Ehrmann: colored words show style

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Prof. explains conversion

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hold a mixer on campus. "It's a disappointment that our community is in the state it is. When we (the GA) came on the scene there was no communication at all, there was no one at all to study the issue. My feeling has been ambivalent. Confrontation is alien to my nature. I can be pushy but that's about as far as I can go," Ehrmann said that he did think there would be a Homophila League mixer on campus, "and I think it'll be fairly soon too."

As idea conceived by "just me" exposed many people to what Ehrmann termed his "purplish flaccid writing style." "I don't think there is anything around here that I can take full credit for with the possible exception of HotOGAMIT."

Student government proposals broached

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must demonstrate their skill. The delegates also fill only a "fireman's" role of responding in emergencies to pressing problems, a constituency role desire student opinion. Candid comments

The subject matter provoked several candid comments on the effectiveness and power of the General Assembly. Dean for Student Affairs J. Daniel Nyhart noted that GA representatives do not command only moral responsibility, so there are no constraints on the delegates' decision-making. Later he described the Assembly as a group which needs "60 to 70 weeks to say what's on the tops of their heads. Instead, they seek the advice of those students interested enough to work on task forces and committees on the relevant subject. None of the student political leaders present objected to his analysis.

Judging from the people present, the Assembly should judge most of its decision-making attempts. The opportunities for input are not many, for many roles are too limited, and the mechanism for representation too flawed, to justify the GA decisions as representation student's will.

Student power

Other delegates centered around the power students working through the government. They wondered if the Nominations Committee has a greater effect on the Assembly, since they place students on faculty committees.

Fieldhouse, with its annual budget reviews, also wields some measureable power. But even these powers may be illusory. Chisholm noted that the General Assembly has discretionary power on a low level, less than $1500 each year. And Smullin warned that MIT faculty committees do not command nearly as much power as the departmental committees, the groups that pass judgment on tenure and degree requirements.

Hardware important

As a design engineer, Mann emphasized the importance of producing hardware. Further, he stated that his criterion for a successful design is its introduction in the market at a competitive price. He noted that the cost is a big difference from a model which is used in a laboratory and one which can be shipped into the field with a reasonable degree of reliability.

Students, he said, should work at the "cutting edge" of a new field, rather than being given more tedious jobs. Educationally, it is important to put the burden of defining and solving the problem on the student, rather than letting professional engineers do the work, even though the latter might be quicker. He added that in a teaching environment, you can't afford to have too many of the wrong kind of professionals. Since this may mean that development takes longer, it becomes difficult for an educational group to compete in a field like the aerospace industry, where there are definite deadlines and large amounts of money involved. With their size, the MIT labs make better budget proposals. Students, he said, that the Draper Labs have been unable, according to the significance numbers of students in spite of the efforts of several "provocative" proposals.

Mann explained that there were no significant difficulties in working in the field of human rehabilitation. While the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare provides good support for basic research, there is no organization like the Department of Defense, which will support development of new hardware before industry can pick up its development. "An organization is badly needed to focus effort on the amelioration of visual loss." A goal-oriented group who could provide direction on a national level is needed, he said.

Outlining the roles of the present government agencies in the health field, Mann noted that the largest research organization in the field, the National Institutes of Health, is oriented towards bio-medical research.

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