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EDITORIALS

Eternal Vigilance

Dormitory Council's recent move to assert rights to search any room has created a controversy among the various campus groups. The new system would permit search in the presence of any two of the following students: the House Chairman, the Dormitory Judicial Chairman, and the Dormitory students; the House Chairman, the House Judicial Chairman, and the student Judicial Board; the Dormitory Judicial Chairman and the Dormitory students; the House Chairman, the House Judicial Chairman, and the student Judicial Board. The new proposal offers no advantages and poses a danger that it is once more approaching the profession to which it belongs.

We have recommended a reconsideration of curriculum and teaching methods and can now urge an appeal for awareness and consideration of the problem. We have stressed the necessity for an overall point of view on planning, through criticism of the Ryer Report. That need still exists, it should not be overlooked. We have emphasized the need for understanding the position of the student government and of the newspaper in the university community and have outlined what we feel to be their roles.

We have discussed the more subtle threats to freedom in the subtle sphere of public relations and have stated the need for promotion against this danger. A controversy arose when we discussed national events. In the modern Institute community, national affairs are often of so much interest and importance as local affairs that, if the Institute newspaper can make a contribution to the community, it must make an attempt without regard to limitations of its original sphere of action.

Overall, we have urged the fall and rational consideration of every event and its consequences; we have stressed the need for integrity, intellectual courage and rationality. We may not have succeeded in all attempts, we may have failed in both. But if we have caused some people to think, we will have made the Institute a better place than we found it.

We will not have failed.

Ave Atque Vale

With this issue, Volume LXXVI of The Tech becomes history. For the Managing Board of this volume, it has been a unique, an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We are confident in our expectations for Volume LXXVII.

The new Board has not yet been announced. Tradition-ally it is named at the annual staff banquet. It will be announced Thursday. To the members of the new Board and staff we wish success and say hail and farewell.

reviews

At 8:15 p.m. Saturday evening the MIT Choral Society presented a very successful concert in Kresge Auditorium, concluding a fine musical season at MIT.

The program consisted of Gabrieli's "Jubilate Deo", a composition scored for double chorus and brass choir; the Handel Organ Concerto in F major with David C. Johnson, organist; and Haydn's "Theresa Mass" for orchestra, chorus, and soloists.

Of the three pieces, "Jubilate Deo" was definitely the best from a technical standpoint. The piece itself is very colorful, with its peculiar scoring of double chorus and brass ensemble. It is not a completely emotional nor a completely logical composition, but rather a happy combination of the two qualities with very intense moments. The Choral Society brought off excellently the rich harmonies of this piece which expresses an extreme, but unstatic, happiness.

The Handel Organ Concerto was an admirable and sur-prisingly excellent performance. The Handel Mass, which followed the Organ Concerto, was quite similar to the Gabrielli piece in its lack of extreme emotionalism. The Choral Society used this as an expression of different moods in a con-cise and complete manner. This work stands apart technically from the majority of Haydn's other works in that it is quite often dramatic, and free in the use of key. Despite effectively solo work and occasional bright spots such as a jubilant "gloria" chorus, the choral societies performance of this work did not quite come up to the quality of "Jubilate Deo".

In this concert the choral society proved by its excellent performance that it is once more approaching the profession and unity it displayed before its trip to Europe last summer.

—G. H. Haines '59

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