

Field day traditions upheld



Photo by Bill Ingram

Once again an incoming class was exposed to the rigors of field day with the standard result: the odd-numbered class won.

Mixers held through term



Photo by George Flynn

Mixers, such as this one, held at the beginning of the last term, are one of several things the MIT student government supports.

AA sponsors IM football



Photo by Jeff Reynolds

Intramural football, sponsored by the Athletic Association, is only one of the many sports in which all members of the student body may participate if they wish.

Inscomm reports

Committees influence policy study expanded space requirements

By Frank March, UAP

Three important groups interact to produce the decisions, discussion, and legislation of the Institute Committee; these are the Institute Committee itself, the Executive Committee, and the subcommittees. The function of the Executive Committee is to act as a small group representative body of the Institute Committee. Another duty is to act as a screening group for delegates to conferences and for candidates for election by the Institute Committee. A third function is to act as an executive arm in carrying out decisions made by the Institute Committee. A final province of the Executive Committee is to act as an innovator of projects or actions somewhat independently of the committee. An example of this is the meeting with faculty and administration to discuss broader student input in Institute decision making. This resulted in ex-officio student membership on the Faculty Committee on Student Environment, in joint meetings of selected SCEP and CEP members, and in students being invited to speak at an Academic Council Meeting.

Inscomm — a forum

The Institute Committee itself acts mainly as a forum for discussion of topics of concern to the student body. To enable itself to probe more deeply issues of concern and to discuss these issues with members of the administration, the Institute Committee held two student-faculty-administration conferences. The first, on educational policy, was held in October

while the second, in December, dealt with student housing. The Institute Committee will hold its next such conference at the Exeter Inn Saturday and Sunday for the old and new Institute Committees and a group of faculty and administration members. As well as acting as a forum, the Institute Committee also passes legislation on a number of issues, although much of this legislation is procedural in nature. Finally, the committee acts as a manpower selector and developer in electing chairmen and members to many of the subcommittees.

Subcommittee reports

Reports of most of the subcommittees are treated elsewhere in depth. Special subcommittees have been set up in a number of areas. Six of these subcommittees were created during the year. The Spring Weekend committee, under Tom Beutel '67, will soon announce its full plans for April 28-29. The Conference Topic Committee, under Steve Maser '69, was charged with the responsibility for assessing the feasibility of having an intercollegiate conference in the spring of 1968 and for choosing a topic if the idea was found to be feasible. The committee has decided on the topic "American Education" and is developing subtopics within this general topic.

Open House, SCE, and JSC

The Open House Committee continues to plan the April 22 programs for area residents under the leadership of Ed Seykota '68. The Student Committee on Environment was created to ex-

amine the broad aspects of student life and student environment. The committee, chaired by Georgio Piccagli '67, was originally set up as a special subcommittee but will probably become permanent.

The ad hoc Long Range Planning Committee under Paavo Pyykkonen '67, assessed the long range space needs of activities for use in future planning. The future duties of this temporary committee will probably be continued by one of the permanent subcommittees.

The Judicial Study Committee, headed by Judi Sahagen '67, and Georgio Piccagli '67, looked into the idea of setting up a defense council as part of our judicial system and examined the police force versus trial court concept of Judicial Committee.

Anyone wishing to serve as a member or chairman of these committees is encouraged to see this year's chairman to discuss the procedure for becoming a member.

The major function of the Activities Executive Board and the Activities Council itself during the past year has been to establish several studies on the space requirements and efficiency of use of present office space of the many varied MIT student activities. One of them, a space analysis study of Walker Memorial, has resulted in expanded facilities for both WMIX and Hillel Society.

The AEB has also made an analysis of the long range space requirements and capital equipment needs of the various activities. This has been done through a survey of the heads of each individual activity, asking them to forecast their needs for the next few years. The AEB has also been associated with the Inscomm ad hoc committee on the efficiency of office space usage, thus being able to better allocate office space in the future.

Another of the Council's functions, in fact its major responsibility, has been to assign office space on the 4th floor of the Student Center and in Walker Mem-

orial to the activities themselves by examining the requirements of each of the individual activities, and determining their importance in relation to the MIT community, the Council has achieved this goal. It has also designed and purchased the name plaques to be used outside each activity office.

In addition, the AEB was successful in hiring a secretary to help all the activities in their communications with the rest of the student body and MIT community in general. A telephone switchboard will be installed in the secretary's office for the coming year so that she will be able to take messages for all the activities during the normal working week.

During the past year, the Activities Council and the AEB have fulfilled their essential responsibilities in overseeing and providing for the MIT student activities. In addition, they have looked ahead and made plans for better and more efficient usage of available office space and equipment in the coming year.

Finboard doubles budget, reports record cash flow

This year's Finance Board has faced the problems which resulted from last year's move to the Student Center and subsequent growth of many activities. During this past year, we have tried to assess the effects of this move and study its implications for future financing. After completing an inventory of all items owned by the Undergraduate Association, we found these items to have a total purchase price of over \$93,000. We have also compiled a financial statement of the entire Undergraduate Association and found the total cash flow to be well in excess of \$200,000 per year.

Finance Board itself has seen its expenses increase to over \$80,000. This year's increase is reflected in the increased activity of the Debate Society and the Combined Musical Clubs.

This past year also saw a significant increase in the order of magnitude of social week-ends.

Spring Week-end last April set the trend with cash flow in excess of \$26,000.

Speaker programs have also been supported by this year's Finance Board. The range of these programs runs from a Parapsychological Research group presentation last May to Senator Edward Brooke's speech this last fall.

Finance Board funds also support student government activities. Some of these programs were the Christmas Party in the Student Center, the pocket billiards tournament, and the Student Information Bulletin.

Finance Board offers an opportunity to five individuals who must be either juniors or seniors to combine business experience with activities work. Anyone interested in Financial Board should get in touch with Dave Sanders or any member of the Board and discuss this opportunity at length.

PRC expands with new projects

This year has seen the continued evolution of the PRC from an internal publicity committee to a true public relations unit. Parallel to this have been large advances in strengthening the Committee's structure.

The Public Relations Committee now works in two areas: publicizing what life is like at an MIT undergraduate to the general public, and informing current undergraduates of extracurricular opportunities and activities available to them.

PRC Subcommittees

One of the ways the PRC reaches the general public is through joint projects with the MIT Office of Admissions. Now underway is a program to better inform high school students of what MIT life is really like. Mickey Warren '69 and Associate Director of Admissions Peter Richardson are directing the effort.

Bob Howard '67 is heading a group that is working with the MIT Educational Council. The group's aim is to better alumni understanding of current undergraduate life. One recent project has been a compilation of lists of active undergraduates who may be asked to speak at local alumni functions.

Topics in Technology again proved successful this fall, and will be continued in the spring. This series of free lectures and tours for high school students has already had an audience of several thousand, as well as television and newspaper coverage. Rich Lufkin '68 is in charge of the program.

PRC nationally

Joe Fiksel '68 is chairing a subcommittee to publicize extracurricular activities through newspapers, national magazines, and radio and television. The group has succeeded in placing an article on the Social Service Committee in *Moderator* magazine.

The weekly 'PRC Student Activities Bulletin' has been important in the PRC's informational

services to the current undergraduate. Produced by Bob Howard, this listing of activities and meetings has recently been incorporated into the MIT Calendar of Events.

John Kotter '68 has charge of the PRC's frequent articles in *The Tech*. In the past year, the 'Activities Spotlight' has been a weekly column. The PRC has also produced two special 2-page spreads—this year-end summary of Inscomm affairs and a feature for the Open House issue.

The 'PRC Social Calendar' provides a bi-monthly listing of social activities. It has found wide favor among undergraduates, and its format is being studied in light of many suggestions.

Rounding out the PRC's activities are the 'Publicity Handbook' and 'Freshman Picture Book.' The former, under the supervision of Mike Marcus '68 is being produced jointly with the AEB. It should greatly aid students in publicizing events to the MIT community. The 'Freshman Picture Book,' and MIT institution, was produced this year by Gerry Siegel '67.

PRC's changes

The PRC itself has evolved, in a little over a year, from a loose organization of independent projects to a firmly structured and interdependent committee. An effective associate membership system now exists to permit evaluation of promising candidates for executive committee posts.

As a result of an active recruitment campaign, this year's group of new associate members is exceptionally capable. The Committee now numbers twenty-five working full and associate members, and chairman Spence Sherman '67 suggests a possible increase in that number to meet the demands of new projects.

Spence also forecasts an expansion of the PRC's public relations role. Probable new areas of work for next year include a liaison with 'Technology Review,' increased efforts to place articles in national magazines, and new efforts directed at alumni and high school students.