Students staff special school

by Alex Makowski

Pending approval in June by the Cambridge School Committee, an innovative high school staffed with volunteer effort by MIT undergraduates will begin teaching 30 juniors and seniors. Sponsored by the Cambridge Model Cities administration, the school would take a cross-section of students and emphasize the value of project and reading work over a highly structured curriculum.

Effort is now concentrated on preparatory work. A main problem is funds — requests through the Model Cities program take too long to process, so the Education Studies Program has applied to the State Department of Education and local corporations.

Students needed

A second fundamental need is staff. ESP seeks MIT students willing to make a year-long commitment to the program. Close cooperation with the regular Cambridge faculty is anticipated.

A meeting tomorrow night at 8:00 in the Kresge Little Theater will describe the project in more detail for those interested in working “next September.

A similar program developed by the Harvard Graduate School of Education has already been approved and funded for next fall. MIT declined to sponsor the ESP proposal, fearing that the undergraduate effort would lack continuity. The planned two-year trial program, though, will ensure the continued presence of most of the staff.

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Planning the “curriculum” will begin this summer. The largely flexible, keynoting student self-paced and independent work. As the term begins, the high school students themselves will help modify the studies program.

The idea of student involvement is an important concept. Although some decisions will be enforced through the regular hierarchy, most problems will be resolved with the cooperation of both students and staff.

Should the project be approved, ESP will submit a proposal to the MIT Provost seeking for academic credit for the MIT undergrads involved. Sponsored by Professor Barry Bowen (V), the 15 credit-hour seminar would involve in-class teaching, curriculum development, preparation, and a seminar. The work load will be eased by pairing undergraduates; two students will share each class.

The thesis threshold

(Ed. note: This was written by an anonymous senior in the midst of his thesis.)

Symptoms

The student becomes hazy-eyed
Sentences get shorter
Spelling and typing errors rise sickeningly
Nock becomes stiff
Fingers become numb from typing
Neck becomes stiff
Spelling and typing errors rise sickeningly
Fingers become numb from typing
Feet become numb from ramming
Breathing becomes an effort
Fingers become numb from typing
Bones become numb from typing
Breathing becomes an effort
Fingers become numb from typing
Bones become numb from typing
Breathing becomes an effort
The student becomes bleary-eyed

Treatment

If unconscious: Do not revive, allow death to come as a welcome relief from the unbearable torture.
If conscious: Whisper softly the secret awesome word®. If apparent reaction of intense, yet purposeless action will take place, this sometimes degenerates into the typing of random phrases on “Good quality opaque (not vellum) paper.” This is called thesis writing.

*most awesome and hated words “may twenty-third”

The battle for top softball spots

set as SAM, SAE triumph

By Ron Hollander

Intraural softball entered its week of wrapping Sunday with the final round of the ‘A’ playoffs. SAM and SAE emerged victorious in the day’s activity, advancing closer to the finals of the double elimination tourney.

SAM’s pitcher Paul Sitkus in the second and two legitimate runs in the third. Their fourth run came after Al Conradi hit a double over the left-fielder’s head. It proved to be more than enough as Sitkus took complete control of the 4-1 victory.

By the end of the afternoon, he had fifteen strikeouts including four in the second inning. The lone PDT run came in the fifth on a bunt single.

LCA 9-2 on Wednesday, but the Phi Delts were dropped by SAM 4-1. LCA hitter lines a shot towards Lloyd Wilson over a different script. SAE’s pitcher Paul Sitkus ‘69 beat the LCA catcher with a sheller in the first, but SAE consistently knocked back. SAE’s batter, roost ‘69 went 4-for-4, with three stolen bases to up his batting average to .520. All told, the team brings a .374 BA into Tuesday’s game against SAM and Paul Sitkus. SAE team captain John Gerth says the first runs should be enough to beat him.

Linksters split with Trinity, Williams; finish over .500

By John Light

The varsity golf team finished the season at the Taconic C.C. in Williamsburg by splitting matches with Trinity and Williams. Tech cards as each lost to Williams and defeated Trinity. McMahan and Carl Everett ‘69 shot a 75. They had trouble maneuvering the ball into the hole.

The split gave the golfers a winning year as they recorded 8-7 spring and 12-9 overall won-lost slate. After the match Don Anderson and Ken Smolok ’70, 96, and Carl Smolok ’69, 89. All five shot scores between 78 and 81, and all finished with identical match results against Trinity and Williams. Tech cards as each lost to Williams and defeated Trinity. McMahan and Anderson had to go extra holes before they lost out, while East pulled out a nineteenth hole victory against Trinity.

Seeing his first action of the year was Henry Penrice ‘71, who played in the seventh position. Henry was understandably tight and had trouble maneuvering the ball into the hole.

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