DEFINITION OF A LEGISLATURE

Dormitory Council, overpowered by the responsibility of deciding appropriate Open House hours, has taken the ball by the tail and postponed all thought and decision until the results of its newest questionnaire are tabulated.

That questionnaire yields notoriously inconclusive results and exposes the Council to ridicule in the minds of those filling it out has managed to escape all but the perceptive Council members—a small minority, unfortunately.

With sensible reforms readily available—some minimal suggestions being extension of hours on weekdays to 10:00 instead of 8:00 p.m., and on Fridays from noon instead of from 5:00 p.m.—Dormcon's plans remain unchanged, will cost an additional $80 or so. Surely Dormcon can find better methods of expending their financial assistance. Hiring a good band costs roughly $200, and surely one can, provided that one's interest might be more effectively acknowledged that a wrong was done; the majority of the members of your Senior Ring Committee to pay for the free rings they had approved. At an inscribed stone, this might be forgiven. Later in the meeting, however, the Committee decided to remove from the table a resolution forbidding student officials to accept any gifts or other forms of grace. The majority of the Committee thus clung to their minds to the consideration of an ethical code.

If Institute Committee were merely an activity, I should have submitted my resignation after today's meeting. It is now likely to hope that any exit for principle, for service to your interest might be more effectively accomplished along this line at the next meeting. Inscomm, the question of Senior rings is not so—was perpetrated by the Senior Ring Committee on the Class of 1956. It should not be allowed to go unpublished. Inscomm, if you please, recommended, rather than a candidate, payment in full for the right-hand accepted by the committee; it is not a constitution has been discredited. Inscomm should be willing to take further action against this freezing of their authority by one of the other forms of graft. The majority of student officials to accept any gifts or money could be saved by a Council with a little understanding of the operation of government.

Points of information: Dormcon is an elective body. It is empowered to enact legislation regarding the dormitory system. It has acted on the unstated principle that unofficially they were "annoyed" with a law. Surely Inscomm can find better methods of expending their funds.

The first questionnaire fiasco shall cost about $40; the next two if Dormcon's plans remain unchanged—will cost an additional $80 or so. Surely Dormcon can find better methods of expending their funds.

GRAFT: A SUBSTITUTE MOTION

The oft-recurring senior ring skeleton rattled through Liftehfield Lounge again this week. Defeated was a resolution stating that Inscomm was opposed to any member of its subcommittees receiving any gifts or benefits from outside concerns with which it does business.

At this juncture we might suggest an alternative motion, one which perhaps will meet a better fate: Resolved: that Inscomm is in favor of member of student government making the most of the opportunities for self-aggrandizement and self-interest afforded them by their positions.

This would serve admirably to clarify the issue at hand: what—any—are the responsibilities of student government to its constituents?

JAZZ AT MIT

Past turnouts at concerts of the MIT Jazz Society have left no doubt that the Institute family likes jazz, and wants to hear much more of it. Yet, the Jazz Society—a very young and very enthusiastic group—cannot bring its offerings to the Institute without financial assistance. Hiring a good band costs roughly $300, and though this money might well be collected from very low admission fees, the requisite capital is not available in advance—when deals must be made.

Incomm, in its efforts to do things for the students, might well consider aiding the Jazz Society in what is guaranteed to be popular, and with a good cause. It would possibly be appreciated by an equal or even greater number of people, and is therefore equally deserving of support.

For real enjoyment—real beer!