Involvement in national issues

The Tech generally avoids the national-political issues, as we are unsure of our qualifications to make an informed opinion and of our responsibility for the student body, which an open statement would imply. But at the same time, we must at least occasionally wander around on campus by both national and international events.

While the MIT community is above political demonstrations, its members are not afraid to voice their personal opinions on the conditions in Selma, or in Vietnam. That they should so express themselves is eminently right.

The question inevitably arises about the identification of those people with MIT. Have they the right to protest as members of the faculty or student body, giving their connection with the Institute?

Two things must be remembered. First, the school owes its high reputation to those students and faculty members. Second, their intelligent and sincere protest reflects credit on the intellectual atmosphere of the campus. And opinion, like members by members of the MIT community are generally intelligent.

We are not crusaders; we probably have the talent and the patience to do things. If anything, more than anything else, we ascribe to us, much more important than any one-man crusade is the existence of a scholarly community whose basic structure of tolerance and intellectual freedom eliminates the need for sweeping internal crusades which can only divide the campus, as our Western fellows have demonstrated. This opinion at least we may tender.

Activities Council

The latest focus of attention in the reorganization scheme has been the Activities Council. Last Thursday, the new constitution and its amendments, which had been passed, almost to the surprise of several observers, who were sceptical of the Council's ability to function effectively or even reach a consensus.

The new plan offers a newly balanced structure which fits the reality of the situation nicely. The Council itself remains essentially unchanged, respecting the autonomy of activities in general. At the same time an executive body of seven men has been created, so that in the future efficient action may be taken in cases of discipline. An executive body of seven men has been created, so that in the future efficient action may be taken in cases of discipline.

This kind of grand reform, largely the work of Activities Council Chairman Rusty Epps, has characterized the general recreation of classes and the whole student body. A word of encouragement is due all the members of Incom to do the work done and the tasks in the weeks ahead.

Graduate spirit

Discussion about "school spirit" seems to be confined to the undergraduate body. But it is worth noting the rise of a very definite community spirit over at Grad House, where it is much less expected.

Just for the record, this year saw the opening of the Third Floor, the jowly Grad House pub. Currently grad students are working with the administration on plans to renovate the dorm itself; the plans are very much the work of the students themselves. Future goals for the Institute include a Graduate Center. But the students don't jump up and down and sing Alma Mater songs, any more than the rest of the campus does. But they do enjoy having fun together and working for mutual benefit. There is an increasing awareness that undergraduates are our only real resource for students who can benefit from extracurricular life; from this the grad students can derive enjoyment, and the undergraduates a good example of healthy spirit.

Letters to The Tech

Student government

To the Editor:

In his letter published last week, Don Wagner misses the latest of a letter of mine which he refers to. Let me point out two things. First, I have never said that student government here at Tech will not be involved in protests, I would like to take issue with this.

In your reply you point out that "Any hint of mismanagement never fails to bring outraged protests and loud cheers from others who don't do it right." This is true, but the thing that I wrote about SECP last year — and that had not been successful in any of its goals, spent most of its time in meetings, and could not get its own program working — is exactly the kind of thing that Mr. Wagner refers to.

The Zacharias group noticed this and looked for another means of communication with the student body. The elections radically changed the face of the Body. The new committee started functioning more efficiently, and its victories were due more to itself than to "we," but if fails again the electrons will find out soon enough.

The idea that student government is worthless may be refuted on several grounds. First, as you point out, the work done by student groups is not done all if a student government were abolished. Next, if student government has control over $900,000, that money is not spent on food. This alone is sufficient reason to be against one if not voting.

Finally, your comparison of "amateur" to professionals is another lapse. Our last two UAP's have included the simple statement that they were just amateurs and considered the position valuable experience. The year before that, the top candidates ran with a similar idea; they were entering this world.

In short, student government is valuable to the community. It is as important to its participants as any other activity. It can do and does things which SECP, as one of the best AThas ever done. It can and should be an inspiration to many of us who often wonder if our group was successful.

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Reorganization

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Inside Inscomb

New Inscomb organizing Committee elections slated

By Bill Byrn, UAP

The apparently inordinate amount of time that is used in planning a student government election has not gone unnoticed by the Inscomb. Last week a new class of election was held on a new basis. The election was successful and the new Inscomb is now in the running for the upcoming elections.

The formal changeover meeting of the Inscomb will be held at 7 pm Sunday in the top floor of the old MIT. This time the Inscomb will use a new ballot and a new method of voting. The Inscomb is composed of the members of the Inscomb, the new Inscomb, and the Inscomb candidates. The new Inscomb will immediately begin to campaign; elections will be held for the position of the Board Chairman, Student Center Chairman, and Student Council Chairman. As announced previously, all candidates for these positions should arrange for interviews.

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