Choosing Courses

A large portion of the freshman class turned out last Wednesday night to hear President Stratton, four of the deans, and several professors discuss the choice of a course of study for their remaining years at MIT. In an evening remarkably free of the usual platitudes and pedantic preachments that generally characterize national government, and the world, in terms of water's reception heralds a livelier era on campus. When students will manage to think of believe they can accomplish something themselves lead the Tech man to Armageddon is an open hope of the arch-conservatives, will manage to fight for it, though that remains to be seen.

Whether it be management, architecture, humanities, or engineering or science.

The most urgent note of the evening was made by Prof. Greeley, head of the Freshman Advisory Council. Prof. Greeley advised the freshman not to make a course selection with the choice of an undergraduate course is not an irreconcilable one. There is room for flexibility even after a choice has been made; there is no such thing as total commitment to a field. All that's needed is an open mind, and a willingness to talk to people. You can't lose.

Political Winds!

It is a rather unusual experience to witness a large group of MIT undergraduates become emotionally worked up over a man's ideas to the point where they are vocal and generally noisy. Nevertheless, a week ago Senator Goldwater of Arizona faced a cheering, and enthusiastic audience of Tech men, who were prepared to listen to the gospel. After the political apathy so apparent on campus for a few years, it is heartening to see some signs that the undergraduate can really believe in something, and possibly fight for it, though that remains to be seen. Wherever or not Senator Goldwater, the white hope of the arch-conservatives, will manage to lead the Tech man to Armageddon is an open question. Any sign however, that students believe they can accomplish something themselves in politics by supporting a candidate is welcome. Generally, the "outs" politically are more vocal than the "ins," but neither group has been particularly loud recently. Possibly Senator Goldwater's reception heralds a livelier era on campus, when students will manage to think of national government, and the world, in terms of themselves, and be willing to say something.

The Tech has strong feelings on the subject of the letter appearing on this page, but will temporarily withhold comment until more facts can be gathered. We will publish a reply next week.

Letters:

To The Editor:
The December action of the MIT Athletic Board was taken in the best long term interest of the Institute, the athletic program and the individual student. This is but part of a program to increase the prominence of athletics here.

To clarify the situation, the resolution reads:

"Members of intercollegiate teams (frosh or varsity) shall not compete in any intramural sport except by written permission of the appropriate coach. Such permission is to be filed with the Athletic Department."

The intent of the resolution is to define the difference between varsity -and intramural athletes; so that with increased prestige, the varsity athlete will not lose the opportunity to experience himself the thrill of athletics. The decision will still remain with the student on which level to compete. Increasing the prestige, we believe, will be one step toward permanently raising the caliber of athletics. A prime benefit, in addition to raising the prestige of varsity athletes, is that the new rules will relieve many varsity athletes from living group pressures which compel them to compete in intramural sports often against their own wishes. A further benefit will be the opportunity for many people to take part in the intramural program whose place had previously been taken by a varsity athlete.

The new ruling does not forbid participation in intramurals by varsity athletes, but gives their coaches proper and effective control. The administration and interpretation of the ruling rests with the coaches and they may make any exceptions that they feel necessary for best interests of the individual as well as the team.

No set penalty for violation of this ruling has been established, as they are not expected to occur. In the event of a violation, the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association will determine the penalty to be imposed in the light of the known circumstances.

This action has been introduced in an effort to produce long term gains in the MIT athletic program. We feel that for it to be effective it must have the honest adherence of the student body.

Henry W. Wagner, President M.I.T.A.A. for the Athletic Board

"A GUIDE FOR THE DATELESS"

With the cost of dating rising higher and higher it is no wonder that so many of us are turning to discos. Naturally, we would prefer chasing warm coeds to finding cold dice, but who's got that kind of money? Prices being what they are, the average man today has a simple choice: dating or eating.

Unless the average man happens to be Finster Sigafous.

Finster came to college with the normal ambition of any average man: he wanted to find the prettiest coed on campus and make her his. He looked long and carefully, and at last he found her—a tall job named Kretchma Inskip, with hair like beaten gold.

He asked her for a date. She accepted. He appeared at her sorority house that night, smiling, eager, and carrying a bouquet of modestly priced flowers.

"Now then," said Kretchma, tossing the sleepy flora to a hedge, "where are we going tonight?"

Finster was a man about on cash, but long on ideas. He had prepared an attractive plan for this evening. "How would you like to go out to the Ag campus and see the milking machine?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Well, what would you like to do?"

"Come," she said, "to a funny little place I know just outside of town."

And away they went.

The place was Millionsaires Roost, a simple country inn made of solid ivory. It was filled with beautiful ladies in backless gowns, handsome men in dicky, Original Rembrandts adorned the walls. Marlboro trays adorned the cigarette girls. Chained to each table was a gypsy violinist. A further benefit will be the opportunity for many women to take part in the intramural program whose place had previously been taken by a varsity athlete. To have melon stuffed with money."

The waiter, "will start with shrimps remoulade. Then I will have sirloin steak and make her his. He looked long and carefully, and at last he found her—a tall job named Kretchma Inskip, with hair like beaten gold. For it to be effective it must have the honest adherence of the student body.

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We're no expert on Dutch treat, but here's an American treat we recommend with enthusiasm—Marlboro's popular new partner for non-filtersmokers—the Philip Morris Commander.