Introduction to InFoCus ’69

In past years, the production of InFoCus has been, at best, a sporadic process. Two issues a term, perhaps less, were deemed sufficient to cover the wide spectrums of events that involve the IFC and its members. They were ambitious, informative, often repetitive and boring. In short, past volumes of InFoCus ’69 have been a sorry excuse for a magazine.

However the days when this form of publication could be tolerated have come to an end. If the fraternity system at MIT is to continue, it must provide an atmosphere conducive to the growth of the individual, and informed membership is a must. If the events at Harvard and other universities across the nation are to be avoided here at MIT, communication must be keyed upon now.

Also, communication should and will not be limited to strictly factual material. Opinions and comment will take up a considerable portion of InFoCus ’69. Any issue that confronts the MIT community, internally or externally, political, social, or economic, will be considered fair game for critical evaluation. However, it must be made clear that the views expressed reflect only the opinions of the board of InFoCus ’69 and will not necessarily represent the official views of the IFC.

To achieve these goals, InFoCus ’69 will be published twice monthly and delivered to all fraternities. It will also be stuffed inside every copy of Tech sold. Letters to the editor will be most welcome, and hopefully will lead to the relevance of the paper to the community. Articles on the individual houses will appear in each issue. Also a yearbook will be produced, containing a member from each house act as a representative to the paper; this will provide a speedy and efficient forum for opinion polls. This plan will be formally presented to the IFC at its May 8 meeting.

Confrontation Politics

On Tuesday, April 23, approximately seventy-five students and faculty staged a demonstration to protest war related research at MIT. In the course of this demonstration, the marchers stopped in front of the President’s office and asked to see him. President Johnson wasn’t at the time so the group decided to sit down and wait. After some time, word arrived that Johnson and Dr. Kilman, Chairmen of the faculty committee, were in the Bush Room and would hold an open discussion on the research issue.

However, to quote The Tech, “The crowd had little intention of leaving the hall to see Johnson. Professor Louis Kampf, Department of Humanities, called it ‘degrading’ to be assigned to a room at their college, San Francisco State College, Berkeley, and Chicago, and the Columbia crisis, the administration will see the confrontation not only as a challenge to the individual student’s authority, but also as a threat to the notion that the leaders of the SACC movement consider exactly what those consequences might be for theorget the situation get out of hand. The age of liberal and conservative factions, radical and moderate factions, right and left factions has come to an end. If meaningful and justified change is to occur, we must all be pragmatists.

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