Irvine, Smith new Housemasters

By John Dolter

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Ashdown House, which is the second dormitory to be opened, is inhabited by new students and provides an opportunity for the best students to remain at MIT. The House is named after the late Mr. Irvine, who was a former student of the University and a member of the Board of Trustees. Prof. Irvine has been associated with the University for many years and has held several important positions, including that of President of the Board of Trustees.

Eisenhower's son, B.J., is now attending Ashdown House. The new student is expected to bring a fresh perspective to the House and to contribute to the intellectual and social life of the community.

The appointment of Prof. A. Smith as Faculty Resident in Bexley Hall is significant as it marks the return of a former student to his alma mater. Prof. Smith was a student of the University during the 1930s and has maintained a close association with the institution ever since.

Prof. Smith is expected to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role. He has held several important positions in the academic world, including that of President of the American Association of University Professors.

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All-day Incomm meeting

Pass-fail grading system discussed at conference

By Bob Horvitz

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Under such a system, many classes would cater to students on both methods of credit. Twenty-four percent of those attending the gathering Sunday, including Pres. Howard Johnson, Dean of Student Affairs Robert Holten, representatives from Tech and WTSW, members of the committee, and a few other interested students, were in favor of the proposal.

Stunt Pressures

Mr. Frank March '67 served as emcee for the conference discussion, which began with consideration of the student's academic and social pressures. Stunt pressures, of course, start long before a student enters MIT, he said. In many cases, it is largely the result of the work of an International Fraternity, the Student Committee on Educational Policy.

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