

# ELECTION ISSUE

## Preferential Balloting System To Be Employed In Coming Student Government Election

Voting in the coming undergraduate elections will be on a preferential basis. Ballots will list all candidates for a given office, and voters are requested to list their order of preference opposite each name, "1" for first choice, and so on. The results are to be tabulated according to the "preferential proportional system."

Under this system, all votes for a given office are distributed according to first choice. In the event that no candidate has a majority, the one receiving the lowest number of first place votes is eliminated, and his ballots are distributed among the other candidates according to second choice. If there is still no majority, the lowest remaining candidate is eliminated, and his ballots are redistributed according to second choice. Only second place votes are considered, all remaining ballots being set aside temporarily.

This procedure is continued until one candidate receives a majority of

the remaining ballots. He then receives the office, provided that this majority constitutes at least forty per cent of all ballots cast. If not, the counting begins again, this time including third place votes where necessary, and the same procedure is used repeatedly until one candidate's majority represents forty per cent of all valid ballots.

In all elections, the vice-president will be selected from the defeated candidates for president. Votes will again be distributed according to first choice, and eliminations carried out as above, except that votes for the president-elect will not be counted. The rule requiring forty per cent of all ballots also holds in selecting the vice-president.

This method of tabulating the votes attaches great importance to second and third choices, and so voters are urged to consider carefully the relative merits of all candidates, and not merely decide on their first choice.

## All Students Will Ballot Tuesday For Head Of Undergraduate Body; Candidates To Speak On WMIT

### Candidates Named For Presidency Of Dorm Council

Dormitory residents will elect a new President of Dormitory Council (a change from the traditional Dormitory Committee) on Thursday, Feb. 25, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. This past Monday the Council, after approving its new Constitution nominated Len Wharton (Burton), Dave Nasatir (Baker), Sheldon Busansky (East Campus), John Seiler (East Campus), Eldon Reiley (East Campus), and Gerry Perloff (Baker). Nominations were held open until the next meeting. It is to be noted that any candidate can run whether he is

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For the first time, all four classes will participate in the election of a President of the Undergraduate Association, as one of the most interesting campaigns in several years draws to a close. Next Tuesday's balloting will decide who is to occupy the highest office in student government.

Previously, only the junior class chose the individual who performed the dual function of class president and head of the Institute Committee. Under the new plan, the juniors will elect a separate class president for their senior year.

The winner of Tuesday's election will preside over the reorganized Inscomm. Under the revised Constitution this consists of the President and Vice-President of the Undergraduate Association, the president and a representative-at-large from each of the four classes, four dormitory representatives, three delegates from the I.F.C., two commuters, a representative from the Association of Women Students, and a member of the Activities Council.

Gerald Perloff, Eldon H. Reiley,

Harry Schreiber, and John J. Seiler, all of the Class of 1955, are candidates for the office. Profiles and statements of the candidates appear elsewhere in this issue.

Balloting will be conducted in the lobbies of Buildings 10 and 2 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Institute registration cards will be required as identification for all voters.

The four candidates will appear on a half-hour forum over WMIT, on Monday night at 7:45 p.m. They will discuss, without preparation, questions submitted by their fellow nominees.

# The Candidates For President



GERALD PERLOFF '55

The basic aim of Institute Committee is to fulfill student government's obligation to the people who support it, you, the students.

First, let's look at student government. In reality, the role of student government is necessarily a divided one. 1. Student government must consider the long term results of its actions as they affect the M.I.T. community. 2. Student government must represent each and every student. Institute Committee's responsibility lies in choosing the path that offers the most individual freedom as is consistent with the maximum good of M.I.T.

Some of the issues that have been widely discussed are fraternity clauses, open house rules, assessments, and Field Day. Let's discuss these issues.

I feel that it is possible to pressure a person to change what he says, but if you have not changed how he feels, nothing has been accomplished. Basically, you cannot legislate public opinion. Initial action must come from the individual fraternities. Then

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ELDON H. REILEY '55

After more than two years of devoting its major effort to reorganizing itself, student government has just woken up to find itself in the position where it must actually justify its very existence to the student body. We've had two years of theorizing, wishful thinking, and good intentions. Now it's time we had a little action.

There is just one issue before you in Tuesday's election. Nearly everyone agrees on what's wrong with student government. The question is: what are we going to do about it, and HOW?

We all agree that student government should be more responsive to student opinion. The problem is HOW to make it so. This is no time for idealistic talk about something we all agree on—this is a time for concrete proposals.

Here's how I would solve the problem:

I would form a Liaison Committee to keep student government informed of student opinion. This liaison group would keep abreast of student sentiment by having its membership drawn

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HARRY SCHREIBER '55

A rapid view of the election picture this year, and a fast look at student sentiment, reveal that there are no concrete issues on which this campaign for the presidency of the Undergraduate Association should be won or lost. It should be fought rather, on a principle, and our willingness and ability to try to uphold this principle. This principle is to make student government meaningful for the student, to make it speak for the student! What the president would have is not a program that will follow a set plan throughout the year, but a militant attitude toward student rights, and some sort of feeling for student opinion. This year, with the implementing of reorganization, with the Institute Committee organized along more representative lines, the challenge facing it is to truly represent the student, in its actions, to the public, and to the Institute.

This is a beautiful objective, but how are we going to effect it? What is needed to make student government a voice of the students, and not an echo of administration policy. The

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JOHN J. SEILER '55

Student Government . . . . . and the Administration.

The basic difference between student and administrative viewpoints is a varying emphasis on short-range and long-range policies. For example, students find it difficult to understand the value of a ten year construction program in terms of their needs as students now. It is for student government to represent and explain the student needs to the Administration, and to fight for policies which will alleviate present needs while still providing for a better educational environment in the future.

. . . . . and Education

1. The Freshman Advisory Program of the FCC will be strengthened both in dorms and fraternities. Upperclass advisors will be asked to attend discussion seminars this spring with members of the Freshman Advisory Council and the Medical Department. These sessions will acquaint them with basic methods of group dynamics and an understanding of common psychological problems.

2. I would recommend to the In-

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### EDITOR'S NOTICE

The statements at the left were received in reply to the following letter, sent by The Tech to all presidential candidates.

Dear Sirs:

This newspaper feels that it would be illuminating for its readers to have some pertinent statement from you, the candidate for this office. Since we believe that people should be elected to office on some basis other than their personality, as has evidently been the case in past instances, we should like something of the nature of a definite platform from each of you. Obviously this is nothing more than an outline of the things you plan to do, or plan to suggest to Institute Committee to do, for the Undergraduates at the Institute, if elected to office.

In addition we would like your views on matters, if any, which you deem to be "issues" in the forthcoming election. Possible issues could be discrimination in fraternities, assessments of students, expelling students from dormitories, the continuance of Field Day and associated problems of freshman hazing, the Student Union building and its method of financing, and the responsibilities of student government to the undergraduate body. You can probably think of others.

We should like a statement of about 500 or 600 words (not longer please) covering these points, together with a photograph, from each of you by next Wednesday (Feb. 17) afternoon. Please leave this material with the secretary in the Institute Committee office. Thank you for your trouble.

Sincerely yours,  
Norman G. Kulgein  
General Manager, Volume 74

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## Editorial

### ELECTIONS TUESDAY — SO WHAT?

Each year, every undergraduate contributes approximately fourteen dollars towards the support of Institute Committee. This is accomplished without the explicit knowledge of the student in the following manner. Fifty dollars of the \$900 tuition fee is allocated by the Institute for expenditures on student affairs. This sum amounts to \$260,000 per year. Of this money, some \$41,000 is given to Institute Committee for use in running student government and supporting such activities as the Athletic Association, the Lecture Series Committee, and the Combined Music Clubs.

On Tuesday, the entire undergraduate body, the same persons who contribute the fourteen dollars mentioned above, will choose a man to head the organization that controls this large sum of money. One of four candidates will be elected President of the Undergraduate Association.

In every election that we have ever been acquainted with, be it national, local, or even high school, the candidates at least took the trouble to offer some definite program to the voters. Here at M.I.T., ostensibly a school with progressive ideas, the candidates for the most important elective office in student government have not even bothered to offer a specific platform, or, in fact, anything that even remotely resembles one, to the voters.

One candidate speaks at great length about communications. If by some miracle something significant should happen at an Incomm meeting, he would have the news transmitted as quickly as possible to the student body. However, definite proposals for prompting such miracles, i.e., some constructive ideas about what he would have Institute Committee actually do, never appear. Another speaks in glittering generalities about student government being responsive to the needs, desires, and opinions of students. This is a fine thought—it's just that we believe that a candidate should have some positive ideas of his own, at least in the beginning. The other two candidates have roughly the same point of view. They feel that the problems connected with the reorganization of Institute Committee are such that it will be a big enough task to conquer the intricacies of the new setup, let alone accomplish any positive beneficial action for the student body.

In contrast to this common lack of a platform, all of the candidates have something to say about what they consider to be "issues" in the forthcoming election. Some of these issues include discrimination in fraternities, student assessments, financing of a Student Union Building, open house regulations, and the problems of Field Day and Freshman hazing. It is doubtless true that the great deal of printed material distributed in the last few weeks containing the candidates' views on key issues has been either an overt evasion of these questions, or a neutral, middle-of-the-road approach. Nevertheless, the choice among the candidates will have to be made on the admittedly flimsy basis of what their views on the issues are.

All those who have participated in any M.I.T. election realize that the successful candidate was chosen on the basis of his looks, activity record, cumulative average, or merely by chance. The election for President of the Undergraduate Association offers an excellent chance to put an end to this sham. For the first time in recent Institute history, all four undergraduate classes will vote together to elect a single officer. In the future, even if unfortunately not next Tuesday, a successful candidate for the office of President of student government will have to offer some definite program to the undergraduate body. People will become interested in having something rather than someone to vote for.

In order to demonstrate to student government and to future candidates for office in student government that we, the undergraduate body, take more than a casual interest in our own government, it is imperative that everyone vote. A truly active student government can be obtained only through a truly active, voting student body.

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first two requisites are a true representation of the students' views, and bold leadership which is not afraid to voice these views and stick by them if they are sound. A portion of the

first objective should be realized with the reorganization. Closer cooperation with Dormitory Committee, I.F.C., and 5:15 club would help to reach this goal. I have had varied experiences both inside and outside student government, and with this experience I would attempt to achieve this pur-

pose, and these goals.

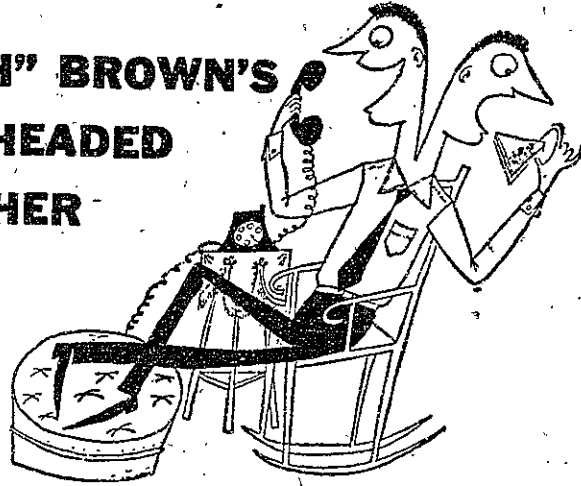
The whole idea of echoing the student's views, of standing up to the institute for the student sounds fine, but the problem is, how are we going to do it?

The new Institute committee will be free of many of the procedural duties of the old, and will have more time to delve deeper into basic problems of the student and of student life.

The first basic problem that should be brought up to the new Institute Committee is a complete study of the rules, regulations, and attendant penalties which effect the extra curricular activities of undergraduates, specifically the rules about which there is the most dispute at the present moment. At M.I.T., we pride ourselves in the fact that individual responsibility is important, that we should be able to do, within reasonable limits, exactly what we want. To keep such a concept, it is necessary to have only those rules for which there exists a definite need or valid reason. Many of our rules have such definite reasons as a basis, but there are several exceptions, like cooking in rooms, which do not on the surface seem to have such a valid basis. Open House rules in some form are necessary, but since Open House Rules enforcement is ultimately left to Incomm's Judicial Committee, it seems only fair that the Institute Committee should review the rules which it is enforcing, and the penalties that it is imposing. In the field of rules, the responsibility of enforcement should carry with it the privilege legislation and review.

A second item with high priority for the new Institute Committee is the subject of Freshman Rules and Field Day. I am myself, quite in favor of retaining Field Day, and some revised system of Freshman Rules. Field Day is one of the few traditions at this school, and it serves well to push the freshman into working together. Freshman rules are an outlet for hazing enthusiasts, and a very definite help to the Freshman, in that they get some little knowledge of their surroundings, and who's who. To be of any real value, such rules should be planned in the early spring.

## "FLASH" BROWN'S TWO-HEADED BROTHER



A certain Sophomore named Brown acquired the appellation "Flash," not because he was lightning on the gridiron, but just because he was never without an answer.

You'd pass him on the quadrangle and say "How's it goin', Flash?" He'd answer, "Air Express." Get the pitch?

Brown often referred to his "two-headed brother" in conversations. One day a few men in his fraternity were needling him.

"Your brother's two heads must present quite a few problems."

"Not really. The only problem was his neatness," said Flash.

"Neatness?" "Yes," answered Flash, "he worried about it. Said he couldn't find a shirt that didn't wrinkle around the collar. You see, he was often looking in two directions at once, or eating and talking on the telephone. Hard on a collar."

"What did you do?" They knew he did something about it.

"Simple. I got him the Van Heusen Century shirt with the exclusive soft collar that won't wrinkle ever! I got him different collar styles and colors. \$3.95 for the white, \$4.95 for the colors and superfine whites. You should have seen the grins on his faces when he saw how those collars stayed neat all day and night without starch or stays."

"I guess he can really hold his heads up now," said one.

"Yep. He figures he gets four times more wear from Century than from other shirts. Of course, he actually only gets twice the wear. He just figures in both heads."

One of the men visited Brown at Christmas, and found it was all true.



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# The Candidates: Records, Opinions, And Views

An Analysis Based on Interviews by the Features Staff

## Gerald Perloff

Gerald Perloff '55, the most recent candidate to enter the contest for president of the undergraduate association, is basing his campaign on the premise that "each living unit should have as much individual freedom as is consistent with the maximum good of the M.I.T. community."

He believes that InstComm should not concern itself "with those issues which Dormitory Committee and the Intra-Fraternity Council are competent to deal with."

Perloff does not think that InstComm has "overstepped its bounds in many cases", but has not named any specific cases where he believes it has exceeded its authority.

He approves of the recent re-organization of Institute Committee, and

## Eldon H. Reiley

Eldon Reiley '55, candidate for president of the Undergraduate Association, and former news director of WMIT, is placing the major emphasis of his campaign on that grand old warhorse of M.I.T. political issues: "Communications" (with a capital "C"), although (which is something new in Institute politics) he is doing it from the point of view of a working newsman.

The main trouble, as Reiley sees it, is not the lack of facilities for communication between the student body, its representatives, and the administration. He feels that the news gathering media such as *The Tech* and WMIT do a good job so far as conditions permit them. But that the trouble lies in the "reluctance on the

## John J. Seiler

Right under the customary problem of "the lack of contact between student government and the student" John Seiler '55 ranks "the responsibility of student government to resist all pressures" (presumably by either the administration and/or outside groups) "to further restrict Open House rules."

He observes that the administration is apparently "not willing to place as much confidence in students' moral standards as they ought to," and that what he terms "this tendency toward a 'paternal attitude' seems to be in marked variance with the general Institute policy towards its students of allowing them to assume self-responsibility for as many of their actions as possible."

On the other hand, he emphasized that all Open House privileges are dependent on the continuing strict enforcement of existing regulations. Seiler believes that present student enforcement of open house rules, while not perfect is far more to be preferred than administration enforcement.

On the issue of discriminatory clauses in fraternity constitutions, Seiler "cannot foresee any motion designed to apply additional pressure" to the fraternities in question being passed by Institute Committee this year.

He divides all fraternities into four categories: 1. Those with neither discriminatory clauses nor practices. 2. Those who have these clauses but are doing their best to have them repealed by their national organizations. 3. Those who have these clauses, and say they want to get rid of them but really do not want to eliminate them. 4. Those who have these clauses, approve of them and do not wish to eliminate them. (There is only one fraternity in this last category.)

"Nothing More Can Be Done" Seiler believes that "nothing more can really be done than to help those who need help in their fight with their national organizations." He expects no really significant immediate progress.

He does not propose any immediate overt action, but rather a continuation of the fact finding of the past few years by "making use of the standing InstComm committee on discriminatory practices." He would like to see a report made showing how the other New England schools have handled the same problem. He would also favor a poll to determine the students' sentiments on the issue of discrimination.

Seiler sums up his position this way: "Regardless of my personal opinions, any action initiated or continued by the present InstComm must reflect both an understanding of the opinions and desires of the student community and an appreciation of the rights of the fraternity group."

Student Government Record Seiler entered the field of student government during his first year at the Institute. A comparatively little known member of the freshman council, he was elected Sophomore class president at the end of his freshman year. In this position, Seiler represented his class on InstComm last year, and participated in the reorganization of the membership of that body. During this past year, he has been chairman of the Dormitory Judicial Committee.

"Coffee-Pot Criminals" In addition to open house rules violations, Seiler has become familiar during his year on JudComm with the problem of the "coffee-pot criminals". He believes that the problem of the present ban on cooking in the dormitories can be solved. The objections raised by the administration to this practice—the electrical safety hazard, possible vermin trouble, and possible damage to the plumbing, can all be met, Seiler states, by setting aside some rooms within the dormitories which could receive the necessary special attention to prevent any trouble.

On the question of hazing, Seiler

## Harry Schreiber

Harry Schreiber '55 believes that "now is the time for student government to take a long look at the rules it has been enforcing." He points out that since its recent reorganization, student government "is in a position to re-evaluate both the forms of its rules and the penalties associated with them."

Specifically, he proposes a sub-committee to investigate the twin problems of open house rules and cooking in the dormitories.

"InstComm", he goes on to say, "need not say 'yes' to everything the administration proposes". . . For example, until recently there was a ten cent 'beer tax' on all alcoholic beverages served in Walker Memorial during dances, etc. And in addition all drinks had to be served by a member of the Walker staff. Pressure by the Secretariat social division (of which I was chairman) finally induced the administration to remedy these conditions." He believes that this example is indicative of a general situation which might be corrected by an exhaustive survey of the responsibilities of student government.

### Favors Field Day

Schreiber is in favor of the continuation of Field Day, particularly because it is a good opportunity to let off steam, and partly because "it is one of the few genuine traditions at the Institute". He believes that less violent methods of freshman hazing ought to be found, but that a reasonable set of freshman rules should be maintained.

### Discrimination

He expects no decisive action to be taken in the immediate future on the question of discrimination in fraternities. However, he states that "if the new report by the InstComm sub-committee concerned with this topic (which is expected in a few weeks) shows that some fraternities are 'fluffing off' InstComm should compel them to show some legitimate attempt to convince their national organizations to eliminate these discriminatory clauses."

Schreiber gives some examples of a "legitimate attempt" as: writing letters to other fraternities in the

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national organization soliciting their support in the fight to remove the offending clauses, as well as an intensive campaign during the organization's national conventions.

Schreiber would make an exception of those fraternities which limit their membership to a tightly defined religious group, pointing out that anyone who wishes to join such a fraternity merely has to espouse the religion in question in order to qualify. He contrasts this with the clauses limiting membership to persons of "white, Aryan blood" which he condemns.

### No "Gentlemen's Agreements"

He is sure that the main problem in M.I.T. fraternities is getting rid of discriminatory clauses, and believes that "gentlemen's agreements" are non-existent at the Institute.

He believes quite firmly that no drastic action to eliminate these clauses by requiring that fraternities secede from their national organizations is advisable, and lists several reasons why he feels such a course would be unjust:

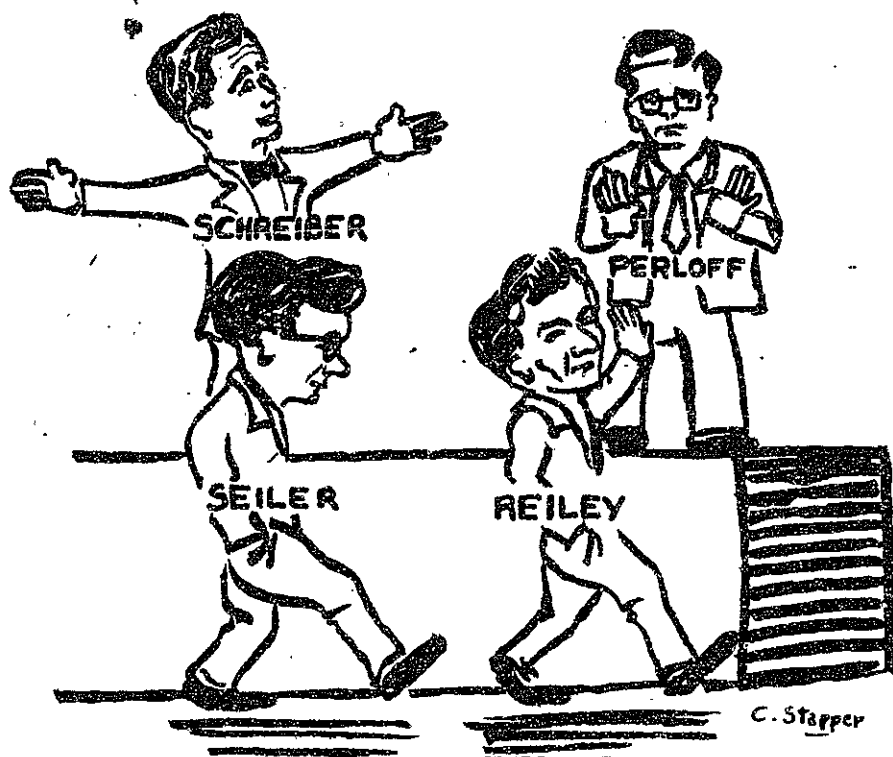
"Three or four houses would be financially ruined by secession and a number of others severely shaken. Those fraternities who seceded from the national organizations would have to change their names and would consequently be at a disadvantage during 'Rushing' with respect to the 'name' fraternities on campus. And finally, according to the InstComm sub-committee's last report all of the fraternities in question are making (Continued on page 6)

## Reiley

Reiley's national affiliation and MIT affiliation", mainly because he thinks the fraternities can do more by fighting within their national organizations, and partly because he believes this is unfair to many of the fraternities involved. In addition, Reiley does not think that student opinion would not support so drastic a step.

### An Alternative

As an alternative to more drastic action on the discriminatory clauses issue, he calls for a conference of New England colleges to discuss this issue, and to work out plans for joint pressure to be exerted on the national organizations of the fraternities involved. (A conference of this type was planned last year, but at the suggestion of a member of the administration,



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points out that "the reduction from 35 to 16 members and a change to equal representation, will enable it to act as a cohesive unit."

On the question of discriminatory clauses in fraternity constitutions, Perloff states that "Any action concerning these clauses should come initially from the fraternities."

He believes that the "place of InstComm at the present moment is to help individual fraternities in their efforts to persuade their national organizations to remove the clauses in question," assuming good faith on the part of these fraternities.

Perloff sees no real solution to the problem if the fraternities really do not want to rid themselves of these clauses, since "it is not possible to force people to change their opinions. . . . But", he continues, "if, as the last InstComm report showed, the fraternities sincerely want to eliminate these clauses, the best solution would probably be reached by a combined group meeting consisting of representatives of the fraternities, members of the administration, and student government acting as a guide."

Perloff does not give his unqualified approval to the effectiveness of the enforcement of open house rules during the past year. He admits that there has been a definite improvement in enforcement, but feels that there is still "something missing, that enforcement is not the only solution."

He believes that the "best solution is to have DormComm conduct a poll as well as an educational program to determine the feelings of each and every student on the present open house rules, and use this as the basis for re-evaluating the present system. . . . A poll conducted in Baker House by its hall chairmen showed that a majority of the residents favor the existing open house hours."

Perloff is not troubled by any prospect of administration or other pressure to restrict open house hours, saying "I believe firmly that the administration will follow student government in whatever course they may take on open house hours."

In nearly a year as chairman of the Baker house committee, Perloff claims to have, among other things (Continued on page 6)

part of student government and the administration to make public what they are doing or planning to do until it is already done. . . . Not that either (student government or the administration) intentionally keep information undercover, but rather that they keep it 'undisseminated'. As an example, he cited the administration's action in removing bedspreads from East Campus beds, and offering no explanation until one was specifically asked for by student government.

Reiley feels that it is the responsibility of both student government and the administration to "take the initiative" in making information available to the student public.

### Increased Publicity

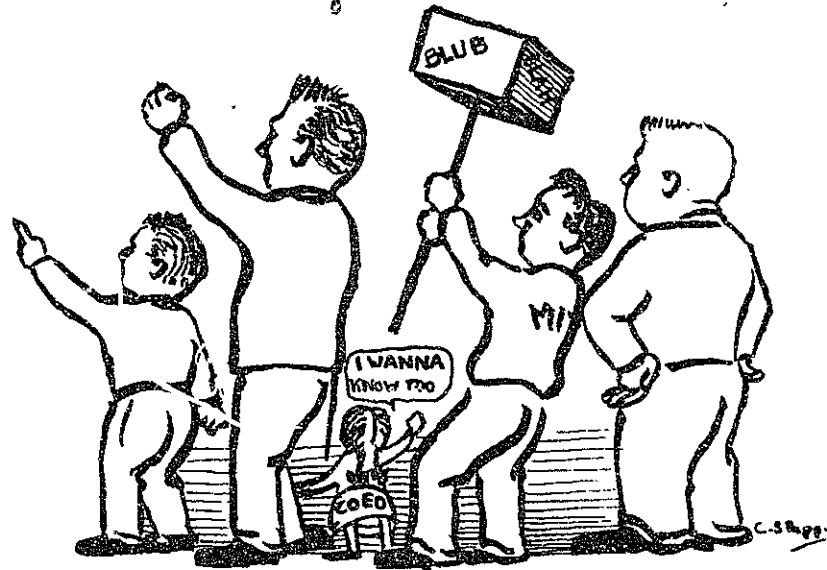
He admits that there is little that the head of student government can do to influence the administration, if the administration does not choose to be influenced, but points out that there is much that student government can do on its own, as, for example, giving increased publicity to the jobs open in student government for freshmen.

Within the past year Reiley has had a great deal to do with reporting the news on campus. During his term as news director of WMIT, the station's news staff increased from two to 18 in number, and the number of news broadcasts increased to include the featured evening news broadcast "This Happened Today."

### Position On Discrimination

Reiley's position on discrimination in fraternities has changed in one important particular in the months since he was a member of the InstComm subcommittee to investigate "discriminatory clauses" in fraternity constitutions. He now feels that fraternities which limit their membership to a single, small, compact, tightly defined, homogeneous group should no more be thought of as being bigoted than organizations such as the Armenian Club or Chinese Club. He believes that concern should be concentrated on those fraternities which for example limit their membership to that large and amorphous fiction, people of "white Aryan blood." He is not in favor of any "coercive action that would force a fraternity to choose be (Continued in the fifth column)

ENOUGH TALKING NOW!  
WHAT ARE THE ISSUES!



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feels that the InstComm action in banning off campus hazing is a step toward a desirable de-emphasis of hazing as it has been practiced in the past.


He is in favor of the continuation of Field Day if only because of the novelty of seeing a large group of people gathered at the Institute for the purpose of watching sporting events.

tion, the topic of the conference was changed to "Education." Due to scheduling difficulties the conference, even in its changed form, was never held.) He firmly believes that group pressure exerted on a national level is the only reasonable approach to this problem.

Reiley was chairman of the committee in charge of planning last year's (Continued on page 8)

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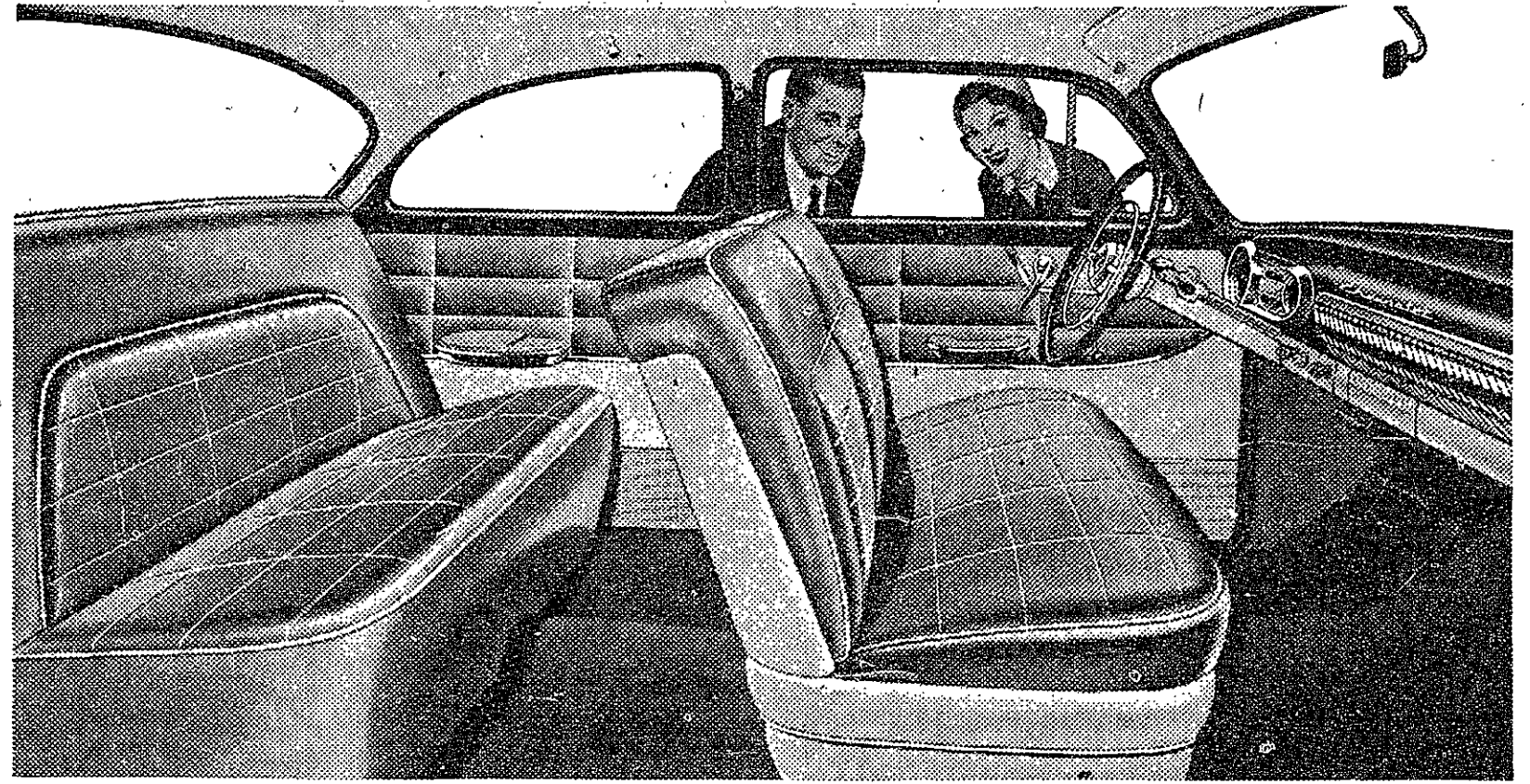
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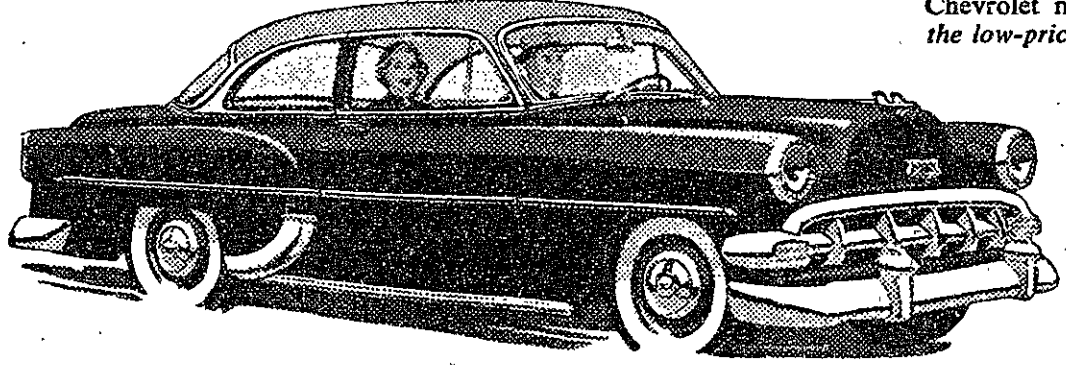
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# Zone Defense A Feature Of Tech Cage Win Streak

It looks as if Tech cage fans finally have something to cheer about. The varsity basketball team has swept its past four games to bring its season's record to the .500 mark with a very respectable five won and five lost slate.

Coach "Scotty" Whitelaw cited improved shooting, better condition and more "hustle" as the main factors in his team's recent surge. Not enough has been said about the importance of the Engineer defense. Improved condition heightened the effectiveness of Coach Whitelaw's zone, and three of the past four wins were at least partially a result of the alert zone defense.

Much has been said about Stan Shilensky '55, whose great improvement was a feature of the Tech win streak. We need only point out that there is a world of difference between the almost lethargic play of the Shilensky of a month or so ago and the hustling aggressiveness of the Shilensky of the New Bedford and Bowdoin games.

Carl Hess '55 has been playing great ball for the Beavers. Hess, who looks to be potentially a great ball player, excels in every department, and is undoubtedly the top defensive ballplayer on the club. He looked especially impressive in the first half of the Bowdoin game.

Ranzy Giff Weber '55 has been the team's steadiest scorer. Perhaps Weber's most important contribution to the team is his great rebounding ability. Off the defensive board Weber will time and again leap high into the air to make a sensational one hand spear and come down with the ball. Offensively, Weber teams with Stan Shilensky to play volleyball off the backboard and score repeatedly on tap-ins.

Sports Shots

Putting one little word after another, and whatever became of the freshman basketball team? We all know they've got a coach . . . Why doesn't "Tiger" Britt '55 shoot more? He was easily the most impressive Tech cager in a pre-season game, but since then he's been playing McGuire-type ball. He hustles and fights like Al and shoots as seldom as Dick . . . The freshman squash team boasts two of the top prospects in recent years in Howie Cohen, newly crowned Massachusetts class "D" king, and Thomas Thomas . . . Rumor has it that if the varsity cage team continues its improved play a road trip will be made next year . . . Looking to the future, East Campus' fabulous center, "Dee" Vergun '55, has been working out with the varsity. Looks great and he'll be eligible next year (he's a transfer student from Texas U.) . . . Two other top-flight intramural cagers are Mike Kennedy '55, Phi Kappa's jump shooting whiz and East Campus' big (6-2) classy Dick Hurlbut '53 (another transfer) . . . Shilensky raised his average from under 4 points a game to well over ten with his recent fine play . . . Keep your eye on sophomores Larry Hallee and John Patierno. Hallee has been strong off the boards and a consistent scorer. Patierno is a smooth backcourtman with a lot of "savvy" . . . Don't miss the All-Star-Varsity game coming up next month. It should be the acid test for the highly touted intramural standouts . . . We think next year's quintet will be a great one.

## Tech Rifle Team To Host Tourney; Rane Takes First

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Two matches are scheduled, with the Junior Varsity firing in the morning, and the Varsity in the afternoon. A trophy for the winning team is being provided by Tech, and will be presented as soon as the final scores are official.

The results of the annual William Randolph Hearst match have been tabulated. The M.I.T. team, led by Phil Rane, '54, with a score of 192, and backed by Pete Alexander, '56, Harry Johnson, '57, Bill Naylor, '57, and Paul Birman, '57, took second place in the First Army Area with a score of 932. The 192 fired by Rane was sufficient to win top place individually in this army area.

## Varsity Cagers, Intramural Stars To Vie March 8

In a fitting climax to both the varsity and intramural basketball schedules, an intramural all-star team will clash with the Tech varsity for the court supremacy of the Institute. This game will be the feature contest of a charity doubleheader scheduled for Monday evening, March 8. In the first game, the Beaver freshman team will face the faculty in what should prove to be an interesting event.

As in the past, *The Tech* will announce its all-star selections in the next issue. With over two hundred intramural players to choose from, the all-stars should have a top-flight aggregation featuring height, good ball-handling, and rebounding ability. The all-stars' big problems will be stopping Shilensky, Weber, and Hess, plus the fact that the varsity is better conditioned and has the advantage of playing an entire season together.

The frosh-faculty preliminary will feature youth versus experience. This game should give the frosh a chance to gain revenge on several pros who may have given them a tough time in class.

VARSITY BASEBALL

There will be a meeting of all candidates for the Varsity Baseball Team on Friday, February 26, at 5 p.m. in Briggs Field House.

# Four Straight For Beavers, Down Bowdoin By 79-58

Led by the high-scoring trio of Carl Hess '55, Stan Shilensky '55 and Giff Weber '55, the Engineer basketball team turned in its finest performance of the year to take its fourth straight win, routing Bowdoin, 73-58.

Close First Quarter

The first quarter was a nip-and-tuck contest. Although the Techmen scored less than 25% of their shots in this period they managed to keep even with Bowdoin on the strength of their superior board play. After trailing for the first four minutes of play Tech drew ahead 9-8 on Jack "Tiger" Britt '55's driving lay-up. Hess' jump shot and Weber's three point play set up by an Allen "Dutch" Schultz '54 feed completed the scoring and the quarter ended with the score 16-16.

In the second quarter the Beavers shooting percentage went up slightly to 33%. Hess with six points and Larry Hallee '56 with five were the big guns here. Two minutes after the buzzer Hess drove in for an underhand lay-up which made the score 25-24 in favor of Tech. The Beavers were never caught again. Hallee swished two fouls, Weber hooked one in, Hess scored two field goals and a foul, and Tech finished the half seven points ahead.

Shilensky, Weber Star

The third quarter was Tech's best. The team netted eight out of sixteen shots for a 50% shooting average. Stan Shilensky and Giff Weber played their best ball during this period. They scored 9 and 7 points respectively and both hit the cords with 50% of their shots. Stan not only shone in the scor-

ing department but was particularly impressive on defense and off the boards. How well he and the rest of the team employed Coach Whitelaw's zone can best be seen through a look at Bowdoin's shooting average. Out of eighty-three shots taken, the Polar Bears netted eighteen—a 22% average. This poor showing was not completely due to inexpert shooting but came as a result of the Tech defense which allowed the Maineliners few good shots.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter M.I.T. led by a score of 57-39, a comfortable margin. The trouble was that the team appeared to take the cushion too seriously. As a result of this and the unopposed play of many of the substitutes Bowdoin succeeded in whittling the lead down to nine points with three minutes of playing time left. This period of play was punctuated by the ball stealing of Jack Byrnes who scored four points. Seeing the advantage that his team had built up deteriorating rapidly, Coach Whitelaw sent most of the starting team back into the game. Hess scored a jump shot, Shilensky a foul, Weber two fouls, Benson a lay-up, Hess again with a drive and the game was officially in the bag. The final score—M.I.T. 73, Bowdoin College 58.

	M. I. T.			
	fg	ft	tp	pf
Weber, rf	5	7	17	2
Christie	0	0	0	3
Platzman	0	0	0	0
Schultz, lf	0	3	3	2
Hallee	1	3	5	1

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**E.C., Grad House Fives Win, Advance In Cage Playoffs**

By Paul Jay Goldin '54

East Campus and Graduate House led the way into the third round of the intramural basketball playoffs by registering two victories apiece. Baker House, however, surprised the experts by routing Lambda Chi Alpha and just failing to upset top-seeded East Campus.

The East Campus-Baker game was a thriller from start to finish. Led by Gerry Perloff, Russ Cox, and Marinas Gerakaris, the Baker five out-rebounded, outfought, and outplayed East Campus throughout most of the first half. Trailing by two points with the half nearing its conclusion, Hilly Prager, Ken Meliere, and Don Aucamp sparked East Campus to a 31-25 half-time lead.

The third quarter proved to be Baker's downfall as Meliere, Dick Hurlbut, and Prager drove through the Baker defenses for score after score. The quarter ended with Baker trailing 52-35. East Campus suffered a big blow in this period when Dimitry Vergun, East Campus's tower of strength off the boards, left the game with five personals.

The loss of Vergun seemed to inspire Baker as Perloff, Giuttari, Gerakaris, and Cox took the play away from East Campus and cut the margin to five points. At this point Gerakaris and Perloff fouled out, thus cutting off any hopes of a Baker win.

Graduate House remained undefeated by easily topping the Walker Staff and Alpha Tau Omega. ATO provided stubborn opposition in the first half but withered under the steady pressure of the rebounding of 6'7" Bill Erman and Bill Missimer, plus the fine outside shooting of Larry Kaufman. Erman and Kaufman netted 25 points between them to lead Grad House to a 30-18 win.

The next night Grad House rolled over Walker in a contest spiced with two fights. Walker threw everything but the kitchen sink at the graduates but couldn't dent the hoops consist-

tently enough to win. Erman and Kaufman once again led the Grad House attack with 17 and 13 points respectively, as they helped the grads to a hard-fought 50-26 win.

**Basketball**

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Benson	1	0	2	2
Shilensky, c	8	3	19	3
Friedman	0	0	0	1
Dix	0	0	0	0
Hess, rg	7	6	20	2
Patierno	0	0	0	0
Mafuso	0	0	0	0
Britt, lg	1	0	2	3
Byrnes	2	1	5	3
	25	23	73	22
<b>BOWDOIN</b>				
	fg	ft	tp	pf
Flaker, rf	1	0	2	0
Golz	3	2	8	5
Kurtz	0	0	0	0
Marr, lf	2	0	4	3
Janelle	4	0	8	2
Fraser, c	4	4	12	5
Allen	0	0	0	0
Kenney, rg	1	4	6	2
Libby	2	1	5	4
Day, lg	1	4	5	2
Kreider	1	5	7	3
	19	20	57	26

**Reiley**

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from each of the house committees, and from the fraternities and commuters; by receiving copies of minutes from all dormitory and judicial committees and the I.F.C.; by collecting samplings of student opinion; and on very important questions, by conducting polls similar to the one just completed by the Student Union Committee. In this way it would be able to keep Inscm briefed on the important actions and sentiments of the living groups as well as advising on contemplated actions. In all cases the Liaison Committee should be consulted BEFORE the matter is decided by Inscm.

No one who is intimately familiar with the past actions of Inscm, can say that such a committee isn't needed!

In addition the Liaison Committee should carry recommendations of student government to the administration; investigate areas where student dissatisfaction is present (among the first instructions I would give the committee, would be to get the full story on the compulsory commons feeding program); and it should be on the alert for new ideas and ready to relay these to the proper places.

In short, it would be a "DO-SOME-THING" committee. That's a rather rare creature in Tech student government, but it might be nice to have around!

Not only must student government know what the students are thinking, but the students should know what student government is doing. I believe that every student government official should consider it his responsibility to make known the actions

and pending actions of his organization.

In a paper which was distributed last week I presented a number of specific proposals dealing with the dissemination of information, streamlining the operation of Institute Committee, and other areas. I do not feel that it is necessary to reiterate these proposals here. I would, however, like to discuss what I consider our most serious problem, discriminatory clauses in living groups.

We're all opposed to discriminatory clauses as such. But merely stating our opposition is next to worthless. Let's take a look at the facts.

Of the fraternities on the M.I.T. campus with true discriminatory clauses (that is of an "exclusive" nature), all of them have expressed a desire to get rid of their clauses. Several of our local chapters are actively working in this direction. But all of the clauses are in the national constitutions over which the fraternities have no direct control except by acting through the national conventions. In recent years two fraternities represented on the M.I.T. campus were successful in throwing out their clauses in the national conventions. Indications are that at least one other will be successful in doing this at their next national meeting. The situation is certainly far from hopeless. If local chapters bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the national organizations, the clauses can be thrown out.

If ever, now is the time for action. But in choosing a course of action, one must bear in mind that this is not just M.I.T.'s problem, but a problem acute at many colleges. Forcing our local chapters to drop their clauses by disaffiliating from the national organization would be kidding ourselves

into thinking we'd won the battle cause we had shot down one plan our own plane to boot: I firmly believe that leaving our local chapters (who are all opposed to the clauses in the national organizations which they can fight against these things and eventually overcome them) would be making the greatest possible contribution to the solution of the problem. Past experience has shown that a successful effort must come through pressure applied by the local chapters.

I have proposed to meet jointly with the presidents of the M.I.T. fraternities with clauses in the hope of working out a correlated M.I.T. effort to push the removal of the clauses. The added prestige of a correlated movement would add significance, I believe, to the individual efforts of each of our fraternities.

I would also propose to go one step further. I would like to see an inter-collegiate conference on "Discrimination in Colleges" held at M.I.T. next fall. The IFC presidents and the student body presidents of all New England colleges with discriminatory problems should be invited to participate. A top national figure should be retained as a keynote speaker. The conference should aim itself at developing a correlated effort at a student level throughout New England backing the removal of clauses. Even if it did not succeed in this respect, the very fact that such a conference would be held would increase the pressure on the national organizations. The benefits that evolve from the free exchange of ideas are also not to be overlooked.

These proposals are modest in appearance, but they have the tremor

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**Schreiber**

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satisfactory progress."

**Schreiber's Record**

Schreiber entered student government as a member of the freshman council. At the end of his first year at the Institute he entered the Secretariat which he describes as doing "all the important dogwork of Inst-Comm." At the end of his sophomore year he became chairman of the Secretariat's social division which is in charge of co-ordinating all social functions held on campus.

He believes that one of his major accomplishments in student government was his part in the emergency expansion of the size of the Junior Prom this year.

**Perloff**

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established a "successful social program including an 'open house weekend' and a number of house dances."

But, there has been a certain amount of controversy associated with his tenure of office as well. Among other things, he has had differences with his committee over the insertion of unaddressed material in the mailboxes of Baker residents, and over the use of funds (without approval of the house committee) obtained from the sale of social membership cards to buy athletic equipment for the house. Perloff explains that the money obtained from the sale of these cards was originally intended to provide "working capital" for the Baker social committee, and that he had personally authorized the use of part of this money because the treasury was empty and the new house committee would not be elected for several weeks.

Perloff explained his late entry into the election contest with the following formal statement: "I realized the responsibilities of assuming a public office as well as the time required to do a good job. Until last week I was not in a position to contemplate devoting the necessary time and effort to the job of president of the Undergraduate association."

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### Seiler

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stitute Committee that they abolish freshman rules and substitute more means for frosh to voluntarily learn a very few basic facts about M.I.T.

3. I am certain that the hazing situation is well under control. Both Undergraduate Association and Dormitory Council have rules which restrict hazing to controllable outdoor demonstrations on campus.

4. Field Day must be improved sports-wise and its social ties with Junior Prom made stronger. The glove fight seems anachronistic, but does offer an opportunity to blow off steam for those who wish to enter it. . . . . and the Dorms

The Administration has shown in almost all directions that it wishes to allow the student to make as many of his own decisions as possible. The Administration must be congratulated for allowing student government to reach its own conclusions on such important campus problems as discrimination and drinking and for support-

ing the decisions of student government when once reached. I must admit concern over a trend in administrative policy on open house hours which would seem alarmingly inconsistent in relation to their over-all policy. It is very probable that the construction of additional lounges in the dorms will find the Administration suggesting a restriction of the privilege to entertain women guests in individual rooms. Feeling as I do that dormitory residents are essentially responsible and moral individuals, I would be very much against such a restriction. New lounges are needed, but not in exchange for a responsibility which we are meeting and wish to keep.

I am strongly in favor of the construction of commonly-shared cooking facilities in appropriate sections of the dorms. They are needed and would curtail the dangers inherent in individuals' cooking in their own rooms. Also needed is further investigation into the commons meals situation. The reason for the requirement that

all freshmen take commons meals for a full year has never been satisfactorily explained. In the fall, we will have to cope with the problem of resettlement for dorm residents who will be forced to move out because of overcrowding. Lastly, I see a vital need for a comprehensive survey of student opinion on the above questions and such others as drinking, room rents, and discrimination. This survey would also cover the fraternities. . . . . and the Fraternities

It is my feeling that the large majority of the local chapters are sincerely working for removal of their clauses. In respect for their efforts, I would not in all honesty ask for coercive measures on the part of the Institute Committee or the Administration. This year, the Discrimination subcommittee will have two main functions. It will report as to which fraternities are actually working and which are not, and it will be asked to analyze student opinion concerning this problem. I would meet informally with the chapter presidents so that our work would be coordinated. We would communicate with other colleges in the hope that a concerted effort might best sway the position of the national fraternities and alumni groups. This is a conservative program, but one which could bring the problem nearer to a meaningful solution than could any legislative move. . . . . and its proper functioning

1. Living group governments to focus opinions, needs, and desires of the members of their group.
2. All Institute Committee members to take an active part in subcommittee actions aimed at evaluating and settling some of the problems mentioned above.
3. All subcommittees to meet regularly with the President for informal discussions and progress reports.
4. Executive responsibilities to be divided between the President and Vice-President and fitted to their strongest abilities and interests.
5. Institute Committee meetings to retain parliamentary form, but to emphasize the need for thorough discussion of all questions brought before the committee. The agenda to be decided upon by the Executive Committee and distributed at least two days prior to the meetings, along with any relevant printed material.

### Perloff

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student government and the administration should try in every to help each fraternity solve its particular problem.

I firmly believe that concerning open house rules, we have a lot of plain campaigning to do. Mainly the problem is: Why open house rules? Let everybody know why open house rules has been solved. Specifically, this can be accomplished by an informative bulletin put out by Dormitory Committee with past history, and present feeling. A similar booklet put out by the administration and then if needed some open meetings of faculty, student government, and students should solve the problem. I feel that if this is followed by an inclusive student poll, some of the inconsistencies of present system will show up and more important, a good indication as to the right type of system for the M.I.T. dormitory system will develop.

I believe that the student body wants Field Day left as it is and I am a firm supporter of this belief.

Concerning the present assessment, I believe that the major difficulty lies in the time difference between October, 1952 (date of occurrence) and January, 1954, (time of action).

In order to fulfill his obligation to you, the President of the Undergraduate Association should have interest, foresight, experience, and perhaps most important, the willingness to work. After several years participation in student government I feel that I have gained the necessary knowledge and experience. I would like the opportunity to show my willingness to work for you.

### Reiley

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ous potentiality of being practical, workable approaches to a very serious problem. They are more than just idle talk or idealistic thinking. They are realistic, they can be done, and they should be done. I would exert the utmost effort to carry them through to a successful conclusion.



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State University of Iowa

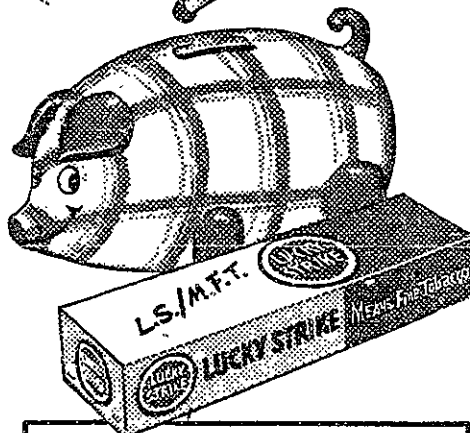
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**after hours**

by Anthony C. Turrisi '56  
**DANCES**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

M.I.T.—Catholic Club will hold a bowling party in the Walker Memorial alleys. Girls will be there from Simmons and Boston Teachers' College. Dancing in the 5:15 room. Refreshments. Admission 50 cents.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Boston YWCA—is holding another of its very popular weekly dances tomorrow. Drop in at 140 Clarendon Street, near Copley Square, from 8:30 to 11:45 to dance to the nine piece orchestra. Stag admission is 90c. By the way, the YWCA holds other weekly affairs, including a Wednesday night dance.

**NEXT WEEK**

Salem Hospital School of Nursing—These future nurses will help you live it up at a "Holiday Dance." Nurses' Home, Highland Ave., Salem, Mass. Admission 60c. Friday, February 26.

Intercollegiate Club of Boston—A series of dances will be held on February 26, March 6, 13, and 27, at the University Club, Stuart St., Boston. Smooth music and a charming atmosphere are guaranteed.

**PLAYS**

Wheeloek College—The Dramatic Club will present "An Evening of Melodrama," February 26 and March 5. Several Techmen will appear in this show, which includes a can-can number. Tickets at 60c are available through Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, Wheeloek Gym, Pilgrim Road, Boston. "My Three Angels," now playing at the Plymouth Theater, stars Walter Slezak as one of three comically helpful convicts turned hanyemen.

Still running at the Schubert Theater is "Guys and Dolls," the highly successful Broadway play. If you're looking for an entertaining evening, be sure to see it.

**Reiley**

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All-Tech Dance. He feels that although it lost a great deal of money the dance could be considered a success. He is in favor of appointing a special sub-committee of InstComm to determine whether students desire more social events on a school-wide level.

**Dorm**

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nominated or not. All candidates should take out a petition from Charles Maisison (Pres), John Blake (Sec) or one of the House Chairmen, and return them with at least 15%

of the signatures of all dorm residents by midnite Tues., 23rd of Feb. Any resident may sign as many petitions as he wishes.

The President of Dormitory Council is an automatic member of Ins-Comm.

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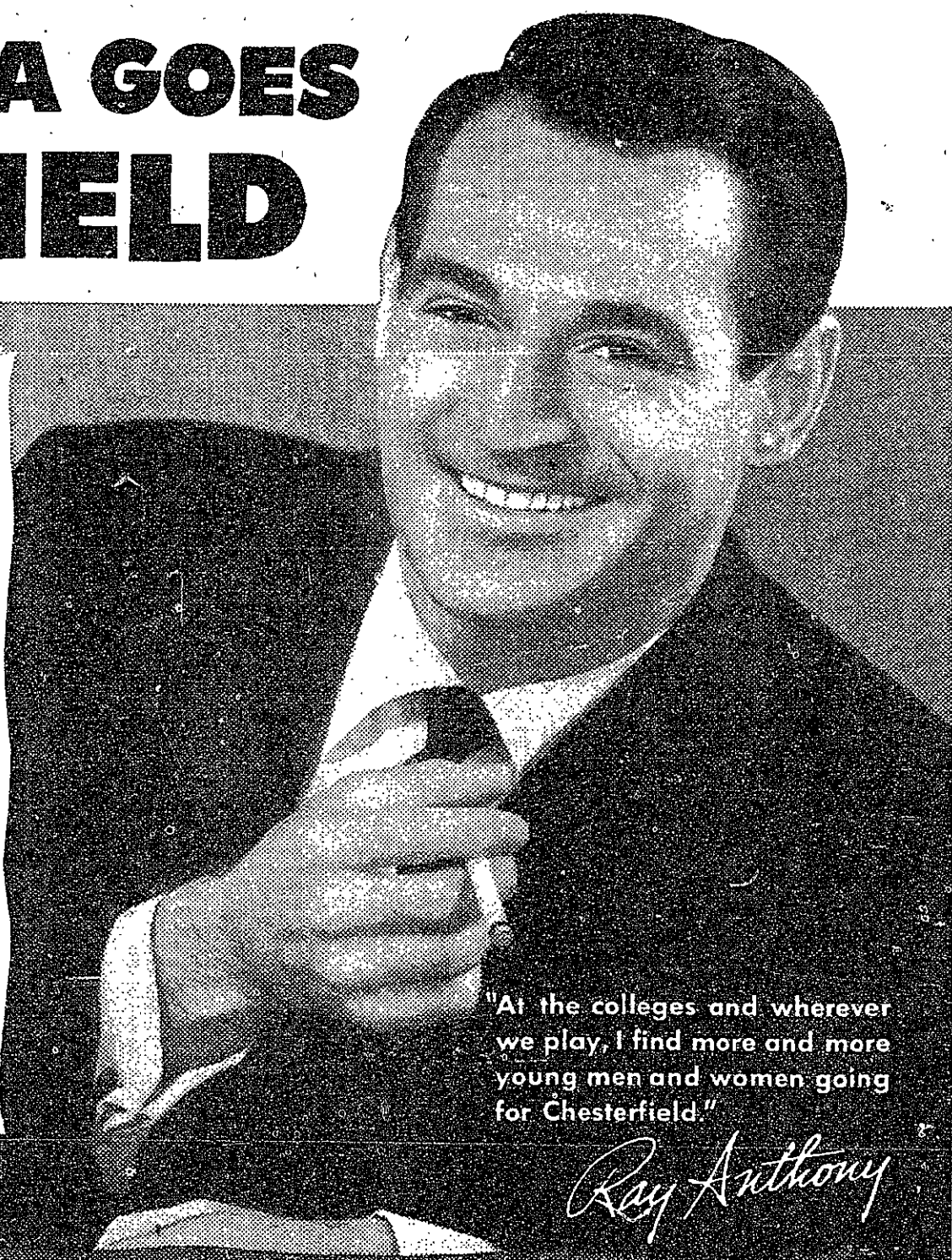
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