

**ELECTIONS**

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Tentant election in progress as new IFC officers are decided upon by that governing body. The import of this balancing move was revealed when a member of the administration termed the office of IFC president as "one of the top five on campus." At the last meeting, on January 12, nominations were made by an Executive Committee, supplemented by nominations from the floor. It must be emphasized that the following list is highly subject to change as nominations are declined or new ones are added.

As of the last IFC meeting candidates for chairman were: Marty Gerber, Steve Weisfled, and Mike Bresler, all of the class of 1977. Vice President and Secretary contests will be between Bob Pavek '58 and Ed Roberts '57. The two Treasurer candidates are Marty German '57 and Norm Peterson '57. The two Mem- ber-at-Large positions will be filled out of these six candidates: Fritz Herning '57, Bob Zordan '58, Fritz Rawle '57, Bill Belmore '57, and Tom Thomas '57; and Helmut Weisman '58. In regard to all elections except the IFC, voting turn has ranged in past years from below 50% to the inspiring Baker House turnout which often comes close to perfection. The polls will be open until eight and all three down are hoping their constituents will take advantage of voting privileges by casting their ballot in what promises to be some close contests.

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and more realistic. With a lightened work load it was thought the thesis at all undergraduate levels could be fitted into the curriculum in this respect.

The dormitories should be smaller and made less impersonal. This was one of the recommendations of the Living Group Workshop. The faculty-resident coordinator must be resident in the group and the number of students per faculty resident should be 200. In all living groups the seniors and other upperclassmen should give attention to the freshmen especially to help them gain enthusiasm.

Close student-faculty relations were stressed at the conference. Breakdowns between the greatest "barrier" between students and their instructors would enable more of the faculty's enthusiasm to get across to the students. All undergraduates should develop more of a professional attitude toward their respective courses instead of feeling of great competitiveness with the others for high grades.

President James K. Killian, Jr. in a statement at the closing of the conference addressed to the group, "I'm glad you have done it." He said the faculty and administration should be alerted when the plans for the conference were first presented to them but then saw that the planners of this meeting were genuinely interested in the problem of student apathy. He told of faculty and administration commit-tees that were working on similar problems and stated that this conference was a way of getting these committees to work together.

It should be added here that A.E.S. M.E. leader of the conference has been revitalized only recently. About 3 or 4 years ago it was an almost defunct organization, but through the leadership of interested students this new life was accomplished. Last year this group and Pi Tau Sigma (a mechanical fraternity) jointly revived the Karl Taylor Compton Prize for student interest in Mechanical Engineering. Student enthu- siasm was directed toward the creation of the Millen Room for the Mechanical Engineering Department. Student-Faculty, a practice which these two groups revived, won not with great acumen, A.E.S.M.E. and Pi Tau Sigma encouraged the prepara-tion of pages for the annual contest. Last year 17 papers were read. This year campus-wide, student-Faculty coffee hour was started and was also very successful. Above example show what student interest in the professional side of engineering can do.

Although the problem of student apathy is far from solved, a great deal was accomplished by this conference. As expressed by one of last year's graduates who helped formulate the original plans for the confer-ence, "Half of the problem has been solved by this conference since it made students start thinking about this lack of enthusiasm."