By Jeff Stedman

In the galaxy of MIT's student publications, the star to watch is now Innisfree. Even last spring at the height of The Tech's debate with Reverend Boyce concerning the role of a student newspaper in campus and national controversies, Innisfree could easily become one of the most vigorous and popular literary activities on campus. As long as the journal's editors remain dynamic and writing is innovanes, it seems likely that Innisfree will surpass those of MIT's publications that have been content to plod along under strung and conservative management.

Still an experiment

Under its founder and first editor-in-chief, George Sturtevant, Innisfree's circulation already threatens to outstrip that of its closest rivals, Tangent and Tech Engineering News. The April issue, which went on sale yesterday at 2:30, will have the former price of about 8% by 7 inches, a substantial reduction in size from the two previous issues. Although we are not convinced that the April number represents the ultimate improvement in the physical aspect of the magazine, it is by this kind of experimentation that Innisfree will find out what format appeals most to the MIT market. Adjustment to consumer taste of the non-literary factors will facilitate further growth of circulation, and with that growth will come in snowballing fashion, what is most desired: a swelling of the number and quality of contributors.

A tendency issued the right

Although it is still too early in the life of the magazine to accuse it of being partisan, the present issue seems to emphasize the rightist point of view over the leftist. Two articles in particular stand out as exponents of the right wing: Roy Latham's brief but critical look at the New Left and Dick Cunningham's dissertation on the need to contain the war in Viet Nam. It may well be that the next issue, slated for May, will come back strongly for the left, with articles and letters in answer to six months like the following of Mr. Cunningham: "We ought to consider sending Chiang Kai-Shek to an invasion onto mainland China... Many people claim, rightly or wrongly, that Chiang is hated in China and would be strongly defeated. Some- times, I am uncertain of these projections and I would be inclined to make the try." As it is, the only precedent robust to Mr. Chiang's suggestion is a capture from "Punch" magazine. One of the highlights of the April issue is the poll held by the editors. The question, to which MIT undergraduates replied, concerned the relative influences of political issues, big group, personal acquaintances, The Tech, WBEZ, and other factors in the recent UAP election. We hope to see another one next year, very much more student responsive.

Jim Smith, in his review of Kachina Kinetics, The UnionISM's "Alienated Youth in American Society," castsigated the book sharply for neglecting to falsify forms and for overgeneralizing a limited class. Mr. Smith's critics are in hamp enough to disagree: a few morning reading the book. Only lines and angry letters, the editor will tell whether it is worth reading after all. Its subject matter might be of interest to our own "alienated." There is a short and inspiring description of the Urban Chas- tape, the subject of an inters- section conference to be held by Innisfree: "In the U.S. govern- ment being caused enough in a public statement?"

In conclusion, we hope that Innisfree will not lapse into an ap- plication just because, to quote Chuck Kolb's letter to the April issue, "they are 'The T Joir."

We recommend a change in personnel, perhaps in the form that the Night advertised on the lid. It was very carefully drawn and the old, constant jumping of artists to the back of the magazine.

In spite of these minor prob- lems, the MIT Journal of Begin shows a great deal of potential. It was boldly conceived to fill an apparent gap in MIT's intellectual life, and we hope its editors of remain dynamically committed to their original ideal. If staff loses interest and treats a job as a time-consuming chore or its contributors lose taste and Innisfree has to publish in-your-terms, this enterprise's boldly begun will stagnate and be ignored. Otherwise, we predict success.