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Through the Mail

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don activities and athletics. In 1945-46 (the year before Professor Geiger joined the Institute as Director of Athletics), these appropriations were $132,997, $11,486, and $23,062 respectively.

In this present fiscal year 1954-55, the Institute has appropriated $233,843 (an increase of 69% over 1945-46 and 58% over 1944-45) for the support of extra-curricular facilities, concern for student activities and athletics. The coaches' salaries now total $60,943 and the appropriation to Institute Committee for the support of athletics and athletics activities.

There was an implication in your editorial that seemed to me that the Institute was not adequately supporting financially the athletic program. I think you will agree that the above figures indicate that we have made steady strides in providing additional financial support for our athletic program. There is no doubt that Professor Geiger and others have made every effort to make this support the best we can and we have one of the best athletic programs anywhere.

As I mentioned above, I agree that we need more athletic facilities, but even here we have made substantial gains in the last few years. There has been provided Back Bay, Caga, additional tennis courts, a new baseball diamond, 50,000 additional sq. ft. of seeded athletic fields, and new dugout seats.

I think that your editorial was very constructive, and I hope that it will not be too long before it will be possible for us to enjoy the additional athletic facilities mentioned in your paper. I hope further that these additional facts might be useful to you.

M. G. Klipper, Chairman
Undergraduate Budget Board

March 15, 1954

To the Editor of The Tech:

For the past few years, MIT has been expanding its academic facilities with new buildings, built on parking lots. At the same time, the size of the Institute faculty and the number of cars has increased. As a result of this, only slight provision has been made for additional parking facilities, with the result that many commuting students, as myself, have been totally excluded from the parking lots and forced into the streets, where the City of Cambridge and the MDC are carrying out their own parking prevention campaign.

On almost every occasion that I have attended a student-administration meeting concerning the parking lot problem, the parking lot problem has been cited, vociferously acknowledged, and just as readily deferred. With the new auditorium, was constructed an elaborate underground parking lot, which for economic reasons, was eliminated. Integrated with the Building 16 parking lot is a semblance of a garden, in order that vast areas of chrome and enamol should not detract from the appearance of the buildings. It might be suggested here that architectural embellishment and additions are perhaps second in importance to the actual operation of the Institute in it. The conjunction of an auditorium, a chapel, or a hockey building does little to soften the feelings of the commuter who has paid fines for the parking violations he has been forced to park. Where even minimal facilities do not exist, beauty is of no value. Where applications for a bigger Institute take precedence over those for a BETTER Institute, a distorted sense of values is much bewildered.

Victor Singer '56
March 15, 1954

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Twenty-nine photographs selected from the Ninth Open Exhibit of Technical Photography held in Los Angeles will be on exhibit in The Photo Service Gallery, Basement of Building 11, through March 25. The photographs are a part of the Photographic Society of America's 1953 International Exhibition of Photography.

On April 2, Photographic Salon prints by PHOTOGRAPHY Magazine will be on exhibit in the Photo Service Gallery.

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Due to spring vacation, THE TECH will not be published on March 20. Calendar notices for the week of April 7-14 are due in the office of the editor, Room 7-204, not later than noon Thursday, March 25.

Sherwood

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was, but only at a price. This limitation will be lessened as the demand for water grows over the years, however. Dr. Sherwood observed that the Second Law of Thermodynamics puts an impassable barrier upon efficient utilization of this resource—a barrier which we do not presently approach even by half. The problem if present methods are to be used, is for the engineers.

Many processes for the recovery of fresh salt water have been proposed or employed. Among these are multiple-effect distillation, solar distillation, which are already widely used. Chemical and electrolytic methods are possible, but expensive. The most promising today are the inverse-change reverse and vapor-compression units.

The lack of good ideas which is presently obstructing progress in this field is being removed with the aid of government grants under the Saline Water Conversion Program of the Department of the Interior.

The solution of the water shortage dilemma will have wide application in industrial processes if research in this field is accelerated.

Faculty Committee Will Determine Compton Winner

An institute faculty committee, consisting of the Provost, the Student-Faculty Committee, and the Undergraduate Budget Board, will determine the recipient of the Karl T. Compton Award, presented this year for the first time by the Boston Sym. Club and friends to the student or group of students who best exemplifies the qualities of character, brotherhood and service to the community.

The annual award, in honor of Institute Chairman Karl T. Compton, will be presented at a ceremony to be held in May.

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