Great debate

George Washington has given all of us a day off to relax. For this we are grateful. He has also removed any excuse not to attend tomorrow night’s debate in the Student Center among the three UAP candidates.

At 7:30 pm in the Sala de Puerto Rico, each candidate will give a 5 minute presentation, following which will be questions from the audience. We think everyone should attend the discussion; it is the only opportunity to compare the candidates side by side and to ask questions when the mayor goes on the record. Take advantage of the opportunity.

12. A sinister melody seems to be taking grip of student politics around campus. The duplicitous ranks of student leaders, at last week’s Incomm meeting could have been saved, but the tactics were so ineffective, some members were not even aware of the incursion. Some members were sick at home, and at least one was confined to Homberg Infirmary. Even UAP members, who made sure the meeting was not a foregone conclusion, were taken aback.

13. A major change in the MIT’s Internal Review Board staff may be in the offering. After Donaldson, a new head of the board, is to be appointed. In addition to the usual concerns of a new head, the board will also be responsible for organizing the new faculty senate. The Faculty Senate is expected to be formed by the end of the fall term.

Letters to the Editor

Photo contest

To the Editor:

Last year you sponsored a photographic contest. Although I have not heard anything about it for a year I assume you will hold it again. It would be a good idea to exhibit the entries (if there are enough of them) in one of the lounges. That will not only be of interest to the community and visitors but will give participants an idea of what kind of work some of the other contestants so much time and effort.

Gerardo Prado

The Tech

The recent disclosures concerning the NSA and its financial support by the CIA raises some pertinent questions regarding MIT’s student government. The 1959 decision to withdraw from the organization had been based on the belief that the organization had not lived up to its purposes of communication, responsibility, and unified representation of opinion. Instead, it was contended, the NSA was not dealing with issues within its domain as “students in their role as students.” Incognito, at the time, questioned NSA’s national pronouncements and concern with things purely political. Now it would seem, we are in a position to say, “I told you so.” However, the covert support of NSA by the CIA should not be considered as a singular instance. There have been other such covert actions, and in the future, we should be cautious.

We are not so much concerned with the concept of the government as a large number of projects and organizations which receive aid from the budgets of HEW, or the State Department, or other agencies. But, when money is provided covertly, especially by a body such as the CIA whose activities are enshrouded in mystery, there is cause for alarm. The government is justifying in wanting to send responsible students to international student conferences, but if it wishes to pay for them, it should be able to do so openly.

For Incomm remains the problem which it has considered since withdrawing from NSA over 7 years ago. There are benefits from such national associations. We see particular gains to be made in participating in those groups which do aid communications and enable an exchange of ideas, such as the Boston council. Another concern is that if policy is membership in a politically oriented structure over whose statements we exercise little control, yet whose pronouncements we find ourselves bound. It is the individual’s right to associate as he wishes, but a student government should not allow another body to tend to speak for the individual student on such matters.

As NSG attempts to solicit our membership, Incognito should continue to contact intelligent fact-finding studies, but need not and should not continue until the full effects of recent events are known.

The culture war was held which concerned housing and other problems. In early January the KEM Committee and Faculty Residents of the Inscomm meeting with the Upcoming Visiting Committee on Housings, met and expressed a number of formal and informal discussions on the subject of student, faculty, and administration concerns over the same period of time.

I was privileged to attend this first three of these meeting sessions, and would like to make some comments concerning them. First, the general concern of the issues either explicitly or implicitly, was that a number of unit had more than two lower. That of providing basic housing and studying quarters are equally important, that being a viable force in the sociological development of the whole man in the MIT. Second, these meetings seemed to consist principally of discussion and debate on the change of ideas and opinions. N conclusions were reached or policies formulated.

Recognizing the importance of the subject of housing in the student body, the importance of every meeting, of this sort should go beyond the point of discussion. Anyone who attended these meetings will attest to the diversity of opinions expressed—fraternal or dormitory, who is better equipped to form an opinion. Required on-campus housing, was discussed, and other problems.

At this point more concrete opinions should be expressed to the concerned groups, (fraternity dormitories, required on-campus housing, rental costs, and other problems.)