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I: in this statement is my feeling that social service is quite similar to other financed activities. Social service is not a question of political beliefs, left or right. Whether it be Peace Corps, OGD, or the immense amount of money given to drives like the Community Chest, we Americans have demonstrated, almost to the point of it being a tradition, that we are willing to assume more than our share of social and community responsibility. We have many such interested students here at MIT, so, as long as their work is confined to mental hospitals, tutoring, settlement houses and clinics, then they have a right to administrative finances for their activity.

There is a need for coordination of autonomous groups. There is a need that those interested in a social service be given an opportunity to participate in an activity that can be as educational as any other. This week, representatives from the autonomous groups mentioned above will meet to discuss what they feel should be the proper approach to the social service problem. We hope to have definite proposals following this meeting.

The Department of Physics will give its annual open house Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Compton Lecture Hall, Room 26-100, for interested freshmen.

Course 8 offers a curriculum designed to provide the background for further specialization in physics or for work in industry. The department tries to provide both the knowledge of theory and the feeling for experimental physics needed by the physicist.

Beyond the general Institute requirements, the department requires an additional chemistry course (5.00, 5.01, or 5.60), 18.06, 18.04, and a series of courses designed to give a broad background in physics.

The sophomore courses, 8.03, 8.04, an introduction to the fields of electricity and magnetism, 8.06 and 8.08 are an introduction to modern physics and quantum theory, 8.09 and 8.10, taken in the junior year, are laboratories in atomic and nuclear physics. The thesis requirement and 8.11 provide additional experimental experience.

The program is rounded out by 8.711, which applies mathematical methods to classical mechanics, 8.72, which treats electricity and magnetism from a more sophisticated viewpoint than 8.03 and 8.04, and 8.07, an introduction to thermodynamics, kinetic theory, and statistical mechanics.

Civil Engineering

The Department of Civil Engineering will continue its open house program, which consists of individual interviews and informal discussions with the department head, next Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., in Room 3-164.

The department's program will be discussed in detail with interested freshmen, and laboratory tours arranged. Also, the freshmen may attend an open house at the Engineering Projects Laboratory, Room 3-164.

The mechanical engineer, according to the department, has as his province all industry and all science as they are applied to man's purposes.

Basic science is of primary importance in mechanical engineering. Study includes such basic subjects as the dynamics of solids and fluids, the physics and mechanics of solids, thermodynamics, electrical circuit theory, and electromagnetic theory.

The curriculum is divided into two basic programs—one centered around science, and the other around engineering. The work in the first two years is intended to lay a solid foundation in mathematics, physics, and chemistry.