GA forms task force to review government

Acting in response to the request of the UAP to review general and government agreements about the failure of previous student government, the General Assembly established Tuesday night a task force to examine student government, its reasons for existing, and alternate possible structures. Other business included Executive Committee elections and reports of students; faculty, committees. The meeting was one of the best-attended of the year.

When it came time for discussion on the present form of the GA, remarks were many and varied. Almost everyone believed that the two topics: 1) why doesn't the GA work, and 2) what can be done to make it work. UAP Bob Schulte caught the gist of the discussion on the shortcomings of the GA when he remarked, "You can't interest students when you deal with things that don't affect them." Schulte continued, "The GA should deal with close problems, commons and education, for example, instead of chasing world issues or passing random motions which we have no way of implementing."

"Communication link": Student government needs a general governing body, indicated a large majority of those present when a straw vote was taken. Nancy Wheatley '70 acknowledged (Please turn to page 3).

Interest in Commission sags

By Alex Makowski

Community interest in Creative Renewal is a Time of Crisis, the report of the MIT Commission on Education, is saying, and implementation of two of its three major proposals seems extremely unlikely in the short run and doubtful over the course of the next year or two.

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1600 admitted to '75

By Harvey Baker

Over 1600 letters of acceptance have gone out to prospective members of the Class of '75. About 4000 students applied for admission, a drop of nearly 20% from a year ago.

Peter Richardson, Associate Director of Admissions, told The Tech in an interview that MIT hoped 875 men and 1200 women would enroll. This would be a 20% increase in the number of women admitted, without cutting down the number of men. A similar increase of an additional 25% in the number of women is stated for the class of '76, who are now being admitted on an equal basis with men.

The decrease in the number of applicants forced the Admissions Office to lower its standards somewhat this year. Said Richardson, "We admitted some years this that had they applied last year wouldn't have gotten in." He said that lowering of standards would be detrimental to MIT academically or extracurricularly. Richardson replied that it was too early to say, but that he doubted the impact would be that significant.

President-elect Jerome Wiesner administered the roles for CJAC.

The acquisition of funds for new projects, he said, would be an important goal in the future, upon which the "health of MIT" will depend. Wiesner commented that "land raising is a linear system": the more you put in, the more you get out. He later said that "the tenure of the Institute depends on getting into the right new areas."

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CJAC queries Wisner

By Les Giguere

The last MIT Corporation meeting of the year, held Tuesday night when it quired President-elect Jerome Wiesner.

CJAC's members ordered their questioning around such topics as policy and decisions, the office and duties of the provost and the vice-president and chancellor. Wiesner's answers varied from descriptions of the current situation to consideration of the structure of his own administration.

Wiesner explained that he and Chancellor-elect Paul Gray "don't know how they will divide their responsibilities. He felt that there would be a "natural sorting-out" of their roles once they entered office. He stressed, however, that he wants "to structure activities so that we maintain a personal involvement in administrative affairs. He noted, though, that he expected to be more involved in relations with government agencies and with alumni than Gray. He maintained that the continuation of the office of Provost was still an open question.

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Selling the Pentagon

By Alex Makowsky

"The attitude that they (the Pentagon) seem to adopt is that they have developed a sophisticated political and propaganda machine that can subdue any little group of children playing games with the tanks and music once the demonstration was over. The Pentagon's attempts to reach children involve using television in the way Green Berets in the unlikely setting of an elementary school playground: the soldiers would be displaying killing techniques used in hand-to-hand combat.

North Carolina also describes a group of families the kill zone of the pentagon. The group consisted of war widows who have one child, they are the only ones left, after the war. The film described Pentagon public relations staff (the Pentagon public relations staff) that they envisioned a political campaign with a debate at 4 pm. Their insistence increased to me to indicate that they were making a political point, not to inform, but to influence. The film described Pentagon use of the regular news media, that taxpayers' money was being spent on this material going out to the American public.

The essential CBS point was that taxpayers' money was being used, not to inform, but to convince and persuade the public. The film described Pentagon Public Relations monoparalytic bureaucracy that frustrates all efforts to control it," stated a Pentagon official who described the Pentagon's PR efforts that has little to do with the tide of material going out to the American people. The Pentagon official explained that the Pentagon relies on three channels to reach the American public: 1) direct contact, 2) press releases, and 3) the regular news media.

Reaching the masses also involves displays in shopping malls that stress a recurrent theme of power and military might. Another technique is a clutch of "touareg colonies" that travel around the country to speak at meetings. Funded by the DOD, these officers stress what is called the "bloodbath" doctrine (a communist victory would mean death for all South Vietnamese) and warn that the communists "think we won't give up and pull out before the job is done.

A last method to reach key segments of the population hinges on using "prominent taxpayers" - industrialists, bankers, college administrators, and the like - to present demonstrations. The VIP treatment may include briefings by officers, the opportunity to hobnob and pose for pictures with generals, and staged battles between infantry battalions, and even the opportunity to fire mortars and recoilless rifles. Comments from the guests (to the occasional roar of applause) to the Revson Foundation) included, "I'm very grateful for the privilege of seeing how the defense of our country is organized," "the message is you can be proud of the Army," "the weapons are better," and the ever-ready, "I'm proud of that."
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(Continued from page 1) interested in the proposal. Student CEP member George Flint '74 elaborated on the faculty opposition: many professors still felt the Division a "big administrative step" that would act as overserver of theprocess. Schulte stated that he intends for each Execomm member to represent the GA and the student body: he has to have "eight little UAP's" instead of just one.

Other business of the meeting were reports by students sitting on student-faculty committees. Students were reminded that the Nominations Committee will be seeking a large number of replacements for these committees for next year. Another announcement, the meeting adjourned, the next meeting to be called in three weeks.

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The Institute Council proposal, on the other hand, is floundering more so from opposition as lack of interest. St. John noted that he "doesn't hear a lot about" the proposal from the faculty and administration he deals with. Flint confirmed Alberthy's assessment; "if someone doesn't push it strongly, it won't get off the ground." The CEP subcommittee report doesn't even deal with this governance proposal. Only CEF has attended a number of meetings.

Florida decided that Execomm would investigate whether or not the students are interested in the idea. "I am interested," said one student present, "but I think most people are interested in more immediate things." The meeting adjourned with the establishment of the GA task force for next year. After an initial period of reviewing all sections of the document, the CEF has decided to leave to the soon-to-be-appointed task forces the job of carrying through studies in areas suggested by the report. Alumni interest, with the exception of a few metropolitan clubs, has slacked off considerably from the first flush of enthusiasm when the document was released. G. Peter Grant, Director for Alumni Clubs, told The Tech that many MIT graduates, accustomed to dealing with faculty, have asked CEF to review government a few times. CEF has decided to leave the report to the soon-to-be-appointed task forces the job of carrying forward. But the student body has to have a voice in the discussion.

Several Corporation visiting committees, though, may be getting more use out of the report. Fulser explained that several of those groups have touched on aspects of the report. Jeptha Wade, who sits on the Humanities Visiting Committee, noted that he had considered at great length the document's comments on the role of the humanities. Another report, he reported that within the School of Science there is continuing interest in the CEF's recommendations for the upperclass years though "it's hard to say how much of this is the normal course of events, and how much due to the Commission."
Riflemen take NRA sectional, NECRL's

By Larry Krusel

The varsity riflemen again had a record-setting weekend as they won the New England College Rifle Association sectional for the first time in 8 years, and placed first in the National Rifle Association sectional for New England.

The sectional is made up of two parts with individual competition in the morning and team matches in the afternoon. In the individual matches the shooters must fire their course with no coaching or help of any kind. In team matches, predetermined four-man teams are entered by each school and are allowed as much coaching and help as legal in any meet.

MIT entered nine of the seventy-six shooters in individual competition. Team captain Karl Lamson '71 turned in Tech's highest individual score with a 275 out of 300 possible, which also earned him a third place overall. Turner of the University of Maine and French of the Coast Guard Academy placed first and second with scores of 281 and 280. These two shooters also took the same two positions in last year's sectional with identical scores.

MIT's second shooter was Howie Klein '72 with a 274, while his career high and earned him fifth place in the tournament. Frank Leathers '72 tied his personal high at 273 and placed seventh. Other MIT scores were: Eric Kraemer '71 at 267, John Breen '73 at 262, Larry Krusel '73 with 260, and Andrew Kernohan, Tony Vidmar, Larry Brazil, Alex Prick, and Bill Prude. Last year, they were in the boat which defeated the freshman lightweights at the class-day regatta—the first time this has happened in at least five years. Some of them, such as Mel Aden and John Miller, are very new to the sport and were in a shell for the first time this spring.

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In order to avoid running another big story later in the year, the sectional scores are also used to determine the New England College Rifle League championship. To do this and comply with league rules, the afternoon's top five shooters from each league team were counted for the league score. Therefore, the scores of Swed's Kraemer, Lamson, Doug Belli (who fired a 365 in the afternoon but was not on a sectional team), and Klein were used to win the league title with a 1368 total.

The squad's keenness and desire to excel stand out. They were the first squad in the boat house on the water this year, and all of the crews on the Charles, they were in the first eight on the river after the ice melted. Come rain or shine, rough or smooth water, they are out there practicing. Their modes of practice range from savage, determined power stretches to eating ice cream in an "eight" up at Watertown while it is snowing lightly.

As regards the weather, hopefully it will improve so that they will be able to head out to practice from the banks of the Charles some sunny Saturday mornings. On April 10, they will be racing Columbia here. Thereafter, you can watch Northeastern, BU, Wisconsin and Dartmouth challenge them. They have more races away against other major universities, climaxing with the "Eastern Sprints." This regatta is held at Worcester, a short drive away, and every major eastern college crew will be there to challenge.

The frosh heavies are not the only squad in the boathouse, but they are unique. They are a group of mongrels bound together through a common sport, working to be the best damned team on the river—even though none of them had rowed before they came to MIT. Observe them from the bridge as they practice and follow their raucous banter from the Charles back. It is pleasant and fun to relax on a nice day and watch a group of hungry hounds at work.

The Frosh Heavies will be leading off the spring intercollegiate racing schedule this year when they travel to Hartford, Connecticut, to race Trinity on April 3. The race is unofficial and a week ahead of the first normally-scheduled regatta for MIT, but it gives the opportunity for the frosh heavies to be "blooded" earlier in the season.

After six months of preparation, they are ready to go. They are hungry, drooling for victims, and are looking forward to this "tough" with Trinity.

Some of them have tasted blood before: James Clarke, Steve Bates, Charlie Dominguez, Andrew Kernohan, Tony Vidmar, Larry Brazil, Alex Prick, and Bill Prude. Last year, they were in the boat which defeated the freshman lightweights at the class-day regatta—the first time this has happened in at least five years. Some of them, such as Mel Aden and John Miller, are very new to the sport and were in a shell for the first time this spring.

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