SCEP plans critique of Commission report

By Kyle Richardson

MIT's Student Commission on Educational Policy established a preliminary task force Wednesday to critique the MIT Commission Report which will be released on Monday.

Ed Grossman '71, co-chairman of SCEP, foresaw the task force evolving as a sub-committee of the General Assembly committee criticizing the Commission Report. Grossman suggested that the background and interests of the SCEP members might make the committee an apt candidate for in-depth study of possible MIT grading systems and Institute requirements.

SCEP will also distribute, in December, experimental course and instructor evaluation forms. These questionnaires will weigh a course's fulfillment of student expectations against that of faculty expectations. SCEP expects this evaluation to lead to improvement of certain departmentally-required courses that presently turn away prospective majors. The final form of the questionnaire will be issued for second term evaluations in June.

Future SCEP work includes evaluation of the IAP and research for a February recommendation on the choice of MIT President Howard Johnson's replacement.

Union problems

During the course of the meeting, a worker, Herbert Lee, informed those present that earlier he had received a phone call from Mr. Frederick J. Cedzos, Assistant Business Agent of Local 974. What Mr. Lee interpreted from the conversation was that the union was worried about the racial charges and that he felt the workers' cause was justified. When asked about the three workers striking, the agent said that they could have union approval but that they couldn't expect the other estimated 870 employees of MIT to walk out and strike in support of them. Lee went on to say that Mr. Cadagan had suggested they find a new union.

Late Wednesday evening, it was disclosed that agreement had been reached between the workers, MIT, and the Faculty Club on the $3.26 wage issue without arbitration, but because of disapproval by the union nothing could be settled. Before the wage issue agreement, the union had inactively supported the increase and immediately following the agreement actively began protesting it.

After receiving notice of the dilemma of the Black students, all present at the meeting agreed that more action must be taken now to further the cause of workers and students. Although many suggestions were made before the group, it was decided that no actions will be taken by the group until after its Thursday night meeting.

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