Summer Session

Should MIT expand its summer session? There are good reasons to think so.

The two chief advantages are economic efficiency and improved educational opportunity for students.

The present summer session consists mainly of second-term freshmen and sophomore subjects given to students who failed them; subjects for cooperative students; and short, specialized programs for professional people. MIT is particularly well equipped for these intensive subjects because of its superb laboratory facilities.

The present summer session is not designed for students who wish to get ahead in their academic work. Prof. James Austin, Director of the Summer Session, says our summer session is the bare minimum in scope.

Students who study during the summer can shorten their undergraduate career by about one year. Dr. Gravon Kirk, President of Columbia University, points out that earlier entrance into graduate or professional school, or into the student's working lifetime during his most productive years. Studies have shown that scientists do their most creative work during their early years, usually before thirty years of age.

MIT has a large investment in classroom, laboratories, and libraries. Rapid progress in the sciences that most labs and books become technically obsolete before they are physically worn out... Thus most of the depreciation of MIT's labs and libraries is a function of time rather than use, and little is gained by having them idle during the summer.

Many colleges and universities, for educational or economic reasons, have made sub/antial changes in their academic calendars in order to achieve a year-round operation. Two popular systems are the trimester system with three fifteen-week terms and the quarter system with four eleven-week terms.

MIT had experience with year-round academic work during World War II. Commenting on this experience, Allen Freer, MIT Director of Admissions, said we learned that "people get lugged out from non-stop study. People become more efficient when they get a change of environment."

After World War II, MIT maintained a full-coverege summer session for several years. It was reduced to its present "bare minimum" level about ten years ago to give the faculty more time for writing and research.

One of the reasons for MIT's excellence is its outstanding professors—people who could earn far more money in industry.

To maintain competence in their fields, the faculty must be given the time and facilities to do independent research. Although the regular curriculum is required to teach summer session subjects, Prof. George Harrison, Dean of the School of Science, is confident that MIT can find qualified instructors to teach many of the regular undergraduate subjects.

We suggest that MIT expand its summer session to the possibility of expanding this summer session to include the Institute's required subjects and some of the basic subjects in each course. We don't think that summer sessions should be made compulsory, but they should be available to all students who wish to accelerate their education.

Letters to the Tech

Errors in the Tech

To the Editor:

I am sorry to see that you did not carry a story of my resignation from the management of my old friend Professor Barry Lisberg. I am sure that you had consulted Vice President Komps before you wrote this story. Perhaps the staff of THE TURK was too busy attacking on this story, the staff of THE TURK was too busy attacking on this story. Perhaps the staff of THE TURK was too busy attacking on this story. Perhaps the staff of THE TURK was too busy attacking on this story.

Barbash's proposals have won the editorial support of the Boston Herald. Washington and Bash has now planned criminal on civil suits against the officers.

A committee called "Citizens Council on Police Policies" has been formed by many civic groups (NARPC, Commissions on Law and Social Action). The committee was organized by American Veterans Committee, and a subcommittee to call an inquest in the Jackie Washington case, and to investigate alleged police malpractice throughout Greater Boston, is now being planned. The council will publicize its findings with recommendations for improvement. It may be con-

Inside Incscomb

Inscomb Considers Conferences And Foreign Study Opportunities

By Woody Bowman

Activity reached a low ebb in student government circles during the month of March. The FPC and APSC are now being revived again and the program for the next two months is fairly definite.

The next Incscomb meeting will be convoked in the near future. On the agenda will be the resumption of the discussion of the Finance Committee and the Insccomb. The Committee on Educational Activities will be considering the presentation of a report. The possi-

bility is good that conclusions will be reached regarding some items of policy.

The major discussion of the En-

trigunient problem will come on February 8th. The question of pay-

ment of commissions to partici-

pants in activities will also be con-

sidered then.

There are still some loose ends left the ultimate resolution of the ill-

ders of Incscomb are opposed to the current plan, and that there has been no definitive decision on the matter.

The committee feels that the current plan is the best that can be done under the circumstances, but that it is not satisfactory. The committee is considering the possibility of having a special meeting to discuss the matter further.

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