GA forms task force to review government

Acting in response to the recent passage of the UAP torment and general agreement about the fail-ure of present student govern-ment, the General Assembly estab-lished Tuesday night a task force to examine student govern-ment, its reasons for existing, and alternate possible structures. Other hearings included Execu-tive Committee elections and re-port of student faculty matters. The meeting was one of the best-attended of the year.

When it came time for discus-sion on the present form of the GA, remarks were many and varied. Almost everyone believed in two topics: 1) why doesn't the GA work, and 2) what can be done to make it work. UAP Bob Schulte caught the gist of the discussion on the shortcomings of the GA when he remarked, "You can't devote students when you deal with things that don't affect them." Schulte con-tinued, "The GA should deal with close problems, commons

Luce defends libertarianism

Right-wing libertarian Phillip Abbot Luce spoke to a gathering of about 30 people in 26-100 Tuesday night about the current activities in liber-tarianism.

The topic for the evening had been "The New Left," but upon reflex for on the small size of his audience and its clearly pro-libertarian character, Luce switched topics, gave a relatively brief lecture, and then threw the meeting open to questions.

Luce is characterized by some as an anarch-co-capitalist," i.e., as one who believes in very little or no government regula-tion, and who would seek his own way in a completely non-socialistic, tax-free world. He is against competition of any sort, and says that the libertarian philos-ophy is that "you as an indi-vidual are free to do anything, you want to do so long as it does not infringe on the property rights of anybody else." For the concept of "property" Luce includes a person's self or own body.

Attempting to live the life he preaches, Luce says, for ex-ample, that he pays no income taxes. Luce got around paying taxes by being a legally-ordained minister in California, who runs a church school into which all his income is funnelled, and from which funds are drawn to pay all his expenses. He also does not

The Tech contacted many seg-ments of the MIT community: students, faculty, Corporation members, and alumni. From both students and alumni came reports of dissatisfaction with the Commission document. Corporation Secretary Vincent Fulmer said the Corporation feeling "mirrored the campus reports," mixed, very mixed. Specifically, the First Divi-sion and Institute Council recommendations are in trouble. Only the suggestions for CEP reorganization are likely to be acted on by fall next year.

The First Division proposal has come under fire from both faculty and students. Dean Robert Abney from the School of Science told The Tech that the Science Council, the collection of science department chair-men and physics assistant chair-men argued somewhat this year. French, was opposed to the idea, while the science faculty thought that fresh-man courses are generally "not

Luce (right) and the audience of about 30 people

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Luce also indicated his sup-port for the "voucher plan" to fund private schools and school systems. Under the plan, each student in grades 1-12 would be given a voucher for an amount equal to the cost of educating him/her's school year. He would then be free to use that voucher for whatever school he/she chooses. This "Education vouchers would attract blacks to apply. These efforts included recruiting, advertising, etc. The take-up of applications to all National Achievement Scholars. A significant shift in geographi-cal distribution appears likely to be the case also. From the pool of students accepted, 9.2% were from the Northeast this year, as opposed to only 4.5% last year.

By Lee Giguerre

The recent ongoing structure of MIT captured the attention of the Corporation Joint Advisory Council Wednesday night when it queried President-elect Jerome Wiesner. CAJC's members ordered the Corporation Secretary Vincent Fulmer to examine student government. From his questioning around such issues as tenure policy and deci-sions, the office and duties of the provost and the vice-presi-dent and chancellor. Wiesner's answers varied from descriptions of the current situation to consider-ation of the structure of his own administration. Wiesner explained that he and Chancellor-elect Paul Gray "don't know" how the Institute will divvle their responsibilities. He felt that there would be a "natural sort-out" of their roles once they entered office. He stressed, however, that he wants "to structure activities so that we maintain a personal involvement with administrative af-fairs. He noted, though, that he expected to be more involved in relations with government agen-cies and with alumni than Gray. He maintained that the configura-tion of the office of Provost was still an open question.

The acquisition of funds for new projects, he said, would be an important goal in the future, upon which the "health of MIT" will depend. Wiesner commented that "raising is a linear system;" the more you put in, the more you get out. He later said that "the future of the Institute depends on getting into the right new areas." The "old

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Student government needs a general governing body, indicated a large majority of those present when a straw vote was taken, Nancy Wheatley "70 char (-Please turn to page 3)