Ex-UAP Jones States Views In Report: Seeks More Cooperation From Institute

Ending his tenure as UAP, Mal Jones '57, reviewed student activity during the past year in his President's report. At the very outset, the outgoing leader of the student body says of recent events, "In the four years I have been associated with student government at Tech I have never known a richer trick... most of the students were associated with student government in some way." The report further states, "Whenever possible, student government should be consulted on all problems judicial or otherwise concerning the student body," he comments.

Commenting on the apathy toward student government, he says, "...I feel that considerable inroads have been made toward overcoming this problem... Where we have fallen down is at the lower levels of student government."

He feels it is, "the dormitory student, must feel that he can go speak to his hall chairman and likewise the half chairman must convey his sentiments to the House Committee, and then to the Institute Committee." At the level of Institute Committee there has been increased publicity by the posting of the minutes of Inscomm and Exec on bulletin boards, and through the pages of The Tech. However, "We cannot expect students to be interested in the deliberations of the Institute Committees if they cannot identify themselves with it through the lowest levels of student government, that is the living group governing body. Thus the entire pyramidal hierarchy of student government with the Institute Committee sitting at its pinnacle is challenged when there are grasslings and unrest at the levels of the house committees."

In connection with Inscomm itself, he says, "A report of further activities not limited to the "long and interesting discussion... a great deal of time was wasted." He proposes changes of procedure to remedy this.

The survey has examined the various actions of Inscomm and the situations which have come up before it, such as freshman orientation, parking, the Ryer Report, and the Student Union, as well as the reports of the following ad hoc committees: the Secretariat, the Finance Committee, Finance Committee, Admissions Committee, National Student Association, the Judicial Committee, Student Committee on Educational Policy, Public Relations Committee, International Program Committee, the living groups, the Activities Council, the Finance Board, Liaison Council, Freshman Council, Baker Memorial Committee, and a brief account of the two special studies in progress: a study of undergraduate activities, and another of the present status of former prominent undergraduates.

The retiring President of Inscomm also offers a series of recommendations to the new Institute Committee. Most of these are that the new committee continue several of the practices and policies of the outgoing committee. These include the inclusion of members of the faculty and administration, the continuation of special committees for the formation of a Student Union and for the formation of the ad hoc committee for establishing a daily newspaper, and the committee to consider the revision of the Freshman Orientation Program. He also suggests that active support be given to the establishment of a daily newspaper; that the Institute Committee continue its work in the abolition of the cumulative and term rating on the reports sent to students.

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