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Hunters would let our contracts lapse," Brown explained. "We felt that we could not respond to ultimatums from a committee composed of people who are not competent to judge us or our teaching and which was chaired by an outspoken foe of the Program and its methods (Dean James Hanham, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities)."

"The evaluation process must include people who understand creating a program out of nothing," Brown pointed out. "The ad hoc evaluation did not have anyone like that, they were not even following the resident's guidelines."

Neither the method of staff evaluation nor the School's subsequent proposal's organization followed the recommendations of last year's Committee to Evaluate the MIT Pilot Writing Program, chaired by Professor Nathan Sivin, according to the two instructors. Sivin's group had found that animosities between the Writing Program and the Humanities Department. Line five Section had grown so intense that the Program's role could be removed from the department and staff evaluations should be conducted only in terms of the work within the Program rather than as scholarly members of any individual Department or School.

While agreeing that the Program's amorphously democratic structure hindered smooth bureaucratic relations with it, the Sivin Committee also recommended that a Director not be appointed for some time because of the prevailing animosities.

In December, the Dean of the School of Humanities, Harold Hanham, released an organizational plan that left the Writing Program, or its successors, within the Humanities Department while fragmenting writing instruction into four streams. Each individual stream would be relegated to sub-Sections.

During the first week of June, it was decided to name an Acting Director for the Pilot Writing Program. In August, David Breakstone, who was slated six months before to teach a single section of Writing and Experience, was appointed.

Breakstone became the rock on which the "populist" cause foundered in the following months. Although he set on the infamous staff evaluation panel, his status there was never clear to Program members. The Program broke ranks in January, partly because his role was not clear. "So the story's over," sighed Sanford Kaye. "You know, the funny thing is if we had been an absolute failure the result would have been the same."

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