Next spring the Institute will be the scene of a nationwide conference on intercollegiate discrimination. The conference is devoted to the elimination of discrimination in American universities. As such, the conference is of national importance, and the discussion to follow should add significantly to our understanding of the problem.

The conference is scheduled for May 24, and will be held in the Institute's Dining Hall. The conference will be open to the public, and all interested individuals are invited to attend.

The conference will be divided into three sessions. The first session will be devoted to the presentation of papers by leading experts in the field of intercollegiate discrimination. The second session will be a roundtable discussion of the issues raised in the first session. The third session will be a panel discussion on the practical implications of the conference for schools and colleges.

The conference will be under the direction of a distinguished committee of experts, including Dr. John F. Kennedy, President of Harvard University, and Dr. Robert M. Morgenthau, President of the American Bar Association.

The conference will be an opportunity for all concerned to come together and work towards a solution to this important problem. We hope to see you there.
Editorials

FAREWELL TO FRESHMAN RULES

At their last meeting, Institute Committee defeated by a narrow margin a proposal to create a new set of freshman rules. This motion, which would have provided for an intensive, two-week hazing period just prior to Field Day, was brought up despite the fact that the report of the Freshman Coordinating Committee, recommending the abolition of all freshman rules, had been accepted only a few weeks ago.

The proposed new rules included all the old regulations, plus one new rule making the central walk of the Great Court off limits to freshmen during the hazing period.

In the past rules of this sort have either been completely ignored or flaunted openly. We wonder if the proponents of these new rules actually believe that a mere rule can keep the freshman from using a path?

Freshman rules are intended to instill some degree of class spirit and school spirit in the incoming class, and also to acquaint them with the organization and tradition of the Institute. They do not exist, as one person present at the last Institute Committee meeting phrased it, primarily so “the Q Club and the sophomore class can badger the freshmen.” However, in recent years freshman rules have served as little more than an excuse for a number of sophomores and upperclassmen to perform physical violence upon the new freshmen. With the outlawing of off-campus hazing, the popular tradition of “rides”, has been done away with, leaving only actually physical punishment as the only form of hazing currently used.

Most of us still remember the forty-five cent assessment of freshman fees in 1952, used to support the “freshmen hazing of freshmen.”

It has become obvious that freshman rules as such have ceased to serve a worthwhile purpose. The physical damage done, both to persons and property, is far more than the value received.

As John Seiler ’55, Dormitory Council Chairman, put it, “every- thing that could be done by rules, can be done, and is being done far better...”

It is interesting to note that despite the close vote in Inscomm, those representatives most intimately connected with the problem of freshman orientation—the dormitory and freshman class representatives—were almost unanimously opposed to the creation of any set of freshman rules, for they saw the new regulations came primarily from the fraternities, who have their own system of freshman hazing, independent of any school-wide regulations.

Although the issue was decided by the narrow margin of one vote, it is a decided indication of the non-representative nature of the student body as a whole. We commend those members of the Institute Committee who have realized that freshman rules as we know them have ceased to produce any worthwhile results, and, on the contrary, often do more harm than good. Shortening the hazing period to two weeks would do nothing to improve the rules themselves. And so we bid a final adieu to freshman rules.

FAREWELL TO ’54

With this issue, The Tech ceases publication for the spring semester. Only a few days of classes and a few easy finals remain before the summer is actually here. We deem it only fitting, therefore, to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the members of the Class of 1954. We wish them all good fortune in future years, wherever they may be. To the entire Institute family, we wish a pleasant summer’s interlude. See you again in the fall.

through the mail

by Paul W. Abrahams ’56

It has recently come to our attention that an increasingly larger number of Institute personnel of all sizes, shapes, and departments have been considering the possibility of a major change in the organization of the Institute. Namely, they wish to see M.I.T. merged with Harvard. We wholly endorse the suggestion; we fail to see how anyone could conceivably oppose it. After all, look at the advantages.

First of all, there is the military advantage. Fighting a war on two fronts is never an easy task, and certainly the Cambridge police would have a far better head of time. With all their forces massed against an assault on a mere frontier across Memorial Drive, it would be rather difficult for them to effectively defend Radcliffe against a. pesty-rault attack. Furthermore, the proposed union would tremendously expand the traffic in explosives and bootleg liquor, which the police have up to now managed to restrain. With effective coordination between the two student groups, we may hopefully look forward to the day when the victorious armies meet and embrace each other in Central Square. While a disarmed and broken-down police force fights its last stand on the banks of the Charles to the west, there is also the financial advantage to be considered. The new organization, which might be called Hahm (pronounced ha-maw), would certainly produce a substantially larger budget than either M.I.T. or Harvard. Furthermore, with the consolidation of the two physical plants, there would be possible to reduce the maintenance staff, and considerable needs might be fulfilled from an ever-narrowing gap of slightly used buildings at Power employees. Furthermore, it could be argued that the Institute was creating the educational benefits of two schools, and on this basis the tuition would be doubled. But since the professors would now be attracting only half as large a proportion of the total student body at just a smaller salary, their salaries could justifiably be halved.

Yet to be overlooked are the other advantages to be accrued by the union, combined dining service. The present $21 meal a week compulsory ceremony, for all students now in effect at Harvard could be combined with a truly superb quality of the current facilities here at M.I.T. to provide a package arrangement which would surely be welcomed eagerly by all students of Harvard. Food training could also be greatly lessened.

These are but a few of the advantages to be accrued by the creation of “Hahm.” We are sure that the professors who would lose their jobs as a result would feel the same way about being thrown out of Harvard. Many, many more. For the reasons we have enumerated above, we feel that if something is going to join the drive in the establishment of the new, glorious Hahm.

Folks who drink for enjoyment prefer real beer!

by Paul W. Abrahams ’56

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President Of Undergraduate Association Evaluates Achievements Of InsComm

by Elden H. Relley '55
President of the Undergraduate Association

Exactly eight weeks ago at the first regular meeting of the 1954-1955 Institute Committee, I presented a "Statement of Student Government Message" in which I outlined twenty-nine issues on which I felt action by Institute Committees would be necessary this spring. In the past eight weeks InsComm or its appropriate subcommittees have acted favorably on twenty-one of these recommendations; sixteen but without results, on two; deferred action until next fall on three; and not acted at all on two.

I should like to take a moment at this point to reach the end of the spring term to report on these actions of your student government during the past eight weeks and to examine the phase for the future.

Institute Committees disposed of these matters left by the previous committees as follows: (1) granted a $200 loan to WMIT; (2) rescinded a motion passed by the previous committee; (3) decided to have another stab at an All Tech Dance. Bob Temple has been appointed chairman of the dance, which will be held in the Sherman-Plass Room March 11. Support is needed.

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Open House tours have received a close examination in the "environment" panel. This subject has been turned over in entirety to the Development Council for re-examination. The panel discussion on "student" featured Institute Committee's recent recommendation to substitute another sport for Field Day football. Also coming from this discussion was the move to enable the student government to schedule intercollegiate sports in the hands of the Director of Athletics and to streamline the handling of athletic financing.

The panel on "freshman orientation," besides producing several helpful ideas for the improvement of Freshman Weekend and the Freshman Advisory Program, has developed a comprehensive plan leading to closer integration of incoming students into campus life. Open House tours have received a close examination in the "environment" panel.

Finally, the panel on the "Elections Conference" planned the proposed conference in a cleaner and much enlarged form. It was in this discussion at Roster that it was decided to run the conference on a nation-wide basis, to invite administration as well as student representation from each university, to approach a philanthropic foundation for financial assistance, and to incorporate the conference into the orientation of the new students. A special committee is now being established to work with the above objectives. This will be the major undertaking of your student government during the coming year. If successfully carried out, I believe, it will be one of the most important things that student government has ever done.

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Crew's Trip To England Dependent On Student Aid

This is the last issue of the spring term. Normally, about the time that the last issue is published, there is nothing very important to the MIT community except final examinations. However, this year is an exception. The Beaver lightweight crew shell will be sent to Princeton, first place in the national ratings, and—what matters now—the chance to compete in the historic Royal Henley Regatta on the Thames in London. They have the chance, but whether or not the chance will materialize is up to you, the readers of this Tech. 

It has been estimated that the cost of the trip to England will be approximately fifteen thousand dollars. This is a rather staggering sum to pay out, even if one might say, for an athletic team from a technical school such as this one. We personally don't think so. In particular, we don't think that it is one penny too much to be allotted to a bunch of boys who under the domination of the Ivy League for many years. But fifteen thousand dollars represents an awful lot of money for any one source to dig up. No one source can contribute that much in a lump sum. The reader must by now realize that it is Tech who will represent the United States abroad. We feel awfully proud of our lights. And a foreign invitation that has been brought back a national championship for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology out of their rightful place to cheat ourselves. Despite the fact that the entire MIT community is proud of our lights, a coxswain, and a coach who overthrew tradition, who proved that Tech isn't a good-time, but whether or not the chance will materialize is up to you, the readers of this Tech.

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Track (Continued from page 1)

place in both the shutout and discuss. Beaven Brothers Paveceive Followers of local track point to the one mile run and shot put as possibili ties for new records. Northeast er's Dick Ollen ran a 4:16.2 last week against the Engineers, and the present record is 4:16.4. Dick Bates, R.A.'s strong man, shows the shot over 51 feet in the Eastern which eclipsed the New England mark of 51 9/16. Repeat performances will mean new new records. This afternoon's track and field events begin at 3:00 p.m. at Briggs Field, Saturday's finals, also at Briggs Field will begin at 1:00 p.m. Entrance to the meet and Briggs Field will be from Vista Street only. Coach Reddick announces a meeting of all interested in fall cross country to be held in Briggs Field House on May 26 at 4:00 p.m.
Rhe team to challenge Graduate House. I scored Gene Gordon from second and nullified a five-hit pitching job turned and then pounded Alpha Tau Omega 15-4 to lead the way in the intramural softball playoffs. The Graduates have assured themselves of a berth in the Grads Loom ell victim- to a tight 6-5 decision. tro "tting by Fred Shimabokoru. Iy neets ATO in the other big game this | ~~ ooime run and several other hits. I faced the Graduate attack with a rising ATe offs by nipping Delta Upsilon 8-7 registered at the expense of a sur- lie |...v llsed with other colleges.

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The arguments in favor of the new Freshman Rules:

We feel that Freshman Rules can help unify the classes by establishing pride in school tradition. Through participation in hazing, freshmen get to know their classmates better. The absence of Freshman Rules will only promote student indifference in school life, whereas the existence of these rules will help create a more homogeneous student body. Participation in Freshman hazing can be fun from either end of the paddle. Rules provide orientation into M.I.T., "college life," and are an excellent buildup for the spirit needed for Field Day.

The arguments against Freshman Rules also have substantial backing. It is our sincere desire that each Tech student examine the statements of both sides before passing judgment. Only time and student opinion will justify the action taken by Institute Committees.

Below is a brief summary of the arguments in favor of the new Freshman Rules:

I believe that student government has made its most significant progress in these past eight weeks in the intangible area we call "communication." Summary minutes of all Institute Committee meetings are now being sent to all the fraternity houses and posted in the dormitories. Very encouraging comments from a number of freshmen have been received. Mistakes have been made, and time has been lost along the way; but for the most part I believe Inscomm has been positive, progressive direction. You have a good Institute Committee, and it is anxious to do a good job. During the coming year it will strive to remain both ready and able to do what you want it to do.

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