Unfulfilled Potential

Perhaps the most disappointing sight on the MIT scene today is the large extracurricular organizations which, by their very size and personnel, should have been the interested predecessors, have acquired enable facilities and now are working somewhere far short of the potential these facilities would imply. Through severe time limitations, their officers tend to let the activities drift where they may, failing the minimum requirements of their position. When the effort is made to improve it, it is through the efforts of some singularly motivated individual, and usually lacking continuity, it can only flourish briefly and die.

Certain of the organizations, such as the publications and the radio station, represent the entire MIT community. It is only natural that more should be required of these groups than of those organizations which exist specifically to further the cause of the members. The considerations of self-interest which motivate their memberships take as many different directions as there are groups, and it is the duty of the officers to guide them and in fulfilling their obligations to be both as building as for the future.

A common point is the campus radio station, WTVS. In spite of an expenditure of over $10,000 in recent years and the acquisition of an FM channel, the station is plagued by a dearth of interest which reflects its frequently disheveled programming techniques. It is almost as if the staff were not aware that the audience is there; and all too often they are not. Of the several groups with over 5,000, their listeners are frequently outnumbered by their staff membership. When a really worthwhile program is on the air, the publicity, or lack of it, is deplorable.

This is but one of the cases in which something entirely without reference to grades or credits. The expenditure of more money doesn't seem to be the solution.

We can only recommend that the officers, particularly of these representative organizations, try to gain an attitude of foresight and of willingness to listen to the criticisms which is readily available, that an atmosphere will be created where objections will be stimulated to performances of excellence rather than minimal compliance.

Parietal Hours II

We should like to call once again for a reconsideration of the parietal rules presently in effect in MIT dormitories. With so many changes, day, Wednesday, and Friday, it is not uncommon for an upperclassman to have a completely free day in midweek. This, combined with the several evening activities (such as lectures) which occur on weekdays, plus the liberal hours of many girl's schools, make it desirable to be able to arrive at a date without the burden of finding a place to go between the time the lecture is over and the time of the girl's curfew. Circumstances frequently arise in which individuals would like to see a statement of policy which might clarify for many the reasons behind the restrictions and thus induce a greater respect for them in a statement, coupled with a realistic re-evaluation of hours, is very much in order.

A Step Forward

After reading the accounts in an avid and overwrought press of last week's event in the Tech, a glance into the life of the MIT community, we must consider the part the accidents play in the community and the problems that have blocked progress.

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