record time with almost no objections. This came as quite a shock to veteran members of the committee, who have endured sustained debates in the past on this subject.

The budget is somewhat less than last year's in line with the

Institute's policy of cutting costs. The main appropriation, as in the past, is for the Athletic Association, which supports all the varsity and intramural sports at the Institute. Since admission is seldom charged at games or meets, the cost of the teams, and their equipment, must be borne by student government. The only other sizeable appropriation is for the operating expenses of Institute Committee itself, and its various sub-committees, such as the Secretariat, and the Finance Committee. The budget must now be approved by the Undergraduate Budget Board, and then by the Corporation, before it goes into effect.

Social Calendar Approved

The tentative social calendar for the year 1953-1954 was approved, also without objection. This also came as a shock to members who participated in last years wrangle on this issue. It was noted that having the Assemblies Ball, and the Fraternity Ball both on the same night was not too convenient, but that no other satisfactory arrangement could be made at that time of the year. A number of school acquaintance dances are being planned for the fall, including two Freshman acquaintance dances, and a dormitory dance of like nature. Dormitory Weekend will occur one weekend after the Assemblies Ball.

Michael Boylan '54, chairman of the Freshman Coordinating Committee, submitted a comprehensive report including a tentative schedule for the events to take place during the weekend. Upperclassmen are still needed to act as Freshmen counselors during the weekend, and anyone interested should contact Charles Masison, in the Burton House. A banquet for the counsellors will be held on the evening of September 16, in the Campus Room of the Graduate House.

Class "A" Debate Society

A report was submitted by Edwin G. Eigel, chairman of a committee appointed to investigate the Debating Society. The Society shall be carried in the future as a Class "A" activity. It had been demoted to provisional Class "A" status, as a result of its deterioration last year. The committee felt that the society has regained its place among the more vital activities at the Institute.

The Institute Committee passed the following resolution in support of the action recently taken by the corporation in regard to the professors who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

"Resolved: That the Institute Committee recognizes with a vote of appreciation the action of Prof. William T. Martin, Professor Isadore Amdur, and Professor Norman Levinson in
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'53-'54 Budget Cut Demands Drop Of Subscriptions

A cut in the Institute budget for the coming fiscal year has been announced by the President's office. Among the services to be dropped are the subscriptions for THE TECH which have been bought for all members of the faculty for the past five years.

The budget cut represents a substantial decrease in some of the administrative and service expenses at the Institute. It was emphasized by the President's office, however, that no academic expenses would be decreased. THE TECH faculty subscriptions are among the "niceties and services" which the administration felt could best be done without. Other services cut will be announced later.

Subscription Blank on Page 2

The cut in subscriptions will take effect next September. In order that all faculty members and others interested in receiving THE TECH regularly may do so, a subscription blank appears on page 2 of this issue. Subscription rates will be \$2.50 for one year, \$4.50 for two years, representing a decrease from the present rates. The new rates will be in effect for all individual subscriptions which start next fall.

ALL TECH DANCE

Because of the large demand for flowers over the Mothers' Day weekend, the All Tech Dance Committee has been unable to obtain a sufficient number of orchid corsages for ticket holders. The Committee has substituted more expensive flowers, Rubren Lillies. These are similar in appearance and color, and are somewhat larger than the orchids.

Dormitory Committee Discusses Searches, Open House Violations

Monday's meeting of Dormitory Committee produced two important resolutions, one dealing with room searches, and the other with open house violators. A resolution proposed by Jay Berlove '53, of Baker House, stated that no search can be made of a room without the presence of a resident of the room. It is understood that the Dormitory Committee is not able to set the policy of the Institute in this matter, but the resolution is binding on members of student government, and may be accepted as policy by the Institute, if it so desires.

Room Searches Discussed

The whole subject of room searches has been under considerable study of late, since Dean Bowditch stated in his original memorandum to dormitory residents that, "rooms may be inspected at any time, by authorized Institute personnel." This clause was subsequently discarded, but the furor created by it has continued. The above resolution is the latest in a series of attempts by student government to clarify the situation. It was the feeling of the committee that a search of a student's room might not be objectionable to him if he were present at

the time, and knew what the search was for. Hence, the motion mentioned above was passed.

Jerry Perloff '55, house chairman of Baker House, had proposed at a previous meeting that the names of open house violators be publicized, as a method of enforcing the rules. This was passed in the form of a motion which stated that "anyone who is found guilty of violating open house rules by the Dormitory Committee Judicial Committee will have his name, punishment, and violation made available to THE TECH for publication. It is hoped that the threat of publicity will deter possible violators of the rules in the future.

Dorm Weekend Loses Money

Fred Herzfeld '54, chairman of the Dormitory Social Committee, announced that although all the bills are not in yet, the two day dormitory weekend held about a month ago will run into a loss of about \$150.

The committee felt that this loss was rather excessive. Herzfeld said that he was not chairman at the time, and that he would prevent such a loss in the future, if at all possible.

Phi Sigma Kappa Chapter Suspended For Initiating Negro

Boston University's chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has been suspended by the fraternity's national board for pledging a Negro student.

Twenty other pledges initiated into Mu Triton chapter chose to join the fraternity in spite of the possibility of expulsion from the national body because of initiating the Negro. Messages of support were received by the B.U. chapter from houses at Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts, and Hartwick College in New York. Several alumni officers of the group are also supporting the chapter's action. The Boston University Inter-Fraternity Conference at a meeting on Monday gave a unanimous vote of confidence to the group in its stand.

National Gives Reason

The alleged cause of the chapter's removal was violation of a constitutional clause forbidding Hell Weeks. This, however, according to a member of the B.U. house was an excuse on the part of the national council. He contended that most of Phi Sigma Kappa's chapters have held such affairs for years.

The Wesleyan chapter of the fraternity severed its national affiliations in 1951 because it could not agree with national rulings and policies which they felt were discriminatory.

Had "Gentlemen's Agreement"

The question of admitting Negroes to the fraternity, which then had no discriminatory clause, but a "gentlemen's agreement," came up at the last national convention in the summer of 1952. At that time a resolution was
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Dylan Thomas Reads Poems And Passages

Dylan Thomas, who appeared on the Lecture Series Committee's program last year, will speak next Monday, May 11. Mr. Thomas is a Welch poet who is noted for his rhythm and voice delivery. At 8 p.m. in Room 6-120, Mr. Thomas will read famous poems and passages from his own poems.

Another movie from the Museum of Modern Art Library will be shown at 5, 7:30, and 9:30 p.m. on May 14, in Room 1-190 by the Lecture Series Committee. The movie is entitled "M" and stars Peter Lorre.