Go Red Sox!

The front page of Tuesday's paper had on it a slogan supporting the victory of the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1967 World Series. When I went to the angry telephone calls and letters we have since received, perhaps an explanatory note is in order. It seems three of our board members have been at the stadium twice, and they, with an over-abundance of enthusiasm for their native sons, took it upon themselves to endorse the St. Louis team via the front page. We regret this regrettable act, and wish to clear the record:

The Tech unequivocally supports the only team deserving of the World Championship, the Boston Red Sox.

Note: From our three board openings...

Letters to The Tech

EPC reply

To the Editor:

I write in reference to last Fri.

day's (September 29) editorial on pledge training.

Last spring pledge training was a topic at nearly every Fraternity Council meeting. A comprehensive study of pledge training was undertaken, and information was gathered basically from three places: personal psychology reports, national studies, and local tests. After the results of this study were published, the conclusion was made that pledge training was not effective.

The results were very positive. In three major reports were widely distributed, one on new ideas, one on techniques of developing leadership and one with six new ideas for Help Week. Help was offered on a personal house basis; a few fraternities created a pledge training committee.

However, many of the changes were effected without the full support of the brotherhoods involved. Basically they were initiated by house leaders with minor support. As a result the system of pledge training remains insufficient, and any forces on it now are only likely to produce reactionary effects.

We would hate here and clarify that this pride in our improvements in pledge training certainly doesn't mean that a change can be made without being challenged by any fraternity. We would assure you that we are already preparing for next spring, with the expected excellence of the new system, supplementing the changes already made, and in the future, liberal minded pledge training programs. With the extra support we can hopefully even greater changes can be made.

I appeal to anyone who cares to think of the magnitude of pledge training and its influence.

In reality, there are many limitations to any pragmatic reformer. However, we are always open to positive suggestions on how things can be done better and faster.

John D. K.

ON THE SPOT

The Tech received several inquiries concerning a recent positioned undergraduate advertising representative reporting to it. We subsequently interviewed the student body president to seek a clear explanation of his views.

The Tech: There seems to be a general confusion about the recent petition from the MIT student body president, because there is no substantial amount of mixing among the class. Freshman Council has as its first aim the encouragement of class unity. But at all classes, heed not on abilities, but on address, can only hinder this objective.

It is perfectly understandable, then, why Inscomm has been concerned with the far-reaching accomplishments, rather than a temporary body which would disband after Field Day. But, the freshmen elect to behave immutably and irresponsibly, then they undermine all the efforts of the upperclassmen.

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dormitory schism it establishes a serious handicap for that class, one which continues for four years and which will indirectly affect those not yet admitted. Unfortunately, these schisms are too stupidly perpetuated, based as they are on false premises, half-truths, and a profound lack of knowledge of the other half. Mismass are tied fairly closely to their living group for the first difficult weeks at MIT; not until students move out into activities and sports, or gain confidence in themselves, is there a substantial amount of mixing among the class. Freshman Council has as its first aim the encouragement of class unity. But at all classes, heed not on abilities, but on address, can only hinder this objective.

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