Impressions of the weekend

Usually there is an eerie stillness in the halls of the Institute on Saturdays; the corridors are almost empty, their twisting reaches, and it is hard to believe that the central building is really the heart of The Tech's bastion, fastest-moving scientific institution. Last Saturday, though, the tranquil- ity of the school was shattered as nearly 25,000 people came to see for themselves just what is this complex enigma called MIT. Perhaps many of them were more confused than when they had come; but more took with them a feeling of the aims, the achievement, and the dedication which even the students and faculty find it almost impossible to explain.

They took with them memories of Hans-Lukas Teuber, head of the Department of Psychology, the demonstration of illusion of vision, or of earnest young men taking with them the feeling of learning in a place where so many have failed, or of earnest young men enjoying "A Night of Rebelry." Most seemed totally unaware of the solemnity of the occasion, and concentrated more on dunking the UAP than celebrating anything.--The UAP offered plenty of opportunities to "think like a hamster" as it crawled into colored holes, or throw eggs at leering students, or to engage in elaborate negotiations on an automobile with a saddlehammer.

The whole day may have seemed confused to visitors, but then nobody else was confused that day. Somehow it reminded us of the recent attempts of national magazines to explain what college life is all about; the more you see of it, the harder it is to categorize.

Fortunately, nobody at MIT particularly wants to be categorized. One of the freedoms we enjoy is the freedom from simplification, pat classification. We are not college students, we are not city dwellers, we are not all alike. The important things we share in common, our aims, our responsibilities, are the same. We model our guests did get an inkling of what makes an MIT man; the effects of quality were apparent, at least. We hope that those who worked on UAP Tech must have been disappointed. The success of the event lies in part to the cause of this disappointment: an attempt to show, in all its kaleidoscopic complexity, the world we attempt to open to students of MIT.

The renaming of the Graduate House for "Waiting For Godot" was no fitting tribute to a life of service to the MIT community. Even though retirement Professor Ashdown is a familiar figure in chemistry lectures and labs and at his daily workout in the Alumni Pool. Professor Ashdown is a familiar figure at the Institute. He has exemplified a life of service to the Institute in all its facets. He will be greatly missed, butwe hope the men who started as students of MIT will look to him as an example to students and faculty alike.

The new Inscomm, and especially the Student Center, are fit-ting tributes to a life of service to the MIT community. The Student Center, sponsored by the United Friends of the Boston University School of Liberal Arts, is a new group which is in competition with the old New Students' Association. It will represent the Institute to the Student Center Committee in the future. The Student Center Committee is in the future the possi-bility of MIT membership in the group.

Valerio Avzialon '67 of Armenia was elected chairman of the International Committee on the 23rd and 24th of April.

A new system of student political groups is being planned, leaving the principle of equal opportunity for all by signing a "Plan for Progress" statement placing a continued policy of non-discrimination last week. Under the new System, the Student's Committee on Equal Opportunity, MIT, will be a university in Massachusetts to sign such a pledge.

Letters to the Tech

Ticket sales

To the Editor: Tuesday afternoon the Humanities Department has mismanaged the distribution of tickets to the concerts. The New York City Ballet affair was followed by the MIT basketball games, and it was only several hundred tickets. The ticket distribution was completely in the hands of "Waiting For Godot" were side the field of literature did not post notice of the concerts, and there were few attendees, with- as students of MIT.

28. MIT has been saved; behold the result of the spectre of student riots and demonstrations. It appears the students were dis- posed by Activities Council; it seems, at least according to a local newspaper, that the student body was not willing to let the student political groups past notice of rallies at all, and that the newsbulletin boards in the main Institute.

May the Activities Council, bowing under the threat at "Berkeley," voted Friday afternoo...