Commission withholds statistical profile

(Continued from page 1) The criteria for inclusion, as stated in the introduction (by Wayne Stewart of the Commission staff, who did most of the work on this report), were availability, general knowledge of the field, importance, and ease of understanding without extensive explanation.

On page 1, one finds that MIT is 4,518 acres, including about $283 million in invested funds and $127 million in educational plant (at cost) as of 1969. In the same section, one notes that tuition and fore pay 8% of the operating costs (students pay a total of 10% when dining and housing are added in) of the Institute, while sponsored research pays 81%. Then, you look up sponsored research, and find that the Department of Defense supplies 62% of the research funds. Under finances, you could find out that the Institute phone bill of $590 thousand a year. Under academic staff, you can find out that 59% of those graduating from Humanities or Science went on to academic work, while 56% of the Engineering students did the same. By far the largest bulk of the report (almost half, some 142 pages) was devoted to undergraduates. The section included information on admissions, financial aid, advanced placement, parental employment and education, course attendance, home work hours, load level, subject choices, and percentage of co-ed undergraduates (68%). Professors Hoffman appears to have been correct; there are no startling revelations in this Fact Profile of MIT, at least not on the surface. However, widespread analysis of the document, in the opinion of some sources close to the Commission, might reveal some interesting correlations.

Right now, however, the situation is this: the Commission is disbanded, as of June 1, and according to Hoffman, there are no plans to keep it going. He and a small number of staff members will spend the summer doing a "mop-up" report. The fate of the Profile is very uncertain at this time, with Hoffman stating, "I can't say when, or even if, the report will be released to a wide spread audience." He added, "Distribution of information of this type is primarily a responsibility of the administration, and as such, they should have final say in the matter."