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MIT faculty resolution calls for changes in student draft policy

"By Greg Bernhardt

The faculty, at its Jan. 20 meeting, overwhelmingly supported a resolution concerning graduate students viewed by the Committee on Graduate School Policy, the resolution read as follows: "The MIT Faculty recommends that, under Selective Service System regulations, graduate students be treated equally, with..." The Committee further recommended that the resolution be sent to members of the National Security Council, the Secretary of Defense, and the draft board.

The resolution was also carried by the national wire services.

The resolution originated in the Faculty's meeting of Dec. 20. At that meeting, President Howard Johnson mentioned on the Selective Services program, the granting and withholding of deferments in broad categories would be considered. Of course, statistics in this area have always been a problem, Johnson stated.

The ensuing debates focused on the draft lottery, the use of the draft for training, and the effect of the draft on students. Johnson then directed the CGSP to prepare and submit the resolution for final action at the Jan. 20 meeting.

The resolution was intended to imply absolutely no support or condemnation of the draft. Many students have submitted similar statements. Up to this point, the Faculty has not expressed any opinion on the draft itself.

Present policy remains 

The present graduate student policy is somewhat nebulous. The Dean's Office has recommended that students go ahead with their plans for graduate study or employment regardless of the draft. In an interview with the Week's Professor Louis Kampf, Department of Economics, offered the opinion that the policy will become clarified with the spring graduation. He further said that he was unable to say that the MIT resolution would have any effect upon any phase of Selective Service policy.

Favored in ad hoc poll

Wellesley reorganization will reinstate semesters

By Steve Carhart

One of the effects of the MIT-Wellesley cross-registration program has been to arouse Wellesley's academic schedule. The magnitude of these changes was made public when the "Wellesley News" managed to obtain a copy of the secret recommendations submitted to the Wellesley Academic Council, a body closely equivalent to our CGSP. These recommendations were originally given to the Council by an ad hoc committee on December 7, 1967, and were revealed by the News in its issue of Jan. 18, 1968.

Return to semesters

Although the recommendations were only preliminary and needed to be approved by the Council, most of them have won the support of the Council and will go into effect in the next school year. One of the highlights of the new program is the return to the two-semester system with four courses per semester in place of the College's current trimester. Although the final academic calendar has not yet been made public, the ad hoc committee's recommendations closely approximated the approximate limits of the academic year. The College's tentative academic calendar, and the present one, differs by one week. Although most students favored the trimester because of the split semester, the Wellesley faculty was somewhat ambivalent.

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Eastgate undergraduates move into R*d*m House over vacation

Students living in Eastgate last term finally moved into 292-293 Massachusetts Ave. (R*d*m House) over term break. A crane and moving wagons were brought to the new building, which will house them in 14-man units.

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