TSE must face alternatives

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only to a small number of people from a particular group; it has sometimes attempted to perform "mergers" which are in fact detrimental to the MIT Community and it has only now begun to realize a profit—$500; while MIT has invested a total of $13,000 in TSE and endowed the use of all its facilities.

Thing of the past?

I firmly believe that unless drastic changes occur within the organization fairly quickly, TSE as a profit-making corporation will become a thing of the past. In order to become a profitable organization, the structure of the agencies must change so that they are owned by the corporation and run by hired managers. Yet it is precisely the profit-making motive of the individual agency managers which will prohibit such a step. The easiest way to accomplish the transformation is by hiring professional personnel to run some of the agencies which has already come before the TSE Board of Directors in various ways, while students interested in owning their own agency will probably do so independently of TSE. (Many MIT students are already doing just that.) The result is that TSE will have aggravated the very issues it was designed to correct.

Since profitable agencies will continue to flourish, the demise of TSE in the next few years is either to become a profitable but no longer student run operation, or to become a student run cooperative enterprise. While the Board of Directors of TSE desperately assert that TSE is not a cooperative, becoming one may be the only way to assure student responsibility and avoid continual monetary losses. TSE's older brother at Harvard, the Harvard Student Agencies, has already become a cooperative essentially run by a full-time manager. I believe the transformation of TSE into either a professional operation or a cooperative corporation is inevitable if the organization is to exist at all, a fate which will probably be beneficial to most of the undergraduates body in terms of goals performed at lower than present prices.

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