MIT’s retreat in ski country

By Curtis Reeves

One of the activities that best captured the intended spirit of the IAP was a trek to the ski country of Vermont, sponsored by Prof. William Lambe of the Civil Engineering Department. Lambe and a group of ten students spent a week at MIT’s Talbot House studying ways to better utilize the house, and at the same time developed their own present attitude toward the future education.

In the first few days, the students produced, including a paper on the utilization of the House, which was the central purpose: a report on the group’s actions and reactions; and a notebook left at the house to inform future visitors of the opportunities afforded by the immediate area.

Probably the most important to the on-campus observer is the second document, written by David Ashley G, which explores the educational merit of the trip. Ashley suggests that for projects not requiring the use of a laboratory or other facilities that can only be found on campus, the use of some other, off-campus facility might provide a more beneficial atmosphere.

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1) any additions should maintain the character of the House, and promote flexibility.
2) the nature of the House and wide variety of available recreational facilities should be publicized throughout the MIT community.
3) full utilization can be promoted through a variety of additions and alterations.
4) an active effort should be made to integrate the House into the Pomfret/woodstock community.

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$10 reward for return of red, white, and blue wool ski hat lost next to the on-campus observer is the second document, written by David Ashley G, which explores the educational merit of the trip. Ashley suggests that for projects not requiring the use of a laboratory or other facilities that can only be found on campus, the use of some other, off-campus facility might provide a more beneficial atmosphere.

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The Cosmopolitan Music

February 7, 9, 10 & 12

Thursday Feb. 7 7:30-10:00 pm Sala, Student Center
Friday Feb. 8 1:00-4:00 pm Room B, Kresge
Saturday Feb. 9 1:00-4:00 pm Room B, Kresge
Sunday Feb. 10 7:30-10:00 pm Room A, Kresge

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