ELECTIONS TUESDAY — SO WHAT?

Each year, every undergraduate contributes approximately fourteen dollars to the support of the Institute Committee. This is accomplished without the explicit knowledge of the student in the following manner. Fifty dollars of the $800 total fees is allocated by the Institute for expenditures on student affairs. This sum amounts to $260,000 per year. Of this money, some $41,000 is given to Institute Committee for use in running student government and supporting such activities as the Athletic Association, the Lecture Series Committee, and the Combined Music Clubs.

On Tuesday, the entire undergraduate body, the same persons who contribute the fourteen dollars mentioned above, will choose a man to head the organization that controls this large sum of money. One of four candidates will be elected President of the Undergraduate Association.

In every election that we have ever been acquainted with, in every national, local, or even high school, the candidates at least took the trouble to offer some definite program to the voters. At M.I.T., ostensibly a school with progressive ideas, the candidates at least took the trouble to offer some definite program to the voters. The first basic problem that should be brought up to the new Institute Committee is a complete study of the rules, regulations, and appointed persons which affect the extra curricular activities of undergraduates, specifically the rules which are in the most dispute at the present moment. At M.I.T., we pride ourselves in the fact that individual responsibility is important; that we should be able to do, within reasonable limits, exactly what we want. To keep such a concept, it is necessary to have strict rules for which there exists a definite need or valid reason. Many of our rules have such definite reasons as a basis, but there are several exceptions, like taking in roommates, which do not stand up to reasoning. We should review the rules which it is enforcing, and the penalties that it is imposing. In the field of rules, the responsibility of enforcing should be given to the students, and not to the privilege legislature and review.

A second item with high priority for the new Institute Committee is the subject of Freshman Rules and Field Day. It is, however, quite in favor of retaining Field Day, and some revised system of Freshman rules. Field Day is one of the few traditions at this school, and it serves well to push the freshmen into working together. Freshman rules are an outlet for hazing enthusiasts, and a very definite help to the Freshman, in that they get some little knowledge of their surroundings, and who's who. To be of any real value, such rules should be planned in the early spring.

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