When we first became aware of the confusion surrounding the activities of the Junior Prom Committee, we were inclined to view the sixteen violations with some sympathy. These are many large problems involved in the planning of a JP, and any previous committee member will testify. Consequently, the mix-up on Saturday night and the lateness in obtaining a band and a balloonoon could be overlooked.

Now, however, the situation has changed. There seems to be every indication of malfeasance on the part of this year's committee. The selling of six hundred options when only five hundred and fifty couples can be accommodated in the Fuller and the absence of records of purchases indicates lack of planning and judgment. Moreover, the action of several members of the committee in taking tickets for their own and other fraternities in advance of general sales to the student body is a dishonest misuse of office and cannot be condoned. Members of the JP Committee are not only expected to provide a good point for members of their class, but to provide a fair and equitable distribution of tickets to the entire undergraduate body.

We believe that these holding options prove not only that the committee sold more than it could possibly be honored. We believe that dons without options and those fraternity men who were not fortunate enough to have a brother on the committee or to be personally visited by committee members would also be likely to believe why such partiality was exhibited. Such irresponsible actions can only lead to increased animosity between dormitories and fraternities, to the detriment of MIT as a whole.

The only honorable action now open to the JP Committee is to immediately redeem all outstanding options as it was required to do by a band and a balloonoon could be overlooked.

Everybody wishes this system does know, however. The national stage and the last impromptu were announced at the last IFC meeting.

The Inter-Fraternity Conference has a perfect right to handle its own judicial matters and, if they choose, to keep them sealed by an IFC Investigations Committee by-law which does not permit publication of rushing violations outside the fraternity system. We believe that those holding options would like to have the same type of heterogeneous consideration that four MIT students who were apprehended stealing $300 in the Statler and the absence of records of purchasers in invalidating a band and a balloonoon could be overlooked. Penalties have but one purpose: to discourage violations. We believe that publication of such action, which has not been the practice in the past, is a good idea; it can do no harm and also creates a broader awareness of the actions of students and disciplinary procedures. We respect the IFC's decision to change this aspect of punitive actions will be noticed; anything under $300 is too small to bother with.

MET has a fine fraternity system and an excellent IFC; we hope this group will recognize the specific weaknesses which have occurred and will adopt new philosophies and penalties in the treatment of its judicial procedures.

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