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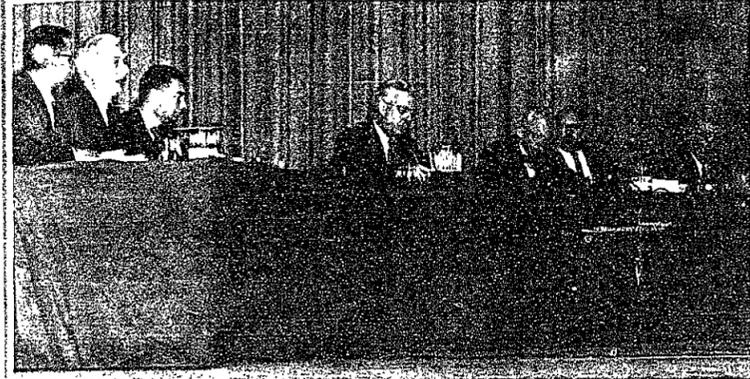
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Institute Is A Professional School



THE PANEL: left to right, Dr. Brown, Professor Burchard, Mr. Roddy, Mr. Canham, Dr. Means, Dr. Wilbur, and Dr. Weiner.

Panel Concludes MIT Must Impart Social Responsibility To Graduates

"MIT: A Professional School?" "Yes," summarized Edwin Canham, moderator of the panel discussion held in Kresge Auditorium last Friday, February 21. He added that the group felt there was a small, diminishing touch of the trade school, but also a growing university spirit.

The panel was asked five specific questions under the general topic MIT: A Professional School? they were: "What are the natures of science and engineering as professions?; What special responsibilities, if any, do the scientist and engineer hold to society?; Do the responsibilities of the scientist and engineer differ from one another?; How does MIT attempt to convey these responsibilities to its undergraduates?"; and, "How might it improve its present methods of conveying these responsibilities?"

Professor John E. Burchard '23, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Studies, thought that a definite responsibility to clarify the truth existed. The best way to convey this responsibility to MIT undergrads, he felt, would be to reduce the Institute enrollment by half while retaining the present faculty. This would permit closer communication between students and the faculty and administration. In support of his proposal he related the story of a writer for *The Tech*, archenemy of the administration, who had reported an occurrence with a very unfavorable slant, but after learning all the facts, heartily approved of the subject.

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MIT AA Elects Ekberg, Drew

The MIT Athletic Association held its annual elections for officers Thursday night.

Elected President was Paul Ekberg '58 who will receive two degrees a year from next June. He replaces Dan Holland '58.

Mike Drew was elected Varsity Vice President, replacing Glen Strehle, and Dave Berg was replaced by George Stivers as Intramural Vice President.

Dick Northrup was elected Recorder, replacing Bill Putt.

The Athletic Association is an organization of students responsible for athletic activities at MIT, working with the Athletic Board. In the past, it sponsored Field Day, and at present is in charge of approving budgets for all teams.

Inscomm Halves Its Membership, Dropping UAVP, Coed Rep., Frosh And Senior Reps.

Institute Committee cut its own membership in half at a meeting last Thursday night. The representative of the Association of Women Students, the UAVP, and the Freshman and Senior Class Presidents have been dropped from Inscomm. The Commuters have been cut to one representative, the fraternities to two, and the dormitories to the three house presidents. The membership of Inscomm now stands at eleven representatives, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, making a total of thirteen members.

These changes were embodied in a report presented by Bob Jordan '58, IFC Chairman. This report was the result of the work of a committee headed by Jordan, which was set up last January 14th. This report envisioned an Inscomm as "an effective decision making-group composed of people with backgrounds in specific realms of student government or activities, to be typified by small size."

Dick Hughes '58 justified the lack of communication and representation in such an organization by the hypothesis that the students do not really feel that Inscomm is an effective body.

According to Jordan's report, three principles were used in formulating the new membership:

1. The most responsible individuals from a body were to be chosen, and second-hand representation was to be avoided.

2. Inscomm's activities would try to avoid "busy-work" and long, rambling debates.

3. Living groups were the most important area of representation, with activities second, and classes third. Living-group representation was set up in a 3:2:1 ratio for dormitory, fraternity, and commuting residents respectively. This numerical proportion was the basis for eliminating the women students from Inscomm.

Offices remaining unchanged on Inscomm are the UAP, the President of the Activities Council, and the President of the Athletic Association. Non-voting members will include a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Subcommittee Chairman, as at present. It was decided that the Treasurer will be the next in succession to the office of UAP.

The dormitory representation now stands as the three house presidents. This provision was passed over the strong objections of the Baker and East Campus representatives. They reiterated the stand of their own House Committees, that the presidents were too busy and that a chosen representative would be preferred.

The office of UAVP was abolished because Inscomm felt that the office had no responsibility, and that adding any duties would be superfluous. The new IFC representation consists of the IFC President, and a fraternity representative elected at large, who shall have been a house president.

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Coeds Fight Expulsion From Inscomm, Seek Status As A Group

The removal of the representative of the Association of Women Students from Inscomm has stirred deep feelings among the coeds. Last Thursday's meeting, at which this action was taken, was attended by eleven militant coeds. They presented a petition which had been unanimously adopted at an AWS meeting the previous night. This petition strongly urged that the coeds not be removed from government. As AWS President Toni Deutsch '58 commented, "it all seems to bear overtones of oligarchy, with a vague resemblance to a purge of the weakest."

The petition to Inscomm stressed that, if the AWS representation were removed, they would have no status at all. They would be neither a governmental organization, a living group, a social group, nor an activity, and would have no part in any student organization.

Coeds Refute Jordan's Claim

Miss Deutsch said, "It was claimed by Mr. Jordan and a few others that the number of coeds at MIT is so small as to invalidate any claim to representation on a body of such 'august' stature as the new eleven-man Inscomm." The AWS petition takes strong exception to this claim, stating: "The coeds represent a unique 2.8% of the student body . . . The coeds have been trying to create a place for themselves in the Institute community and gain prestige and a meritorious reputation . . . If you (Inscomm) eliminate our seat, you will destroy all that we have tried to do." Miss Deutsch cited the fact that a full twenty per cent of her constituency came to the meeting as an indication of the serious interest that the women students take in campus affairs.

One of Inscomm's suggestions would have the Association of Women Students established as a class A activity. Toni Deutsch said that she would refuse to accept such a classification, and seek instead either to regain the seat on Inscomm or to obtain representation on Dormitory Council. Several officers of Dormcon expressed their willingness to have the AWS so represented.

Attempts For Representation

Among the gambits attempted by Miss Deutsch at Thursday's Inscomm meeting was a suggestion which would have had the house presidents of 120 Bay State Road and Bexley Hall go to Inscomm as dormitory representatives.

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Miss Elaine Beane '59, who will play the female lead in the forthcoming Tech Show '58, is one of numerous coeds who participate in the non-curricular life of the Institute.

Tech Coeds Play A Special Role

The Tech Coed has been a part of the Institute's student body, and, often to her dismay, of its folklore, for as long as she can remember. Her numbers have always been small—about a dozen from each undergraduate class plus a few more in the graduate school.

For years the Coed was given no place to live. Each fall she went apartment-hunting, finally settling down in a flat apart from her fellow coeds and from the campus. The acquisition of the Women's Dormitory at 120 Bay State Road helped matters; however, it houses only seventeen girls.

The coeds were given part of Bexley Hall, on Massachusetts Avenue, last fall. It is conceivable that the entire building will eventually be given to them. When that happens, the Institute will be able to admit a higher percentage of the coeds who apply. (Last year 120 women applied; only fourteen were admitted.)

Coeds have always been active in MIT life, especially in extra-curricular activities. One coed is a national swimming champion; another has the lead in Tech Show '58.

Last spring, Chancellor Stratton said that, "Women are here to stay, and it is our hope to make them feel more a part of the MIT community." To many, it would seem that the latest Institute Committee action lacks the ring of hospitality.

Frank Lloyd Wright To Speak In Kresge, Sponsored By LSC

A controversial and much-honored structure will house a controversial and much-revered architect when Frank Lloyd Wright speaks in Kresge Auditorium at 5:00 p.m., tomorrow. Tickets, which are available free in the lobby of Building 10, from LSC will be honored until 5:00 p.m. after which admission will be open to non-ticket holders.

Mr. Wright will speak on "American Architecture".

He is best known, recently, for his design of a "mile high" skyscraper which, though structurally sound, has not been built, and is regarded as somewhat bizarre by some architects. Other recent designs include the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, and a combination apartment building and office in the middle of the Oklahoma plains.

He originally became famous for designs which harmonized with their surroundings, using new methods of construction and new materials which had been overlooked or avoided before.

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Iron Birds Caged In Bldg. Seven Lobby

Missiles Are Displayed Here

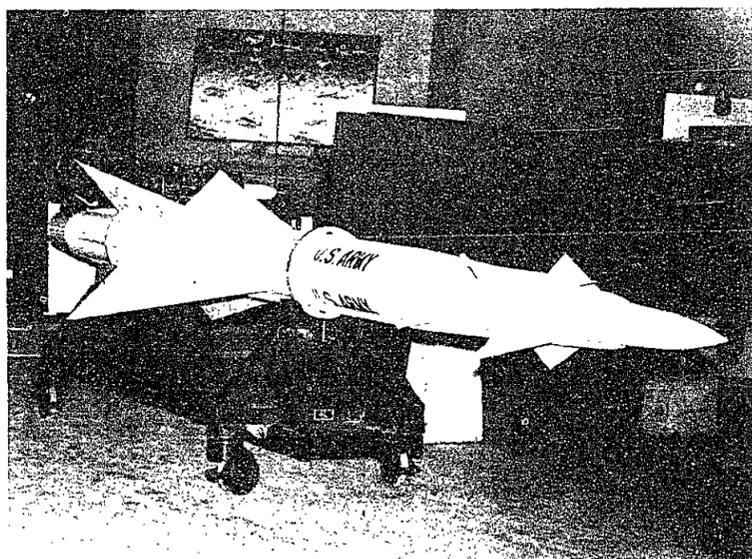
The largest missile exhibit ever held in New England was opened in the lobby of Building Seven yesterday. Sponsored by the department of aeronautical engineering, the exhibit includes about 20 major displays, ranging from a 7-foot, 7 ton Air Force BOMARC to a series of small-scale models of Russian and U. S. missiles.

Besides the BOMARC, which is being shown for the first time in New England, other missiles in the exhibit include a HAWK, a SPARROW III, and NIKE. Models of the Navy's TERRIER and SPARROW I, along with a one-third scale cut-away of the NIKE, are also on display. Other items cover many recent developments in such fields as instrumentation, propulsion, and space vehicle research. The exhibit will be open to the public through next Saturday, March 1.

Some of the displays were trucked over considerable distances especially for this show. The BOMARC was shipped from Wright Field in Ohio and Republic Aviation has sent an animated dioramic display of the supersonic F-105 from Pittsburgh. Several West Coast firms are also participating.

One of the firms representing the Greater Boston area is the Raytheon Co., which is exhibiting a HAWK and a SPARROW III, Army and Navy missiles for which it is the prime contractor. The HAWK is the Army's surface-to-air missile designed to counter low-flying aircraft in conjunction with the NIKE, which is already operational in New England. The SPARROW III is an air-

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A NIKE missile rests docilely on its dolly in the lobby of Building Seven.