Activities, Stu-Fac Relationships

Leadership Conference Topics

In the activities at MIT, you have one of the best opportunities in your life to gain experience in leadership," said Peter Grant, alumni member of the Athletic Advisory Board at the beginning of the 8th annual Institute Committee leadership conference. Attending the two-day conference at the Exeter Inn in Exeter, N. H., were the members of Inscomm, several of the subcommittee heads, and ten representatives of the faculty and administration, including President James R. Killian, Jr.

Mr. Grant emphasized the opportunities for leadership that activities and student government provide, stating that a student could gain much valuable experience in this manner. He also said that in many cases, interested students would find formal assistance in the activities if they were encouraged.

The Saturday afternoon panel sessions considered the major problems—discrimination, fraternity development, and fund raising. The major topic of discussion at the fraternity panel was the recent creation of an IFC Restrictive Clause Committee, and the fraternities in eliminating any restrictive clauses in their constitutions. As a result of this move by IFC, it was decided that the Inscomm Restrictive Clause Committee was no longer needed. In addition, the panel unanimously approved a system with groups of fifty to a hundred, rather than such groups as Baker or Burton, was suggested. Another point of interest that was mentioned was the problem of women students. The Inscomm has apparently reached the point where a rapid increase in the number of women students must be considered. If this happens, some provision must be made for housing them, and already such places as Sever House or a new dormitory have been suggested.

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