and off.

The effect of police intervention has been opposite to that intended; consequently a modus vivendi must be arranged with the police, making such intervention unnecessary. The only way to achieve this is to increase disciplinary authority within the Institute.

The Student Judicial Committee and the Faculty Committee on Discipline were set up for this purpose and have adequate powers to deal with misconduct both on Institute grounds and off.

The threat of stern application of the rod by an Institute authority has induced the child to keep his demonstration within decent limits; and it would certainly break down the wall of public disapproval with which we have lately surrounded ourselves.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

With only one or two meetings of the Institute Committee ahead before examinations begin, we believe it now is high time to consider the bases of a reorganization of our state government with more emphasis than ever before.

In the first place, the demands of democratic efficiency, and of consideration for members of our student government, we would point out the advantages of such changes.

First, we suggest that the time when the new Institute Committee takes over be moved forward about two months. This would give the numerous seniors sitting on Institute time enough opportunity to familiarize themselves with the student government and to become acquainted with their responsibilities.

At the same time, the proposed change would do away with the present system, whereby many activities elect their new officers shortly before the beginning of the Spring term, and are represented for the period between such election and the arrival of the new Institute Committee in April by their old chief officers. These officers more often than not, are no longer connected with their activity, and cannot hope to represent it effectively.

The move would imply having general class elections sometime before the end of the academic year if we are to do so justice.

Second, we feel that the president of Instcomm should be elected in the same way that the other members of the Executive Committee are elected, that is, by the Institute Committee. At present, the elected president of the senior class becomes president of Instcomm ex officio. Quantitatively, the present system is more democratic, since a larger number of voters (i.e., the Senior class) participate in the election. Qualitatively, the proposed system is more democratic, because the electors would represent a complete cross-section of the student body.

Thirdly, we consider it of major importance that Instcomm take up the question of how many people should sit on the Committee, and who they shall be. Now, living groups and class gatherings make up less than half the Instcomm membership; the remaining seats are taken by representatives of class A activities and heads of Instcomm subcommittees, who exercise much more influence than should democratically be theirs.

The best remedy is to reduce the number of members from the latter two groups in accordance with the so-called Federation Plan mentioned in Instcomm some four years ago.

The plan proposes the creation of a certain number of "activ- ity federations"—publications, entertainment, athletics, and so on—from which the president and his vice-presidents would be chosen.

This seems to us the only way of assuring fair representation of the students and have them as part of the student government.

The changes proposed above take time to study, and should therefore be considered as soon as possible; if adopted, there would then be enough time to put them into effect.

as we like it

Last Sunday night the MIT Student Association presented the MIT Olio Club and Choral Society with the Boston Pops Orchestra in the annual Tech Night. At The Pops, while the Boston Symphony is in Europe, Arthur Fiedler assembled an orchestra to play three nights in Chicago during the month of May.

As their final appearance of the season the MIT Opera Club and Choral Society produced singing of good quality; the precision of their attacks and release proved their attention to the perfection of the works they sang.

The Olio Club moved the audience with their effective rendering of the Negro spirituals, "Steal Away" and "Old Ark Is a Move". The Logosophists in their first appearance since the Pops were received very well.

The orchestra gave a performance which was well-coordinated, in spite of the fact that many of its principal players were away in Europe with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The good performance of both the Choral Society and the Olio Club lead us to expect a successful season in 1952-53.

through the mail

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I have been looking through WMT's schedule and have also heard some of the programs given over the medium. I do not like to point out that I have nothing against the Association or the station, but it is very unfair to give one religious organization a chance to broadcast over a campus radio station while there are immorale faiths represented at the Institute. Although according to the recent change in the Association's constitution, there is no religious restriction on members, we cannot deny the religious character of the Association.

WMT therefore has two choices. One, give every religious organization a chance of broadcast, in which case the station would become a perfect theological institute. Two, remain completely impartial and secular in nature.

I for one, would suggest complete neutrality — the universal religion. I simply think that it is very unfair to give one religious organization a chance of broadcast, in which case the station would become a perfect theological institute. Two, remain completely impartial and secular in nature.

A listener of WMT.