Student Union

With the construction of MIT's new Student Union facility will come some of the direly needed commercial facilities for this campus. They have been, and will be, too long coming. With the burning of the new Union in sight, Block, the nearest drug store to the MIT on-campus living groups is at least one mile away. During weekends this is the case for all stores and restaurants. Even when the Student Center is open, the number of commercial operations will be limited; their proprietors must be selected carefully and well. The Harvard Co-op has been successful in putting a major portion of the retail selling space, with an operation much like their Harvard Square store. In addition there will be a drug store, a barber shop, perhaps even a bank branch. The retail outlets now will be operating essentially without competition, so it is imperative that their policies be acceptable to the MIT community before they occupy the building. They should remain open on Saturday. They should operate under short term leases whereby they will be forced to provide satisfactory services to insure renewal. They should be allowed to change the lines of merchandise to meet MIT needs.

The Tecb has come from its position as a financially desperate, dangerously unsteady newspaper to a publication which a for the first time in our memory begins to represent a true cross-section of the myriad activities of the MIT community. This was not an accomplishment without effort, and special credit belongs to the managing board which worked willingly when the future of the paper looked grim indeed. The personal presence of these people were not unworthy. To Carl Wursh, whose opinions gave The Tecb real editorial validity, to Peter Thurstom, whose diligent financial management lent The Tecb solvency, and to the rest of a fine staff, our congratulations. But the reward for the staff of Volume eighty-one will be none in our words of praise, it will be rather in the continuing growth of a sound newspaper for MIT, and this is the task we have undertaken.

Our goals in this volume are quite simple to state. We wish to provide more and better coverage of all items of interest to every member of the MIT community. Since ours is an undergraduate newspaper, our first concern will be for the undergraduate body. We believe no basic conflict of interest exists, and that news and comment concerning MIT will be of equal interest to faculty, staff, and student. This page will be used to state opinions, both that of The Tecb and that of our readers through their letters to the Editor. In this context we invite our readers to use this means of obtaining a hearing for their ideas and criticisms. We will report criticism and suggestions for the newspaper as a whole. It is our intent to satisfy so far as possible the requests of our readers. In return, we expect your support and continued readership. Only by achieving these aims can The Tecb be a newspaper of the caliber MIT deserves.

Letters To The Editor

In Defense of the LSC

To the Editor:

It seems to us high time that we begin to pay some real attention to the torrent of adverse criticism which has been heaped upon the Lecture Series Committee in recent weeks. We praise Mr. Lieberman's statement, published in the January 19 issue, that the LSC is an "organization established for the purpose of serving the MIT community." Appar- ently Mr. Lieberman is under the misconception that the LSC is a profit-making organization. We feel that the LSC is a service organization which performs an educational function for the MIT community. After expenses for the film series are paid, the greatest part of the money is put into the "palace of disinterested monied minds" of membership.

We do not believe that the average audience at an LSC movie is more disinterested than the films which are shown. It is not true to say that "thousands and thousands" or "a high quality movie" was actually a good one. We feel that the LSC should be more "disinterested" in the films which it shows in order to improve comprehension. At Tech, however, there is no such disinterest. We intend to ask our student to gain this help. We believe that the LSC should in some form of Rapid Reading course available for all. One possible way this could be achieved is as a fresh meet elective, or a series of lectures which already contain typing classes, to have a speed reading course.

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By Steven Levy '63

In this week's column West was both hero and goat. Over South he held clubs jumped immediately to four hearts. He felt reasonably safe because of favorable vulnerability and his partner's original contract. The North-South so far South decided to go with the slam and improved comprehension. West, however, played a 'close' heart and West was alerted. East, if he was alert, could have made a five club contract. South, however, overtrumped partner's contract and throwing back a low club was overtrump, and is still a good idea.