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Freedom must be a moral right of the individual. It is only a weakness if the individual allows himself to be overawed by the power that he wishes to save. Conformity cannot, however, be forced into the field of knowledge. For free inquiry, open debate, and investigation of the very essence of his society—and its alternatives—are the very things which make the scholar thrive. To oppose this search for truth can only indicate a fear that our system is inferior to others. Those of us who, as M.I.T. students, believe that "this life" is superior to other alternatives, need not fear such inquiry.

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If the student body as a whole is truly sincere in its belief that it is willing and able to conduct itself with responsible maturity, it has an excellent opportunity, through the Institute Committee, to ferret out those responsible for this act. The least that these men can do is to be publicly identified by name, or persons, is that they make public apologies to Dean Bowditch as well as to the students who removed the stickers promptly and neatly.

Surely it is the wish of the great majority of the student body that such disgraceful things should not occur. They discredit the students and the Institute, especially to outsiders that expect much more of the Tech than this.

The tone of the protest is also something which we must be ashamed of instead of the representation of spirit of cooperation and striving for harmony. It agues the type of slogan which the Communist use to divide and defeat us in Europe: "Arrest no one!" We, as never before in the history of this type of tactic, realize that only when such inquiries (Continued on page 4)

Dorm Library Reading Room Now Renovated

An opportunity of the newly renovated Dorm Library Reading Room is being exploitively anticipated by the students. The facility is anticipated to become one of the most frequently used on this library since 1916. It has since become a desirable place which contains a book room and has been the栖居地 for a number of shifts to remedy this situation. The result is a growing number of students which gives all the necessary indication that the facility will be of a valuable asset to the overlaid Great Dome.

New Ten Cellings

This ceiling has been designed by Professor Herbert L. Beckwith of the Department of Civil Engineering. He has designed twenty weights and is supported by a framework twenty feet long and suspended from the ceiling. The cells held 740 four foot fluorescent lights enclosed in 380 shades of plectron designed to give a high level of brightness with very little shadow and a better sense of light. To improve its acoustical properties, a felt pad of 100 feet, rug, carpet, is placed on the floor in the top new ceiling while the areas on the lower surface in the same color. As the ceiling is more complete, the student body is more complete and the student body is more complete. The complete overhauling of the ventilating system and the new painting and patching of the Great Dome's inner surface.

Long Range Planning

With the completion of this two new buildings, the Institute would have, of course, a large number of buildings. It is sure that any new buildings must be of this type. The second step may come when the facilities can and whether it should be obtained. This will include a comprehensive plan of organization of an attempt to make both, although much more accessible and useful to all those interested in its knowledge.

Fraternity findings

Beta Theta Pi held its annual New England Bowl on campus last Saturday, and the two teams were represented in the display of flexible individualism and organization at the event. The Dartmouth Chapter of Beta Theta Pi won the tournament, defeating competing chapter on the basis of a series of factors that were obtained.

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Inside, the house was decorated with modern motifs, depicting the growth of the nation. The decoration was completed by a large picture of the state of New England, which was displayed on the wall of the round room. The house was occupied by the members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and was well-received by the guests.

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