of a new Financial Committee.

Income is presently in a crisis for several reasons: poor leadership, lack of recognition of goals, failure to make known MIT's power structure, and failure to realize its limitations. Most functions of student government are best handled on an individual basis or Domestically or Interfederally. Cogency level. Once Income defines proper goals and begins working actively towards them, it will attract the necessary student support, no matter what its structure.

Dick Evans '79, Student Committee on Environment, Freshman Advisory Council

It is the responsibility of the Institute Committee to provide the opportunity for students to pursue their own interests, to stimulate and catalyze the issues existing between students and faculty and administration.

In the first instance, Income has been extremely successful. Witness Sanctuary, the Social Service Commission, YAP, SDS, MIT High, the Black Student Union, and the Tiddleywinks Association—almost of whom are alive and well on campus. In the second instance, Income has not done a particularly good job. However, the Compton Lecture Series is a big step in the right direction. In the last instance, Income has provided no interface to the faculty and the administration: witness fresh pass-fail and the fact that students serve on many of the faculty committees. For an interesting experience, drop by 4-154, 4-160, 5-13, or 5-216, the first returns from Grip Week.

If you think that Income is not representative, remember that it is comprised of living group heads and class presidents, chosen by popular election. These people may not have the time to do the job as it should be done, but they are representative. In addition, Income meetings have always been open to students to come and present their ideas for consideration.

The major problem with Institute Committee is that many undergraduates do not feel that they can communicate their ideas to the people now on Income. The two areas of reform, therefore, should be to establish an Institute Committee of people who not only have time to accomplish its purpose, but who can communicate with the student body.

Alton R. Milner '69

It is proposed that the meeting power of the student government shall not rest in a Forum, which meets once a month for it to bring up issues and decide what topics should be the concern of the government. It decides what is to be done, although in general terms. It is up to the Executive to formulate concrete plans of action and submit them to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval.

About A New Government

Recognizing a need for a new student governed to replace the present structure, a committee of students calling themselves Toward A New Government has drawn up a new constitution to replace the present Undergraduate Association Constitution. TANG offers a government involving more student participation than the present constitution.

As stated in their preamble, TANG envisions "a democratic Institute where at all levels the students have control of the decisions which affect them and the government. The General Assembly would be empowered to elect all new officers, including the chairman of the Assembly and the five permanent members of a new Financial Committee. The new student government called for.

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Three permanent committees would be created by the new constitution. Besides the Financial Committee, there is a Budget Committee, responsible for submitting each year an itemized budget for the following year, and an Agenda Committee, created to draw up in advance an agenda for each General Assembly meeting.

In addition, TANG provides for the recognition of general committees. Ad hoc in nature, a general committee would be composed of any students who have a proposal they feel merits discussion by the General Assembly. Upon approval of the Agenda Committee, such motions would be considered at the regular Assembly meeting.

Cruel to the general committee system is the method for funding General constitutions may apply to the General Assembly for funds to carry out their proposals. Should their requests be voted down, any group of four or more students would be eligible to receive at least ten dollars for each member involved in such an emergency request during the year. The money would be drawn from a fund setup by the administration, the fund to contain ten dollars for each student registered at the Institute.

The new constitution also provides for emergency situations. Any individual or group may request an emergency meeting of the General Assembly to discuss some pending matter. Another important provision of TANG concerns living groups. In September each living group would be required to hold a meeting to design their government structure for the coming year. The proposed government must conform to the new constitution, subject to the review of the General Assembly.

How would this new constitution be implemented? All present government groups, including all living group arrangements, would be dissolved. The living groups would hold individual meetings, deciding to either retain government structure or design a new one. The first meeting of the General Assembly, to be held about three weeks after TANG's ratification by a student referendum, would create any committees deemed necessary to perform the duties of the old government.

TANG believes that this transition is necessary to relieve the "ring of inertia which plagues the present government." Only when the students themselves have the power will the "empty and hollow decisions" now discussed by the student government be replaced by meaningful terms.


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