Freshman Orientation Debated; Troost Compares Colleges

Leadership Conference

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It was decided that there would be better representation of women's ideas and that The Tech should represent Inscomm's ideas as well as their own. The Tech's circulation should reflect the whole student body to help give a student communication plan of Inscomm; and that The Tech should remain independent. At some time soon advocated a party helping hand to the paper to keep it separate from Inscomm while other students advocated that Inscomm drop the publication of The Tech. The Tech representative pointed out that no statements on important issues have ever been made in the Tech and that often the heads of student government did not cooperate with The Tech in giving them information. He promised The Tech independence from Inscomm.

No Newsletter

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The second point brought up was the lack of liaison between Inscomm and the faculty committee. Faculty members felt that the autonomy of the faculty committee would be endangered if students sat on them. Inscomm felt that the students had a right to know what was being taken on the Inscomm recommendations to the administration. It was agreed that the present Inscomm should investigate this problem.

The second big topic of the day, and possibly the most important of the whole conference was that of freshman orientation. The problem of orientation was thought to be threefold concerning both course orientation, orientation with the school and student government orientation. The psychological attitude of the Freshman was debated as well as how having affected him. It was decided that a reorganization of freshman week-end and of field day should be considered.

Women Students

Other discussions of the day centered around the problem of women students. It was felt that the women students made definite contributions to the MIT society and that the idea of MIT as a place of sedates for women should be changed before the public. Elizabeth Merta, representative from the women students association, pointed out the need of the codes for better dormitory facilities.

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Professor John T. Rule delivering the keynote address at the Leadership Conference last weekend

Professor Laurens Troost gave a talk at dinner on Saturday night comparing the American and European Universities. Professor Troost is the head of Naval Architecture and formerly from Holland. He pointed out that in Europe the student pays only four years' tuition regardless of how long he goes to school. It generally takes the student five years to get his degree although the average student pays only four years' tuition regardless of where he goes to school or in what period he takes his course. Professor Troost said that the main difference was in the attitude of the students. Here in the United States, the only thing the majority of the students are interested in is receiving their diploma and getting out.

An Annual Affair

The Leadership Conference is an annual affair sponsored by the Inscomm Committee to acquaint the new members of student government with the problems of said activity. The conference is not meant to be a policy making affair but it is hoped through intelligent discussions with other members of student government that a better understanding of MIT's form of student government will be reached.

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