Lettvin at Baker

Seminar probes pot use

By Bob Dennis

Marijuana is much less harmful than the indiscriminately harsh laws forbidding its possession would suggest; nevertheless, it should not and cannot be freely permitted as a device to escape from the harsh realities of life. This seemed to be the dominant theme last Thursday night as prominent men from three different facets of MIT led a frank and stimulating seminar on the various aspects of marijuana for a large gathering at Baker House. The leaders were Dr. Jerome Lettvin, MIT's popular professor and television personality; Dr. Joseph H. Brenner of the psychiatry staff; and William Speer, Associate Dean for Student Counseling.

"It's your problem," Dr. Dennis opened the session by declaring that the Dean's Office does not consider marijuana to be one of its problems. "It's your problem," he told the gathering, "lying self-centered, drugs from the student body, we encouraged them to help students and shooting implications to the Institute as fast as we can."

He referred to the recent increase in marijuana use on岛上 campus as a possible consequence that hopefully can be avoided here. Professor Lettvin, appearing in his accustomed disarmament, asserted that marijuana is less harmful than liquor and wryly added that if one were to visit the Cambridge police late at night, he would see a numinous to appear in court for a ruling on the alleged obscurity of the issue in question. War on Cambridge

Over the past months, Cambridge police have made over forty arrests of Avatar salesmen on charges of "selling obscene, printed newspapers," "selling indecent, obscene, and immoral material which tends to corrupt the morals of youth," and "selling newspapers without a permit." These acts have subsequently led to a movement among student supporters of the newspaper to have it thrown out. As arrests continued, edition of the newspaper came to realize that unless a new ruling came forth in the near future both the paper and the Fort Hill community which it served would almost certainly die and depend on it for income would soon be in drastic financial trouble. Publishing a number of articles by Mayer Hayes, Avatar announced on Uncle's Freedom Machine show (Please turn to Page 7)

Inscomm speaks on Residence Week

The exact nature and intent of the recent Inscomm actions concerning Residence Week are not clearly defined. A statement issued from the Inscomm office read: "Due to the demands in the Multiversity, the Inscom council has decided to move the Residence Week in order to allow those students who could not participate in the previous week to participate in this one." It is not clear, however, if this is the only reason for the action.

Seminar on Residence Week

The seminar on Residence Week, held on Wednesday morning, was chaired by the Inscomm President, Dr. Brenner. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss the issues surrounding Residence Week and to develop a plan for future weeks.

At present Inscomm places its emphasis on the administrative autonomy of all groups which play a vital role in the activities structure, but do not affect a considerable part of the student body. What can the UAP do and Inscomm do which would be meaningful to every student?

Presently every student is touched by student government in three areas: educational policy, the physical environment, and campus events. It is in these areas that the real potential for progress lies.

At present Inscomm places its emphasis on the administrative autonomy of all groups which play a vital role in the activities structure, but do not affect a considerable part of the student body. What can the UAP do and Inscomm do which would be meaningful to every student?

Presently every student is touched by student government in three areas: educational policy, the physical environment, and campus events. It is in these areas that the real potential for progress lies.

Educational policy

I believe that the pass-fail system presently available only to seniors should be extended to the lower classes. Course credits in areas of major interest should be encouraged by a system of bonuses available in living groups. As UAP I would work with SCEP toward an improvement of the administrative system through training or orientation of MIT's advisors. I hold that a system informing eligible upperclassmen of graduation act for which they should qualify.