This is Issue of The Tech, the first of the term, is also the first of the new Volume 84.

We would like to commend the outgoing Board of Directors for an excellent performance during the last year—and a good year it was.
The Tech knocked $500, or 25%, off its revolving fund loan during the past year. This is now its only debt, since a $1,000 obligation to Finance Board was completely closed out. Capping this hundred percent loan payment, Circulation rose 10% to an all-time high.

The following loyal figures to the following members of last year's Board of Directors:

Jason Fane, whose clear, concise editorials set a high standard for next year's work, and whose dedication and perseverance in getting all the facts will long be remembered.

Howard Brauer, our new Chairman, who accounted for The Tech's bright financial figure through his efforts as Business Manager.

Holley Elies, whose detailed news coverage recorded the appointment of Dr. Wienser as Dean of Science.

Cliff Weinstein, whose comprehensive sports coverage will again be enjoyed by all, especially in the Classic.

Mona Dickson, who kept the campus up-to-date on local entertainment, travel, and tech athletics.

Steve Teicher, whose imaginative photographic work will improve this volume as it did in the last.

Lyall Morrill, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for his leadership in making The Tech one of the best designed college newspapers.

Gila Yagoda, who with her Yeats posters in obtaining advertising provided much of the necessary support for editorial coverage which would not have been possible.

We offer our gratitude and an assurance that we will try to meet their high standards of journalistic excellence to these members of the Board of Directors.

Second-term Activities Midway

The Activities Council has taken a useful and commendable step in establishing activities Midway, currently planned for Friday, February 21, in 90-340. Certainly it has recognized a longstanding need to bridge the gap between those who are active and those who are not. Current plans and reports indicate that the activities have recognized the valuable opportunity offered—approximately 50 organizations will present their recruitment appeals with booths, displays and refreshments.

The only remaining element essential to the Midway plans is a successful student turnout. We have long emphasized the benefits of participation in student affairs and hope that this Midway will encourage both student participation and to the individual participant. We believe that more students recognize the broader perspective of student life that is only obtained through their participation.

The opportunity to examine and re-express their interests and skills. We urge all Tech students to use this opportunity and to attend Midway in order to delegate their interests to the activities.

Of course, mere lists of names of inactive students on the club rolls do not benefit the activity or the students. It is participation that is important, not token membership cards or place cards. But we are pleased that Activities Council has now provided the entire student body and the multitude of student activities with this chance for mutual exposure and exposure.

New space center

The late President Kennedy planned to refer to MIT as a magnet for industrial development in his famous speech in Dallas last November 22. He did not have political criteria, but he knew that area with top-quality scientific education can attract technologically-based industries.

The truth of Kenned's assertion is borne out by the selection of Boston in a recent survey as headquarters of over 100 of America's top advertising firms.

The site of NASA's new $60 million electronics research center, James E. Webb, head of the agency, stated that his decision to locate at MIT was the result of a careful study of the needs of the space program.

The President of the Association of American Universities said that the selection of MIT was made in response to the Institute's request for funds from Congress last week.

"MIT and Harvard," Webb said, "provide a 'basic' environment that is high quality of research, scholarship and training in the scientific fields of primary interest."

Webb noted that MIT was selected not only to Stanford in the number of electronic engineering degrees awarded in the 1960-62 period. Only the University of California at Berkeley topped MIT in physical sciences degrees.

Robert C. Tannenbaum '42, associate director of NASA's research center, said that technical education is the main reason why only 25% of U. S. technicians are more advanced than those at MIT. He said that the purpose of the new center is to eliminate such failures.

NASA's decision to build here should pump $250 million annually into the New England economy and strengthen the area's technological base. We can be proud of the trust shown in MIT's educational quality and objectives by this decision.

As the new Tech board announced in its last issue, the concepts of "news," "improved," and "different" assume greater substance than at any other time. It therefore seems appropriate of the "quality of the journalism which is the essence of the impressions of the day being done through the course of our suggestions for bettering the paper.

At the Institute, The Tech has always demonstrated its sense of responsibility; to the "science of journalism" and to the community.

As a member of the journalistic tribe, The Tech must be on top of all events at the Institute. It should be a source of information to which the MIT community can turn every Wednesday and expect to find out what's new and to bring these up to date—and to confirm the essence of a story that's been picked up two or three weeks ago. For example, I was disappointed at having to wait two weeks for the details on MIT's Rhodes scholars.

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