Events of the past few weeks have brought much needed attention upon the operation of the student government judicial system. An evaluation of policies and principles is now very much in order. If student leadership is the apparently new policy of greater publicity, and announcement of Judicial Committee's decisions. This policy, if followed, is one which The Tech approves.

The program of maintaining all-too-secret meetings and deliberations, and withholding from public attention the decisions reached by Judomem has been a costly one. For to enable a small group of people who (with the approval of the Judicial Committee on Discipline) are endowed with the power to deny a student dormitory status or even the very right to continue to attend the Institute, without revealing that group to enable the facts upon which its decisions are reached, is, to our way of thinking, far from democratic. An interested student body should expect no less than the appearance of fairness in administration. It has been suggested that any other system of law enforcement at the Institute has been tolerated this long because the judicial committee does not exclude the right of the judicial committees to hold "executive" or closed sessions in order to examine information, the disclosure of which at the time may bring undue harm and public embarrassment.

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