Ashdown dining to stay open

By Lee Giguere

Ashdown Dining Hall will be kept open next year, due in large measure to a strong campaign organized by Ashdown residents. According to Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Robert Sorenson, a petition supporting Ashdown’s retention, carrying over 500 signatures, was submitted to the end of the year. Dining Service Manager R. K. Cantley explained that while Ashdown makes money during the week, it is in the deficit during the weekends. This year’s projected loss, he said, is $35,000. Both Sorenson and Cantley emphasized that Losibell would not be open for weekday lunch, and if closed, other on-campus facilities would not be able to accommodate even half its displaced customers. Cantley also explained that closing Losibell on weekends in favor of Ashdown as well as to serve seniors Twenty Chimneys’ service also. Besides the money, Sorenson pointed out that the Center for International Students and the old Burton House dining hall. Meanwhile, Burton House and Random Hall had indicated a preference for providing their own food over using com-

Faculty alters term: eliminates fall break

By Bruce Peetz

The faculty removed the week-long October break from next year’s calendar in their meeting Wednesday. The plan was to re-establish a two-day Veteran’s Day holiday in the fall.

Although last meeting’s concern was against the retention of the term break, the deciding factor was the recommendation of the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP). President Frederick W. Trach (then above) said for the CEP, cited the general lack of political activity, the shortened term, and student ambivalence toward the recess.

Proponents of the break felt that students, particularly freshmen, could already catch up on their studies. Professor Peter Eltis, however, withdrew his previous motion of retaining the recess in favor of the old plan.

A last minute proposition that a one-week vacation be given at Thanksgiving was ignored by the faculty and a standing vote overwhelmingly supported the CEP.

The CEP also announced the end of the committee’s sponsorship of student-staff council for 1971. A report from the ad hoc subcommittee on student-staff councils gave the major reason as a large drain of faculty’s time.

In response, a student-staff council, the sub-committee was under (Please turn to page 3)

CIS work has ‘wide latitude’

By Joe Knuth

The Center for International Studies (CIS) has released descrip-
tions of present research, findings, and research policy follow-
ing a MITSSD’s-sponsored “disruption” of the CIS Tuesday over alleged collusion between CIS researchers and the US govern-
ment to suppress revolutionary movements.

CIS Director Ernest Hagen told The Tech that the Center would not accept either secret funding or classified research. However, he said, the Center usually placed no restrictions upon the type of research done by faculty and researchers associated with it.

Research acceptability at the CIS has “very wide latitude,” Hagen said that acceptability was in the hands of the researchers involved and the Center’s senior members thought it was of intellectual value, by the general availability of funds to support the project, and the possible application of this research to government decision-

As an example of the possible policy relevance of general re-
search that the CIS encourages, Hagen offered his view of the reasons for the continued existence of autocratic, traditional governments in a world in-
cerely devoted to the ideals of democracy. He said that while it does not have any direct impli-
tions for research, it would certainly aid the spread of demo-
cracy to countries now ruled by dictatorships.

The CIS stopped accepting CIA funds in 1966. Government

Steam engine research set

By Pete Materna

A first-of-its-kind, $350,000 contract to begin design and feasibility studies on a steam powered automobile has been awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency to a firm closely allied with MIT. The recipent is Steam Engine Systems Corporation of Newton, which, while not officially con-
cncted with MIT, is composed almost entirely of people present-
ating negotiations with the Institute, Research and development called for by the contract will result in several demonstration automobiles within a year or two. Potential technological spinoffs for the engine itself are also anticipated, in the form of applications to home heating, marine vehicles, and the construction industry.

SLS, an acronym concocted by the firm, is composed of a team of MIT students and faculty, with the addition of a veteran, Mr. Richard S. More, President of the Steam Engine Systems Corporation.

This prototype steam engine, operated by the heat of the water, will be used to power a car. Burners developed by the group emit only 35 parts per million of oxides and nitrogen (Please turn to page 3)

By Alex Makowski

The idea of having a “corporation” was brought up by James Kinnamon, Chairman of the MIT Corporation, and is largely responsible for the recent reconstit-
ung of the plan to seat younger, recent alumni on the corporation.

A “major factor,” noted one close observer, “would have been our own perseverance. Johnson couldn’t have put it through on his own.”

The plan would seat five alumni from recently graduated classes on the 80-man Corporation.

Eligible to run this June, as well as to vote, will be seniors 1967, and graduate students getting their degrees by December, 1971. Alumni from the classes of 1949 and 1970.

The Alumni Association polled those people eligible to draw up a preliminary list of candidates. The deadline for sub-
mitting nominations is today; by the end of the week, 250 names had been mailed in.

This list will be whittled down to some more manageable number. Possibly ten or twenty. Keeping in mind the screening process will be the five youngest Corporation members.

Just as a reminder, MIT alumni

Kilbann-backed plan for young trustees

and, at 28, the second youngest Corporation member, will participate in the screening process. The Tech reached him for information. “There is no idea yet what the criteria will be,” began Kinnamon, “since the selection committee will not meet until after the decision is to be made.” Another factor will likely be the number of nominations a person receives, and whether he can secure genuine support among his peers. “Diluted support seems to ignore people strongly supported by their classmates.”

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MIT is not the country’s only school to experiment with placing young people on the corporation. A number of young people have been appointed to the Board of Trustees, though this proposal may well be qualitatively different. A recent survey found 31% of the 4,000 alumni students at universities having trustees younger than forty, while 10 percent had young students in either voting or non-voting roles. Princeton, for example, and MIT is the second youngest graduating senior to a four-year term.