Statement by Brammer cited as false, misleading

By Barb Moore

The Tech has learned that certain recent comments attributed by two reporters to H. Eugene Brammer, director of MIT's Housing and Food Services, were false and misleading.

Several weeks in the Housing and Food Services administration have stated that articles concerning the closing of Ashdown Dining Hall and the hiring of non-MIT students for Dining Service jobs contained inaccurate facts and implications.

In an article dealing with the closing of Ashdown Dining Hall (The Tech, February 16, 1973), Brammer told a reporter from The Tech that The Ashdown Dining Hall [had] discontinued its operations due to a financial deficit which could no longer be borne by the Institute.

A dining service official has stated that the information presented by Brammer was misleading. He commented that the statement attributed to him as the "sole word of Dining Services," when, in fact, it had been done better financially than either Walker Memorial or the Student Center dining halls.

Information which Brammer supplied for an article dealing with the hiring of employees for Dining Service jobs (see The Tech, March 23, 1973) has also been criticized.

Statements made to The Tech's reporter on that occasion were also reportedly "painted a rosier picture" than the one which actually exists. Brammer told The Tech that "By the 1973-74 academic year, there will be no non-MIT students in captain's positions, and all the voucher system is successful, there will be a totally MIT student staff in that article, she was informed that Brammer was out of town for the week. She then requested an appointment, and was told that the Housing and Dining director's secretary was out, and when the secretary was contacted later, she contended that Brammer was "too busy" for the remainder of the week, and to call back the following Monday.

The reporter persisted for three weeks in requesting an appointment with Brammer, and the arrangement was made only after a high Institute official had contacted Brammer's office. That official opened that Brammer was apparently avoiding the reporter.

When contacted for comment, Brammer stated that the article "had not come out exactly as I had hoped," and that the inaccuracies, which were attributed directly to him, in the interview, did not correctly describe the situation.

MIT war complicity hit by anti-war group

By Norton D. Sandler

The steps of 77 Mass. Ave. were splashed with paint this week, after a group of five people reportedly stood at the top of the steps at the main entrance to the Institute, splashed the paint over the pillars and steps, delivered a short statement, and left the area before campus patrolmen had reached the scene.

The five members of the group (three men and two women, according to witnesses) represented an anti-war organization known as Change and Lasting Concerned (CLC). Friday's action was aimed as MIT's role as a major defense contractor, and for using its facilities in developing the automated, or electronic, battlefield, which was used in Vietnam.

MIT was only one of the groups to be misunderstood by the CLC on Good Friday. A total of four other locations were splashed with paint, as the CLC charged that they had all "conspired to continue the US bombing in Cambodia," and were therefore "splashed with the 'blood' of their victims."

The other four places which were mentioned in the CLC statement as "conspiring to sustain and profit from proliferations of US aggression in Indochina" were the JFK Federal Building, the Air Force recruiting office, local offices of IBM, and the First National Bank of Boston.

The statement charged that the federal building "promotes the work of a national government best on global dominance,, and poppings up dictatorship which kill to preserve control of the many in the few at the Air Force office, according to the statement, urges people to "join the army from hell which will change the indiscriminate bombing of Indochina."

Corporate investment and financial profits were the reasons for including IBM and the First National Bank in the CLC list of "conspiring institutions." IBM was charged with acting in the development of the automated battlefield, while the First National Bank was implicated in profiting from war investments, and from granting loans to four defense contractors, including $15 million to Raytheon.

MIT received no prior warning to Friday afternoon's incident, nor did any of the other four institutions which were involved. MIT administration were on the scene to assess the damage shortly after the group of protesters had left the area, and the job of cleaning up began a half-hour later.

By Michael D. McNamee, an Associate News Editor of The Tech and a resident of Baker House, has been studying a report that Graess, report for several weeks, and has written an analysis of the report. This is the second of four parts of that analysis. (Executive)

One of the basic premises of the Graess Report is the desirability of diversity, both in the institution available and in the student body using them. The CSF found that the housing system offered a great deal of diversity in facilities, from Brinley to East Campus to MacGregor. However, when it turned its attention to the student body, the committee found that MIT, as a uniformly centered on

Due to a production error, a question was included in the interview with Brammer, which was not discussed on that occasion. The Department of Urban Studies, however, has decided to pursue the topic further, and will include a follow-up article.

By Richard Parker

How people live in cities, how conditions can improve, how the world can be improved - these are the concerns of urban studies, MIT's Course XI, one of the youngest of the Institute's departments.

Traditionally, the city planner sat behind his desk and tried to determine the best way to make life better for the residents of the city. He would then go and fight city hall as he would attempt to convince politicians that his ideas were valuable, both in terms of improving the city and winning votes. The job was boring and frustrating one. MIT graduates would be happy students making a role of this man who was "a rather impotent fellow in terms of changing people," said Phillip Clay, an instructor and doctoral student of the Urban Studies department.

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