Chisolms wins GA approval
Assembly grants 4600 to homophile league for education

The final General Assembly meeting of 1970, acting in executive session due to a lack of a quorum, approved Greg Chisolm's appointment as UAP and Wells Eddleman's appointment as community advisor. The December 15 meeting also voted to give the Student Homophile League $400, "as at its discretion" in "educational programs."

Prof. Kenneth Hoffman, chairman of the MIT Commission, presented the Commission's report to the Assembly with the help of several other Commission members. A vote on the resolution of the report at the meeting was deferred, and most of the student work on the report will be done by subgroups of the GA such as SCEPT.

Presidential succession

The change in leadership was prompted by Tillotson's resignation as UAVP as he leaves MIT for a coop term. In a prepared statement, Eddleman explained that they had been elected as a team, they felt it was necessary to find a replacement for Tillotson. They also noted that they felt Chisolm might be able to benefit from being UAP rather than GA chairman.

The motion to grant the SHL $400 was introduced by Stan Tillotson. A statement attached to the motion argued that the GA had the responsibility of safeguarding the interests of the entire student body. Tillotson advocated that the GA could not itself "grant equal rights and privileges" to the SHL "in the name of the community" nor "influence the Administration sufficiently to get them to do so," an "extensive educational program was necessary."

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New exam schedule gains general favor

By Pete Materna

Favorable comments were offered by different sectors of the MIT community in regard to this year's changing exams before Christmas.

The pre-holiday exam period initiated this year necessitated an early start of the year, a later end to the year, and a reduction in the amount of material taught in some courses so that it may be appreciated by almost all.

Many labelled it "great." It brought back memories of the 1960s, but some also noted that this is probably the best that can be accomplished. The three-months of holidays were completely finished, leaving the holiday vacation free of worries from upcoming exams. One of the most obvious advantages was for infants, who were completely "free" from the worry of homework, a Baker sophomore, however, said this year was "better than any other," and felt that a vacation before exams lets the ideas from an almost-completed course develop in the mind and sink in so that one can understand them more fully. Generally, everyone viewed holiday vacations as a time to forget what one has learned, but the pre-holiday exam period allows for only occasionally successful. A report for the Commission's First Division proposal, Kemp decried, warned that MIT "cannot support to the improvement of the Commission as a whole in educational policy than in past years, as well as serve a slow and indirect role as a teaching tool. He emphasized that this would not affect the future of the Commission or the quality of the programs rated in 1964 and showed a general improvement in the "quality of education" in the United States.

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The Commission opens review

By Alex Makowski

The Commission held a meeting Wednesday at the pre-holiday exam period, and in the meeting, President Kenneth Hoffman warned that "If, for example, the response to these rankings is to shift resources and attention in excessive amounts to the development of the quality of basic education, the image of teaching and education could be the ultimate losers."

Johnson sees tight budget

By Lee Giguere

Reporting to the December meeting, President Robert Hutchings Johnson warned that MIT has "large problems" financially. He projected that the pre-holiday exam period would be a "tough and cutting" one for the faculty. Hoffmann warned that MIT "cannot support to the improvement of the Commission as a whole in educational policy than in past years, as well as serve a slow and indirect role as a teaching tool. He emphasized that this would not affect the future of the Commission or the quality of the programs rated in 1964 and showed a general improvement in the "quality of education" in the United States.

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Johnson warns MIT of fiscal difficulties

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context. The crisis was referred to in the Introduction was "a "plague of educational difficulties" and to meet it MIT should concentrate on being "positively aggressive." In the end, graduate education, the commision saw the need to focus primarily on a certain student. The chapter on graduate education and research called for the development of what faculty responsibility is in policy development. He added that the Commission also foresaw a need to address "how we use the human resources of MIT." The Commission, he suggested, might find significant changes in the line of authority. However, it did recommend that other groups in the community play a "greater role" in governance.

Problems

Concluding his address, Hoffmann turned to the issue of knowledge and values. Concerned with these issues, he said, must pervade the Institute. Aspects of the problem MIT must face, he listed: 1) failure to communicate what science and technology mean to the public; 2) uncertainty about what to do about the changes; and 3) the absorption humanities into the soul of MIT, 4) consideration of the social context of scientific problems. In the discussion that followed, Thompson warned that it was necessary to plan and schedule discussions of the report during January. Education enrollment

Dean Albert's report covered the topics of students, funding, and jobs. The number of sophomores in the school is up 5% from last year, and the number of seniors is up 8%.
The largest increase, Albert noted, was in the biology, business administration, and agriculture. While physics enrollment dropped 5%. He explained that recent poll by the US Department of Labor indicated that universities were turning out "too many physicists and not enough primary and secondary school teachers." Both graduate and postdoctoral enrollment, he added, were down.

Alberty stated that the total dollars volume for science research was the same as it has been in past years. "Life science" had been fluctuations in the dollar volume for science research. He added that the number of science, tie die, and new courses in "Light, Form, and Design" have been growing. Alberty concluded by saying that the school needs to re-examine "whether our training prepares students for the world."
1st Division faces critique

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For years ignored, we must spell out an educational goal. He suggested a debate about the "vocational character" of the first two years. Continuing the same theme, professor John Graves labelled "premature" the discussion of administrative details. Graves attacked the seeming underlyimg assumption that there might be one educational plan appropriate for all MIT undergraduates and charged that the report accepted the status quo of core courses.

Re-entry crisis

Graves also raised a topic that other speakers later returned to—the re-entry problem of undergraduates moving from the flexible First Division back to the professional departments. He suggested that the departments will have to seriously rethink their whole programs. Concurring were several students present from the loosely structured freshmen USSP. One of them explained that the students would have trouble adjusting to being spoon-fed by the departments, while another pointed out that USSP students have adopted a straight line to an educational goal, a program that may not match any of the departmental specifications.

The discussion, though, was hardly critical. Several faculty members noted that the First Division could be useful for encouraging both better teaching and respect for a general education. Robert Gallagher: the proposal could group together faculty within an atmosphere of educational enthusiasm, a spirit they could carry back to their departments. Leon Trilling: the First Division could provide freshmen with a better opportunity to choose among the various departments. Aaron Bernstein: We may see several alternative methods for presenting the core courses, as well as science courses flexed out with more than just the straight science content.

Reservations

Amidst this optimism a few doubts were voiced; such reservation as Duncan Foley's amplification of a student's earlier point: much of the First Division's success will hang on its prestige and on its ranking within the Institute's budgetary priorities. Carl Garland pointed out that there are advantages to bringing students into departmental early in their freshman year: undergraduates could benefit from contact with graduate students, faculty members could relate more easily to students committed to their discipline, and advising would be easier. And James Munkres warned that the separate administrative structure could pull the Division away from MIT's central purpose.

Chisolm takes UAP post

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increase the exchange of information and provide the MIT community with greater direct knowledge necessary to cope with its rising financial problems. Reap: Bernard Gladstone (D-Providence) predicted his measure, if enacted, would bring about $30 million in revenue in its first year. He estimated the $2 tax, to be levied for sex on sexual intercourse to help the background necessary to tackle in our own way many of the problems under-graduates and graduate students face. And you can be more effective yourself by expressing your own ideas in a letter to the editor.

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Student Center cracks alarm 4th floor users

By John Gunther

Residents and users of the fourth floor of the Student Center have become alarmed in recent weeks by the appearance of cracks in several of the floors and walls.

The floor, which houses student activity offices and meeting rooms, is built over a cantilevered girder structure and overhangs the third floor by approximately twelve feet on all four sides of the building. The cracks have appeared principally along the lines of the overhang and along adjacent walls. The net effect is to make it appear as if the overhanging sections are sagging away from the building.

Upon questioning, Dick Dewoll, Building Maintenance Assistant for the Physical Plant Department, gave assurances that the cracks have existed for some time and were no cause for alarm. He added that engineers check out all reports of new cracks and have so far found nothing dangerous in the building.

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Grades

Once again it's the time of year for students to receive their semester grades. Perhaps it would be appropriate to review the evaluation mechanism here in the hope of providing advice to the numerous students who were shafted by their grade reports.

By far, the grading system here is a disaster. Grades should serve two purposes: a feedback mechanism to help students and professors evaluate progress in the course, and, in some cases, a ranking of the relative abilities of students. No stretch of the imagination can possibly claim that the system is accomplishing either purpose satisfactorily. Often the quizzes and exams measure only the students' gamesmanship, his ability to juggle a few equations and concepts while ignoring the real content of the course. It is not uncommon to find students who have at tempted to grasp the course may find themselves penalized by problem sets and exams designed to emphasize standard, easily solved (if you know the professor's pet shortcut) problems.

Closed book finals are a farce. The spectacle of students cramming that last bit of knowledge into an overworked memory as the proctor passes out exams designed to emphasize standard, easily solved (if you know the professor's pet shortcut) problems - the number one criterion for advancement - is a truly effective and worthwhile teacher; the number one criterion for advancement seems to be exactly the opposite. Because grading research can be a truly effective and worthwhile practice at MIT claim to meet these challenges. By no stretch of the imagination can current practices only reward those students who develop a shallow understanding of their subject while a one-dimensional grading system cannot hope to adequately describe and rank what a student has learned from the course. Save for the few that only an institution like MIT can do.

A one-dimensional grading system cannot hope to adequately describe and rank what a student has learned from the course. Save for the few who have coped by making a very fervent hope that someday they may leave the factory, it is clear that there are those who have not seen the light of the Christmas. I refer of course to the nobodies - the people none hears from. Those people (like myself) who are located - when the water comes. This is why liberalism in modern times.

I am writing in response to the article "Merry Christmas" which appeared in your December 15th issue. I refer of course to the nobodies - the people none hears from. Those people (like myself) who are located - when the water comes. This is why liberalism in modern times.
By Alex Makowski

Two thousand years ago a rather peculiar son of god injected some humanity into an ancient religion and blazed a trail across the centuries that no other individual has equaled. From one vantage point it is all but impossible to accurately picture the man known as Jesus Christ: the gospels paint pictures so thick with emotion that they cannot be counted on for objectivity, and only a few bits and pieces of true historical data exist.

"Jesus Christ -- superstar" represents the interpretation of the ordinary human being. Two young British songwriters, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Their album, a rock opera of the "Tommy" genre, is one of the most interesting musical ventures of the year. The album has gained steadily in popularity. Now the official Vatican radio station is airing it, "Holy Magick - Love Story." The album and its inspiration have a tendency to play themselves into the consciousness of the listener until, in the end, the listener finds himself enacting the personality cult he sees developing around his sage leader: "You've got to move more than the things you say," till the end, persist in his belief that music can help to create a better world.

The songs in the album are not songs in the usual sense, but rather the religious stories of Christ are presented in a new way, as a musical interpretation. The words and the music combine to make JC -- a success. Webber's high vocal and energetic rock music and Rice's standard orchestral fanfare with the electronicMoog Synthesizer, pleasant melody with clashing rhythms, and the soft voice of the lead singer, Diane Stewart, add up to an interesting musical experience. The album has a haunting sense of possibility. Maybe Jesus really was the hero of the new testament, and the other angels conspired to blacken his reputation. If there is any flaw to the work, it is that it seems occasionally incorrect. In particular, Pilate's seeming shift in character from his dream to his confrontation with Christ may puzzle a few listeners. And the composer tries to make too much of the accompanying society, where Christ luxuriates under the physical sensation of expense oills. Judas insists should have been sold for money for the poor. But these are only minor blemishes in an otherwise intelligent, elaborately beautiful, and exhilaratingly young man in his prime. As a rock opera of the "Tommy" genre, it is a talent for the future. All this considered, she is definitely a talent for the future. A Pause in the Disaster -- The Conception Corporation (Columbia) This is supposed to be (ha ha) a humor album, but with the exception of a few bright cuts, there isn't a smile on the entire album. 'Til It's Time For You To Go is among the better cuts, though it is found that she does not vary her style enough. All this considered, she is definitely a talent of her future.

Chapter Two -- Roberts Flack

A fine new voice in soul music, Roberts Flack performs with convincing feeling and a smooth sound. "Reverend Lee," "Just Like A Woman," and "(the police) described it 're成果 to entertainment. Even a fine perfomer such as Pickett some- times does mediocre ap- pearsances, with mediocre music, for mediocre people.

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Capitol

At their best, they sound like Pentangle. But sometimes, they are too different to be left out of potential there.

Dreams (Columbia)

Just what we need -- a group that sounds like Blood, Sweat and Tears and Chicago and the Electric Flag. You can hear them characteristically, even from the other before your very ears. The original are much better than the imitations which has a tendency to play instru- mental versions of the same instead of with each other.

Loose Salute -- Mike Nesmith and the First National Band (RCA)

The last hope of the Monkees is dead. There is no place on the top 40 for a country and western band.

Nash (RCA)

A washout.

The Kinks

They perform their own raunchy-songs to a country beat. They sound like cleaned-up versions of the thirty-year-old blue records. Not bad at all.

Ricest (RCA)

No Dice -- Badfinger (Apple)

The rest of their album is worth while.

Rice pictures them a band of opportunists who drink themselves around his sage leader: "You've got to move more than the things you say," till the end, persist in his belief that music can help to create a better world.

Finally, Lenny has to be con- sidered as a rock and roll comedian, and in this capacity we find him interesting. "Blah Blah Blah? 'That's right!" ("I can't come." "It's cause you don't love me you know.") ("What's the number one attrac- tion in Las Vegas?" "Tits and Ass.") In point of fact, this isn't a better dated, historical factor. Lenny was not as funny as he's cracked up to be, the material has suffered with time and by comparison to later comedy, and this album's content is far from Lenny's own best.

Cold Blood: Sisyphus

Styphus -- Cold Blood (San Francisco)

Cold Blood is a technically excellent band with a sound rather like the late Jimi Hendrix from the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Cold Blood provides a good sampling of their capabilities on its six extended cuts.

The best work on the album is "Blah Blah Blah?" This is another Arthur, al- though not great. There is a theme running through the re- cord and the songs are all very obviously king songs. The best cuts are "Lola" and "Appear." -- Jeff Gale

Mental Plays the Theme from Love Story (RCA)

Henry Manns is one of the few better contemporary composer-arrangers, but the material here proves very thin. A lot of the music is too close to "Peter Gunn" or "Mister Lucky." It would be nice if Pickett...
The Liberal Image

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work options carefully to decide
whether to submit a bid for the
contract. To a man they believed
military-related research has no
place within the university.

(Admission even came from
The Tech.) "Next, they're going
to tell us they contribute all their
profits to starving children in
Pago Pago," retorted one cynical
critic.

Faced with this battery of
criticism, the students present felt
somewhat uncomfortable, even
dreaded, as they really hadn't
known a damned thing about GE
in the first place, and had
intended to support the company for
its corporate bastards; instead they
found themselves robbed of this
opportunity. A vague uneasiness set in with the realization that only one GE
employee heard Shaw characterize
himself as "a gang of murderers." At the
conclusion of his speech, we
were left wondering what the
GE people insisted on calling
"normal," through with few
exceptions, they had never met
him. It didn't matter much -
the speech was canned and poor,
and one was left wondering whether Cousins was the fellow
referred to in The Armies of the
Night as "X," whom Norman
Mailer later identified as being
"close to flat sizer." After his
speech, Cousins picked up his
bags and left us. We never saw him
again.

My only regret was that the
affair had been held in Shessec-
tody, New York, which, take it
from me, is not worth bothering
to visit. General Electric paid for
tall travel expenses however, and
being flown in from Los
Angeles, in the words of a girl
from UCLA, was "a real stone
groove." Perhaps next year, if
they have another one of these
shindigs, they'll give everybody a
break and hold it in Miami.

But I am biased logically myself.
The fact is that the conference actually was pretty
good, the chance to rub elbows with the corporate klanpins did
not go unappreciated, and if
nothing else I am a little frost-
bitten for the experience, some-
thing that wouldn't have hap-
pened had I stayed in my room
and done my homework as I
should have.

Michael J. Marcus '61

To the Editor:

I was rather surprised at the
Sean, my dear me!

Look at what it did:

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Look what it did for:

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Lockheed managers face fiscal disaster

By Joe Kadi
Washington (Reuters) - Lockheed, the aerospace giant, announced Wednesday that Lockheed would be bringing litigation against the Department of Defense to recover money allegedly owed by the DOD on the C-5A.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Donald S. Packard had earlier offered the company two alternatives: accept a fixed 200 million dollar infusion in order to pay off reversionary debts, or settle for $758 million, with the DOD paying everything else, or settle for $758 million and submit the matter to litigation.

What the company would seriously affect defense contractors, Packard implied threatened that if Lockheed did not agree to one billion dollars on the C-5A, the banks and the $758 million debt would be written off losses of $150 million against Lockheed by the DOD.

The program had a repricing last Friday and wishes to remain the ceiling for several months. The Department of Defense recently set the January draft call at 17,000 men.

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Selective Service officials pointed out that the RSN 100 ceiling applies only to the 1971 group and does not affect the liability of those men in the 1970 prime group whose numbers have been "reached," but have not been called. These young men, the first group of the Extended Priority Selection Group, are eligible for induction for the first three months of 1971. Under Selective Service policy, these young men must be ordered for induction ahead of those in the 1971 pool.

The Extended Priority Group is made up of young men born between 1944 and 1950 who have not reached their 26th birthday, were classified I-A or I-A-O at the end of 1970, and had a RSN that has been "reached"—that is, a RSN lower than the highest number called by their local boards during 1970. The highest number "reached" in 1970 was RSN 195. While no local boards exceeded this RSN in issuing induction orders to young men during 1970, many local boards did not "reach" that limit in meeting their calls.

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Variety of IM events sponsored during IAP

By Randy Young

The Intramural Council, under the direction of supervisor Dave Michael, is offering a wide variety of sports activities open to all MIT students and card holders during Independent Activities Period. Both individual and team sports have been scheduled, and there are opportunities for individuals whose living groups are not fielding teams to participate.

Individual sports include squash, badminton, and handball, and anyone who wishes to participate should contact the IM office in W32-123 as soon as possible.

Basketball and ice hockey, popular during the term, will be scheduled on a league basis separate from that of the regular season. Current IM Rules apply to those participating. The teams are sponsored by living groups, but interested individuals may contact the office and be placed with existing squads. Openings are available in the basketball league, although the hockey season is practically full.

Also planned for the month was a volleyball league to date, however, only two teams are signed up. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact the office.

Being planned for February is a coed basketball league. More information will be forthcoming.

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Variety of IM events sponsored during IAP

By Randy Young

The Intramural Council, under the direction of supervisor Dave Michael, is offering a wide variety of sports activities open to all MIT students and card holders during Independent Activities Period. Both individual and team sports have been scheduled, and there are opportunities for individuals whose living groups are not fielding teams to participate.

Individual sports include squash, badminton, and handball, and anyone who wishes to participate should contact the IM office in W32-123 as soon as possible.

Basketball and ice hockey, popular during the term, will be scheduled on a league basis separate from that of the regular season. Current IM Rules apply to those participating. The teams are sponsored by living groups, but interested individuals may contact the office and be placed with existing squads. Openings are available in the basketball league, although the hockey season is practically full.

Also planned for the month was a volleyball league to date, however, only two teams are signed up. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact the office.

Being planned for February is a coed basketball league. More information will be forthcoming.

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