Dormcon withdrawals threatened

By Bob Wasserman

Three West Campus Dormitories, Burton House, Baker House, and MacGregor House, considered seceding from the West Campus Dormitory Council last December. The three dorms would form a new West Campus alliance, due to differences with Dormcon policies.

The West Campus alliance, according to Phil Kesten '78, Burton House President, would depend on the new group's receiving the funds allocated to Dormcon in proportion to the number of residents in these dorms. Kesten said that the West Campus alliance would attempt to make a fair representation of its dormitory residents to administering and faculty, serve as a unifying body for these residents, and also be a social organizer for these three neighboring houses.

A meeting to discuss the possible formulations of this alliance took place in early December and was attended by current presidents of Baker, Burton and MacGregor. Kesten, who organized the meeting, admitted that he had been dismayed with Dormcon since last spring, citing the inefficacy of Dormcon and its lack of jurisdiction over Campus affairs. Specifically, Kesten feels that Dormcon should improve its image on campus and also be able to focus on secondary issues.

Kesten finally relayed that the plan was currently "in limbo" but he still feels it is a possibility for the future.

Richard Dykstra '74, Dormcon Chairman since last September, sees many of the issues surrounding the West campus Dormcon withdrawals as being geographical ones. "East Campus and Senior House, dealing with South Africa, no protest activity has occurred here.

By Mark James

Some of MIT's non-teaching research staff would be able to lead research projects and, in some cases, supervise graduate students' theses under a new plan soon to be implemented.

The new plan, which was discussed at the final faculty meeting of last year, would create a "unified hierarchy of research" for people at MIT who are not members of the faculty, according to Professor of Physics Robert Halpern, Chairman of the Faculty.

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January activities not to be ignored

By William Laser

We at MIT take Independent Activities Period (IAP) for granted. As we start to think about the period of January and begin to carry them out, it is worthwhile to remember that IAP is a relatively recent addition to the academic calendar at MIT, and that some students have not adopted such a system. That leads to an obvious moral: you’ve got it, don’t waste it.

It is not to say that the month should be spent developing a fluency in a foreign language or finishing some sort of significant research project, but simply to do something else in your life. The decision is up to you, and what to do with IAP is a very personal one, and there is an infinity of worthwhile activities — but it is an important opportunity to think about what you might do and what you would like to do. IAP was originally conceived as an “Independent Study Period,” and the faculty’s decision to change the middle term to “Activities” is significant. As the Editor-in-Chief of The Tech concluded in 1973, “The faculty wants people to do different things.” He went on to say that spending the time making money, or goofing off, or completing an incomplete is legitimate IAP projects. But it is not enough to partake of all IAP unless you have figured out that that’s the best thing for you to do with your time. With academic pressure at MIT the way it is, having six weeks or so away from hard-core academic work demands a tired and unrested mind. Before thinking about that, one should be given some time and thought, and that’s important. IAP was originally conceived as an “Independent Study Period,” and the faculty’s decision to change the middle term to “Activities” is significant. As the Editor-in-Chief of The Tech concluded in 1973, “The faculty wants people to do different things.” He went on to say that spending the time making money, or goofing off, or completing an incomplete is legitimate IAP projects. But it is not enough to partake of all IAP unless you have figured out that that’s the best thing for you to do with your time. With academic pressure at MIT the way it is, having six weeks or so away from hard-core academic work demands a tired and unrested mind. Before thinking about that, one should be given some time and thought, and that’s important. IAP was originally conceived as an “Independent Study Period,” and the faculty’s decision to change the middle term to “Activities” is significant. As the Editor-in-Chief of The Tech concluded in 1973, “The faculty wants people to do different things.” He went on to say that spending the time making money, or goofing off, or completing an incomplete is legitimate IAP projects. But it is not enough to partake of all IAP unless you have figured out that that’s the best thing for you to do with your time. With academic pressure at MIT the way it is, having six weeks or so away from hard-core academic work demands a tired and unrested mind. Before thinking about that, one should be given some time and thought, and that’s important. IAP was originally conceived as an “Independent Study Period,” and the faculty’s decision to change the middle term to “Activities” is significant. As the Editor-in-Chief of The Tech concluded in 1973, “The faculty wants people to do different things.” He went on to say that spending the time making money, or goofing off, or completing an incomplete is legitimate IAP projects. But it is not enough to partake of all IAP unless you have figured out that that’s the best thing for you to do with your time. With academic pressure at MIT the way it is, having six weeks or so away from hard-core academic work demands a tired and unrested mind. Before thinking about that, one should be given some time and thought, and that’s important. IAP was originally conceived as an “Independent Study Period,” and the faculty’s decision to change the middle term to “Activities” is significant. As the Editor-in-Chief of The Tech concluded in 1973, “The faculty wants people to do different things.” He went on to say that spending the time making money, or goofing off, or completing an incomplete is legitimate IAP projects. But it is not enough to partake of all IAP unless you have figured out that that’s the best thing for you to do with your time. With academic pressure at MIT the way it is, having six weeks or so away from hard-core academic work demands a tired and unrested mind. Before thinking about that, one should be given some time and thought, and that’s important.
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Nation

Obesity charges filed — The United States Supreme Court has agreed to view a case dealing with the use of advertisements on a local radio station in New York. Complaints were lodged with the Federal Communications Commission after WBAI-FM broadcast a George Carlin album where seven words dealing with sex and excrement were used.

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IMs managed poorly

By Gordon Hall

Intramural sports at MIT involve upwards of 75 percent of the student body. This column was originated in part to take those people behind the scenes of the sports they are involved in — to show them the managerial side of the intramural sports program. In the course of writing this column, I have talked with a number of IM managers and members of the IM Council.

This research has led me to a seemingly inescapable conclusion: many aspects of intramural management are not being addressed. The reason is very simple: lack of interest and/or competence in managing a sport by the managers. The problem has been circumvented for the last several years when the IM Council had two managers, Mike Tanti '77 of Volleyball and Rick Kunitz '79 of Soccer, who understood the rules and procedures of their sports. But it is a mockery of one. The IM Council is not interested in having trained managers. This plan was not really written into the A-League rules.

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Football had an A-League, nor were we able to obtain any results or standings. Tennis had a variety of problems, including a diluted A-League, no team championships, and a poorly scheduled tournament. Hockey does not appear to be running much better. At least one occasion, there has been an open IM ice slot in the evening with no teams scheduled.

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