Assembly postpones

By Bruce Peetz

The General Assembly refused to take any action on the Student Homophile League's request for a mixer at a meeting Tuesday night. UAP产值 Sender indicated at the meeting that clarification of the original motion passed at the last meeting was necessary before it could be brought up.

Last meeting's motion used the word "granted," leaving unexplained whether the Assembly was merely supporting the mixer or defying the Dean's Office. Three new proposals came before this meeting: one supporting the mixer, another granting it, without regard to the Dean's position, and one censuring a mixer. Before discussion could get underway on the proposals a motion was introduced to postpone consideration until the next meeting. Spokesmen from the Task Force on Homosexuality supported the motion, as it would enable the Task Force to report before final action was taken.

Although it was pointed out that the above resolutions were ready on the books and the new proposals were for clarification, the motion to postpone was voted to de-toe. "Obstructivism"

Our fearless reporter called the move "obstructivism," and called the GA "apathetic." Edelman said after the meeting, "People that are so young should not stop education of homosexuality. By being as obstructive as the Dean's Office, the General Assembly has failed." 

In anticipation of further action next meeting by the GA, (Please turn to page 5)

SHL mixer request

By Pete Materna

Shoplifting, management problems, business conditions, student credit procedures, and other concerns were among the major concerns of students gathered in Ashdown House Monday night for an open discussion of the Coop.

The meeting students quizzed three members of the Coop's Board of Directors, asking questions ranging from a low rebate and a description of general policy.

Inventory losses

Referring to inventory losses, Coop President Milton Brown noted that, "There is no question that the shortage this year is higher than ever before." He said that losses amounted to 6.4 percent of the total Coop volume, and that losses inside theft and booktracking error. While no store can determine the exact proportions among these categories, Brown said that the losses account for a major part of the half-million dollar increase over last year in the loss of funds.

Another serious problem the directors cited was a serious retail business depression. They complained of ten to twelve percent drop in sales at the Harvard Square branch, which accounts for a major part of Coop business. Moreover, the dropoff has seriously affected the Coop's accounts receivable and billing. The directors expect a financial saving for the Coop, but still have work to do again if he had to, though a little more slowly to limit the confusion.

MIT store

Business at MIT for the most recent period was described by Tech Coop manager Roscoe Fits. Because MIT's summer enrollment is very low, business for one third of the month of last fall was poor. This September, because September included one more week of school, October sales figures for this period prevented a drop attributable to the week-long political break. Brown added that a drop attributed to the week-long political break.

The directors also fielded questions about the Coop's inventory losses. The average difference in alumni donations, the total donation for the past three years, and the average difference in alumni donations for the past three years were all asked. Reasons expected, the total donation last year, from 4495 to 4834. Fluctuation in the donation for the past three years was described as "slightly different from that anticipated."

Voluntary donations expected to increase

By Dave Searls

In the interest of finding some perspective on MIT's common situation, the Tech conducted an in-depth investigation and comparison of college dining services in the area.

In addition to collecting general data on all the major schools, this reporter visited and ate at a smaller number of colleges, which covered a spectrum of "types" of campuses, in order to formulate a subjective rating of the relative merits of each dining service.

Those schools included: MIT, as a point of departure and representative of a large urban "non-campus"; Wellesley College, a relatively isolated, suburban school; Boston University, a large urban "non-campus"; Boston College, a not-isolated suburban campus; and Harvard, representative of a large urban "non-campus." 

The basic information collected includes the cost of the meal, the quality of the meal, the food on a scale of 1 to 5, and the satisfaction of each other's weaknesses to some extent. On the basis of one meal, this reporter rated the quality of the food on a scale of 1 to 5, the restaurant's arrangement, and service, and response to criticism. This was also done on a scale ranging from completely undersold to five, "completely satisfied." 

In contrast to the rest of the dorm, the dining hall was serving a better meal, although it was usually a more drastic drop in sales, compared to the "compulsory," Wellesley had only one menu, and the students, of course, had no choice. In contrast to the rest of the dorm, the dining hall was serving a better meal, though no major change was noticed.

The meal plan is what MIT would call "compulsory." Wellesley doesn't call anything, and in fact, there is no such open criticism or even awareness of the factors that make the meal plan so desirable. One means of improving the meal plan is to make it a little or no basis for comparison, regardless of the fact that the dislike for any particular system. This is not a question of taste, but rather a question of whether the student body is satisfied, or not satisfied with the food they are served.

The students, of course, had little or no basis for comparison between the various meal plans. While the majority of schools were found to have comparable quality, the options for alumni, graduate residents, but the cost selection and variety works.

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"Loyal and dedicated"

Rutstein, the program director, stated the policy is to meet, but not beat, prices. "The result could only be a decrease in sales,. profits, and overall satisfaction of all the people involved with the food sty. "

A Proposed Plan, "will be given on February 9, 11, and 18. Lectures during the 1970-71 school year will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium.

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