1971: A good year... but not for much

Compared with past years, 1971 was quiet: there were no large-scale demonstrations, no sit-ins, no disruptions of "business as usual." The administration, under Herman H. Tavney, was determined to keep the Institute to a minimum and to keep it running smoothly. The administration, on the other hand, was determined to do everything possible to keep MIT running smoothly.

The financial pinch

The news about MIT's financial condition would have gone from bad to worse if it hadn't been for the fact that MIT's financial condition had improved slightly. The administration, through its prudent management, had been able to keep the Institute running at a deficit of only about $500,000, a much more manageable amount than the $10 million deficit that had been anticipated.

The decline of student activism

The decline of student activism at MIT was one of the most pronounced trends of the year. The charismatic figures of the previous years (many of whom had been involved in the student movement of the 1960s) had faded away, never issuing a final statement or committing to a new course of action.

Education at MIT

1971 was a year of significant change at MIT. The new president, Paul Gray, had been appointed in the fall of 1970, and the Institute was now facing a new set of challenges.

The budget was tight, and the Institute was struggling to keep pace with the increased costs of higher education. The administration was faced with the task of making tough decisions about which programs to cut and which programs to expand.

The administration was also struggling with the issue of student participation. The Institute was trying to balance the need for student input with the need to maintain control over the institution. The administration was trying to find a middle ground that would allow for student input while still keeping the Institute on track.

The Institute was also dealing with the issue of financial aid. The administration was trying to find ways to provide financial assistance to students without compromising the Institute's financial health.

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