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Since this is my first article for The Tech I will bring you up to date on some of the things Inscomm and student government have done.

Elections for members of all the major committees have been eliminated. Thus Inscomm spent only one meeting electing the Committee chairmen. Organization meetings for the committees have been held and their membership is virtually complete. For those people who were not elected to Secretariat or the other committees, you are welcome to come help me, to be an "ad hoc" secretary force to help on student projects. There is a lot of work to do and I really need the help.

Inscomm's Viet Nam poll is being evaluated by two members of the old Inscomm as part of a thesis. They are using computer analysis and will take in getting results. It is Inscomm's feeling that this poll with a smaller sample space will not add anything to the results of The Tech's poll already published, so it is likely that Inscomm will do nothing more with it.

Idea people

I will be setting up a group of people to discuss student government, a presidential committee of advisors. Appointed will be those people who have original ideas about student government and whom I can work with. They don't have to be in student government, but interested in change and redirection with constructive suggestions on how to go about it. They will be interested in coordinating environment, education, activities or in working on specific parts of these but all will be directed to involvement of MIT students in MIT.

Our first attempt to involve MIT students in MIT came with the MIT Community Forum, (held last Saturday in the Student Center.) The number of students who came was a little disappointing and I'm sorry if you did not receive your invitation quite on time. Nevertheless, I think it achieved as Tony mentioned in his last editorial, something initial. I hope you will come to future discussions.

The purpose of the Forum was to explain the way decisions are made at MIT; to show the

various points of view of the students, faculty and administration, to bring them closer together to see where new relationships can form among them and to inform. There were three sessions, keynoted by speakers like President Johnson, Dr. Wiesner, Profs. Hill and Millon, and Rich Adelstein. The sessions dealt with how decisions are made at MIT, education at MIT; and the Community. After each speaker we broke up into discussion groups or had general discussion with the whole group. The most dramatic part of the whole Forum came when the students confronted the members of the faculty and administration with their feeling that students should be allowed greater participation and at least a chance to watch faculty committees make decisions affecting them, such as pass-fail.

Discussions Continue

I asked each of the students who attended to write down their impressions of the Forum, and if they have not done so yet, I would still like them. Those I have received have commented on the openness of this meeting compared with similar events in the past. Unfortunately, not enough of the students who would have been the most important ones to hear were there. A comment was made that some members of the administration seem unwilling to recognize the discouraging effect MIT has on a good number of students. At the very least, many of the discussions should be continued with smaller groups of students and members of the administration during the coming months.

On Sunday April 7 at 2:00 we will be having the first of a series of open, informal meetings which we hope to have at least once every three weeks. It will be an Inscomm meeting, but more a student meeting. I hope you will attend. Absolutely everyone is welcome. The agenda is not quite complete yet I'll let you know soon about where it will be and what it will be about. Dean Wadleigh will be there and there will be a presentation and discussion concerning, among other things, the location of a place for students in the main part of the Institute, a place where people could relax, talk, stop - informally. It will be a place where students can go between classes that will be open, accessible and welcoming. At this meeting the members at large of the Executive Committee will be elected.

footnotes*

by Dean Roller

16. Prof. Jerome Lettvin is making Boston newspapers' gossip columns again. At a recent open discussion a Newton woman asked him to tell her how to bring up her children. Answered Lettvin, "If I knew how to do that with exact science, I'd make a pill to do it and sell it."
17. MIT students are beginning to wonder what post will fall next into the hands of the female minority here. Following Maria Kivisild's startling election as UAP, Barbara Padgett, '69, was decisively elected president of the Concert Band over her opponent who was branded as a typical "politician."
18. Speaking of female superiority, an interesting episode occurred at the UAP Debate at Baker House before election day. Ed Seykota noted that he didn't have any buttons or posters like Jim Smith or Bruce Enders. Pointing at Maria Kivisild's chest where she was wearing some of her campaign ribbons, Seykota said "I don't have any of those either!"
19. Who ever said that research at MIT goes unheralded by the outside world. Anyone reading one of the recent Batman magazines could not help but be overwhelmed to see Batman admit that he trapped an arch-fiend by adapting electronic instruments developed at MIT in order to follow the movements of his foe while hiding behind a shield of clay. Holy radar Batman!
20. One note that went unmentioned in reporting the National squash championships held at MIT was the unexplained absence of the Trinity College team, one of the better teams in New England. Due to faulty phones at the Charter House Motel, the four representatives of Trinity at the competition overslept and defaulted their matches. The college has vowed to send their team to another hotel next year.
21. At last month's dedication of Random Hall, House Master Prof. Ronald Walter surprised most of the residents as well as all the guests in unveiling a portrait of the House's namesake, J. Arthur Random. The true identity of the distinguished looking gentlemen is still under conjecture, but Dean Wadleigh insists it is his longtime friend, Lord Bexley.
22. PS 63 in the Bedford Stuyvesant area of New York City is a special school for children with learning problems. In order to encourage their students they are naming the classrooms after colleges, among them MIT. The room is decorated with banners, pennants and pictures of the college. The aim, according to the Principal Fred Greenbaum, is to inspire "young children who have already failed" to "excell in their class work." We can only wonder whether a school which teaches students, who have already excelled, how to fail in their class work was really an appropriate choice.

Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

The announcement of Straight T winners came as a great shock to knowledgeable members of the MIT community. Those who did receive the awards were certainly deserving; however, there were three glaring, flagrant, unforgivable omissions.

1. Jack Masham-wrestler-winner of the New England championship Jack not only won the New Englands (a feat attained by few in MIT history), he also sustained only one loss during the regular season, and that due to an injury.
2. Steve Schroeder-lacrosse captain 1967. Steve set the MIT career record in scoring, led the team in scoring 2 out of three years was named to the first team All New England, and was the mainstay of the team for three years.
3. Greg Wheeler-Greg was not only named to the All New England team in lacrosse but also made honorable mention All American as well. One of the leading scorers on the team, Wheeler's hard nosed play made him one of the best lacrosse players in MIT history along with Schroeder. In addition, Wheeler received seven varsity letters during his undergraduate career including one in outdoor track and lacrosse during the same season.

It is inconceivable that these three exceptionally fine athletes did not receive the Straight T. All three gained the national and regional recognition required for the honor. The omission of these men is inexcusable and indicates the inability, lack of judgment, lack of interest, and gross ignorance of the Varsity Club Council.

As a team captain and member of the Council present at the election meeting, I can only conclude that I am now thoroughly ashamed to be in anyway associated with Varsity Club Council and hope that in the future the election of Straight T winners will be left to the coaches.

Tom Chen '68

College World

Good times at Alabama colleges

By Dean Roller

Although the state of Alabama has been frequently making the newspaper headlines in the world of politics, one would rarely hear about colleges and universities there were it not for their athletic prowess. Bearing this in mind, Moderator magazine has awarded their February GLOF Award for "General Lack of Fiber" to the higher education system in Alabama.

"I hated to leave!"

Bryant Hall, the athletic dormitory at the University of Alabama houses 130 student-athletes and cost a little over \$1 million. The Associated Press reports that the three-story building, which occupies a central position on campus, is centrally heated and air-conditioned. Besides having all players' rooms carpeted, other luxuries include two dining rooms, four guest rooms (each containing a color TV set), a ladies lounge, and an Italian Provincial lobby which opens onto a courtyard abounding with fountains shooting water several feet upward. Said a recent quarterback at Alabama: "I can honestly say I have never stayed in any place so plush. I hated to leave. In fact, I threatened to barricade the room and force them to move me out. This is not what you would normally think an athletic dorm would be like. You have to see it to believe it."

The athletic dormitory is named after Bear Bryant, coach of the football team, and was only done so following a special act of the state legislature which usually does not permit state-financed buildings in Alabama to be named for a living person. Calculations show that over a 30-year period the University is spending over

\$206 annually to house one of these students. The per capita State expenditure for education in Alabama amounted to \$107.52 last year. In addition, calculations show that housing, feeding, and providing tuition, travel, equipment, medical care and transportation for a football team costs over \$7500 annually per player, an interesting observation in light of the fact that Alabama ranks 49th out of 50 states in percentage of teachers earning \$7500 and over annually.

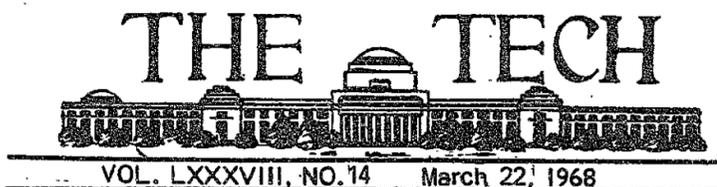
Troy State

Troy State College is another institution in the state of Alabama which would seem to justify Moderator's faith in the State. President Ralph Adams is a total mystery to his students. Indeed, there is absolutely no record to verify Mr. Adam's claim to the degree of PhD, yet he is referred to in all college publications and catalogs as "Dr." Adams. Ex-

tremely little is known of his background other than the fact that not too many years ago he was driving the sound truck for Governor George Wallace's campaign. Coincidentally, he was soon thereafter appointed President of Troy State by the new(?) Governor Wallace. In reference to this fact, Adams sent out a decree that all faculty and students were required to attend a recent Governor's Day Review to honor the Governor.

A recent campus crisis concerning newspaper censorship brought Adams' general lack of competence to the forefront of attention. When the editor of the Troy State newspaper ran a headline with the word "CENSORED" across a blank page, Adams decided that the student was to be expelled. However it was soon thereafter ruled by Federal Courts that this action was unconstitutional. Adams' defense was that he had promised the governor that only

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