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In Case of Insomnia—
Teckwood Row

By Storm Kaufman

While it is not clear that anyone cares, if you ever wondered what the denizens of Teckwood Row (MIT administration) are doing, you could look at the January 16, 1973 The Tech. Or you could keep reading my stinging ac-

President (Wiesner, Jerome B.)—According to a recent formal report, he “has overall responsibility for all the Institute’s policies and operations” and “provides initiative and direction for the shaping of goals and priorities and plans for the development of the Institute.” Relieved of general management duties by the chancellor (below), the president serves primarily as MIT’s chief public relations officer. When an organization is looking for a big name speaker, when a prospective contributor wants to speak to someone in charge, or when the government or industry wants to negotiate with a representative of MIT, they all pick on Wiesner (or on the Chairman of the Corporation).

As such, Wiesner’s job definition includes responsibility for fundraising activity and service as the principal spokesman to the alumni and public. Thus, Wiesner’s main challenge is to be effective at attracting long term, dill dinner speeches (and in giving them, too).

Chancellor (Gray, Paul Edward, ’54). For now, the chancellor is the effective, attractive, ombrebstive officer, but, when the job expanded to be more than one man could handle, the chancellor was created. Gray, an expert in the job, is the first and only man to hold it (taking office when Wiesner became president).

The chancellor is the President’s deputy on all matters and shares the executive responsibility for Institute policies and programs. He is “imposed” for the implementation of plans for the development of the Institute, and for the ongoing operation of the management organization.” The provost and vice presidents report to the president through the chancellor. The Dean for Student Affairs reports to the chancellor.

What all that means is that while Gray gets to miss most of the insipid formalities, he is more than happy to listen to the concerns by the lunch by being saddled with the days—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—day—d...