By Walter T. Middlebrook
"Did you find January as an opportunity to keep up your pace of educational activity?" This is one of the many questions to which representatives of Educational Policy sub-committee evaluating the Independent Activity Program (IAP) sought an answer in order to determine the success of the program.

The committee, headed by Prof. Kent Hansen of the Department of Nuclear Engineering, is now in the process of preparing a concise but information questionnaire. This questionernaire hopefully will help the institution to determine how students used IAP, and with this information determine the success of the IAP experiment.

Calendar experiment

From its initial planning stages, Hansen felt the faculty's reasons for installing IAP, as part of a calendar experiment, were: 1) to permit the faculty to have a low time; 2) to gain an opportunity to develop new directions of educational activity; 3) to lower the tension and the pressures of the Institute for a short time; and 4) to try to make the fall and spring semesters symmetric.

Although no one really wants to commit himself before some conclusion is drawn, most department heads seem to feel that students who took part in the IAP experiment were able to catch up.

By Lee Giguere
When the proposed Institute Council was introduced to the student body as a forum for the discussions of important issues, an open hearing on the January Review was set to go strongly against objections to giving it any decision-making power.

The hearing, one of a series held during IAP to discuss the report of the new institution, attracted administrators, faculty members, students, library staff, and nearly all members of the conversation group.

The Institute Council was proposed by the MIT Commission to serve as a high-level advisory body to the administration. The Council, to be a representative body encompassing the general public, was to provide wider input to MIT's decision-making structure.

Samuel Bodman, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering and a Commission member, introduced the proposal. He cited four reasons for the formation of the Council: 1) information about how MIT is governed should continue to have a creative, and a com- mission member, serving as a policy body for a revised MIT judicial system.

A crazy idea

Professor of Physics Steven Weinberg opened the report with the remark that "this is a crazy idea." He admitted that he had no objections to a body to serve as a forum for discussion and a discussion general issues not the specific concern of any one segment of the community, stimulating the dispersal of information at MIT, and serving as a policy body for a revised MIT judicial system.

The final General Assembly meeting of 1970, acting in special session due to a lack of a quorum, approved Greg Chisholm's appointment as UAP and Wells Edelman's appointment as UAVE.

The December 15 meeting also held to give the Student Homophi League $500 to "use at its discretion" in "educational activities to which the student body has been terminated prematurely.

By Harvey Baker
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Januray Review

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Removal of giant TV halts Moon Show II

Large-screen television projections of rocket launches and other events from the Student Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have been terminated prematurely.

After a Sunday (January 31) spectacular that drew more than 600 persons to the Student Center this semester, the program of satellite TV viewing and Sunday night showings of Apollo 14 launch, the company--the IA company--began its satellite TV system--Display Systems, Inc., of Upper Saddle River, N.J.--featured it could fulfill its commitment to leave the projector up through the end of the flight next month.

Dr. C. Thomas Goldsmith, DI company president, with apologies, said unexpected demands for the equipment for more commercial commitments de-which required

60 to 70% had returned. Not known now, and probably never known until March, however, is what students actually did.

Much concern has been expressed over the rise in incompletes received during the last term. Dean for Student Affairs Daniel Paterson has items to be believe that they were caused by student awareness of the short term. Concerning the shortened term, Hansen stated that the time has been a shrink in class hours on the order of 10%. This, he said, a 10% reduction in the amount of material to be covered, or teaching at a pace 110% more than that before, and we [the faculty] haven't learned the balance." He further stated, "As for my own teaching experience, I have had to accelerate, and I don't have enough experience to know what to take away and what to leave out. I have not taken on will have on my students in their further endeavors."

The Student Council also believes that some of the incompletes were due to the large number of absences, but there are many more which can only be diagnosed later.

Housing fees to increase

The principal problem in the MIT Dining Service is, as in the past, excessive losses in a la carte services... the conclusion is reached that we retain too many facilities for the total size of the MIT community.

Annual losses at both Lodell and Ashdown run to $30,000 per year. Dining Service feels that these losses can be eliminated by closing Ashdown House and absorbing the additional volume in the Student Center, with service there expanded to three meals a day. Many Ashdown employees will be relocated to the Burton dining hall when that house reopens next spring.

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