Saturday and Sunday, Inconnu made an attempt to replace the Essexer Conference with the MIT Community Forum, Essexer, New Hampshire. Essexer has been the traditional conference for MIT part-timers, but this spring Essexer changed the date of the guard for quite a few years; we applied the new leadership in having the courage to do away with the old traditions, which are no longer in keeping with the spirit of the times.

However, we would also like to comment critically on the Forum itself. As an initial attempt to involve the student body in the affairs of Inconnu (and vice versa), it can only be termed a success. However, in the overall context of student involvement, the conference was definitely something less than a smash hit.

The reason for this was simple: no one wanted to be there. Even those new Inconnu members who were missing. One of the big advantages of Essexer, New Hampshire, was that it was virtually impossible for anyone to partially attend. Either you were there for the entire weekend, or you weren't there at all. This is not to disparage the feats of the Community Forum, or the planning of any such future conference.

The MIT student body is largely apathetic; no one will debate that point. Therefore, Inconnu will have to do more than just announce a Community Forum, or other such activity, expecting to then be inundated with hordes of students. For future activities, we would suggest massive publicity, with posters, announcements, and blanket invitations. Needless to say, this must all start well before March 1st, not March 7th this year, or the result will be the same.

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