1950 report asked reform

(Continued from page 1) then did not allow enough time for reflection and social pursuits. To alleviate this, and improve the quality of education they recommended that "subjects of instruction could be improved by reduction in coverage and increased emphasis upon basic principles," as well as an "early introduction of professional methods, and increased emphasis of the student's initiative and judgment." They further suggested "innovations such as comprehensive examinations" given after several years of study and "rescheduling of instruction so that fewer subjects are studied at one time but more hours per week are devoted to each subject." The report also emphasized the importance of effective teaching.

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Concluding that the responsibility for undergraduate education was diffused too much throughout the Institute, the Commission recommended "the establishment of a Committee on Undergraduate Policy, having establishment of a Committee on Undergraduate Policy, having authority regarding educational policy and forming the directives of the faculty."

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School structure

The Commission recommended that the Institute be organized into four schools: Engineering, Science, Architecture and Planning, and Humanities and Social Sciences, which they suggested be formed to upgrade the status of non-technical studies at the Institute. It was through these four fields that they believed "education and research at MIT" should proceed.

The Schools were not meant to be mere administrative conveniences rather to serve as foci for the development of the educational programs of the departments within it. In this way, MIT would not be a cluster of some twenty professional programs but instead an Institute where education proceeded along four broad avenues. Towards this end, the Commission recommended that each school have an "academic council" appointed by its dean to "consider with him the common objectives and problems of his school."

In advocating the establishment of a School of Humanities and Social Sciences, they charge the University with responsibility for: (a) creative professional activity, (b) provision of a program of general education for the whole Institute, and (c) advanced education leading to higher degrees.

Sponsored research

Emphasizing that the "faculty has primary responsibility for sponsored research policy as an integral part of its broader responsibilities for educational policies and practices," the Commission notes that sponsored research is the aggregate result of the activities of individual faculty members. The Commission asserts the importance of making the "most productive use possible of Institute time and facilities." The report lists three contributions of sponsored research: "brining graduate students into contact with real engineering problems, providing special facilities that contribute to the advance of engineering knowledge, and supporting fundamental scientific investigations that would otherwise be too costly to undertake."

"War weapons"

However, the Lewis Commission also warned against several dangers encountered in undertaking a large sponsored research program. There is, they note, "a very real danger of too great diversion of technical talent into administrative activities."

The undertaking of applied engineering projects, they warn, may "divert attention from fundamental scientific inquiry," and "lead to competition with industry." Further, they comment that "sponsored research has placed a large proportion of the Institute's financing on a short-term basis." Seeing "undeniable implications" in the secrecy proclamations of some projects, they also note that "the Institute runs a risk of becoming in the mind of the public an organization whose primary mission is the development of war weapons."

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