Insomnc discusses lives at MIT

By Bob Merloe
Discussion covered all aspects of MIT undergraduate life during a two-day conference held by the Institute Committee at the Eastin inn, Exeter, New Hampshire. Six faculty members, a representative from The Tech, and both the incoming and outgoing Insomnc members attended the conference.

The representatives from the faculty were Dean of Student Affairs Kenneth Wadleigh, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Robert J. Hadden and Paul K. Gray, Associate Director of Admissions Paul M. Chalmers, Director of Athletics Fred Ross H. Smith, and Assistant to the Dean of Affairs Jay C. Harnos. Thirty-one undergraduates were also present.

Following a luncheon Saturday afternoon, retiring IAP Bill Bym 10 introduced the delegates. The money was spent in explaining the functions of the various insomnc branches. Group forums

During the rest of the afternoon, the six groups split into three groups for discussions on the separate problems of freshmen, sophomores and juniors and the week experience, student input to the Insomnc and the foreign student situation.

The greatest problem of the freshmen group was the problem of adjusting to life at MIT caused by the time difference, the freshmen week, and freshmen orientation. Toars of MIT's facilities and even the environment were suggested but both for the inherent problems they pointed to help to eliminate this problem.

Big Brother

The concept of Big Brother was also discussed. Although there is some problem in the freshmen group of adapting to life at MIT, the problem itself could be very helpful in orienting freshmen.

In fact, Dean Wadleigh said that the Insomnc ought to try to help by sending the Insomnc presidents some background information on early freshmen meeting their group to aid in the Big Brother selection.

To eliminate contact between freshmen and dormitory freshmen, it was suggested that some social functions be created. Furthermore, discussion led to the idea that dormitories invite freshmen freshmen to their reviews.

Athletic problems

The main problem with MIT athletics seems to be to get people to check in. Both intercollegiate and intramural participation should be increased. Furthermore, sports could be used to unite the entire MIT community. Individual competition along the lines of the current institute intramurals is needed to create that atmosphere necessary to create an all-around MIT student.

Shannon to receive IEEE Medal of Honor

Dr. Claude E. Shannon, donon of mathematics, will be honored at the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers at its New York convention March 21-25. Dr. Shannon will get the Medal of Honor for his work in communications development.

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