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By Kenneth Hamilton

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FACTS

The lights in 10-2500 warmed to exhibit a life of their own during last Friday's Musical Theater Guild IAP show. About five minutes after the start of the show the mercury-vapor lamps started coming on one by one. MIT was able to turn them off come off of the time, but they couldn't keep all of them off all of the time. So rather than distract the audience with a psychodelic light show, they just let the lights do what they wanted to do. Most of the first half of the show was performed with the lecture hall illuminated. The problem was solved during intermission.

Students report that the sound amplifiers in 10-250 worked intermittently during classes yesterday.

EXCERPTS

Despite all the literature mailed to prospective freshmen, Caltech does not have an adequate HSS (Humanities and Social Sciences) division. The offerings number four or five upper level history courses each term, almost no undergraduate political science classes, and very little undergraduate social science. The social science we do have is almost economically oriented ... Caltech research no longer seems to be as respected as it once was. It would benefit the science students here to have a better Humanities Division and the HSS should be an integrated and separate Social Sciences Division. MIT has done this (or at least started in most areas) and its math science research certainly has not suffered.

ERRATA

Last Friday's The Tech erroneously reported that physical education workers would not have been able to eat if not for a student meeting in Walker and Prattel. Most physical plant workers are at Walker and MacAlpine during meetings. Magagregor, the only dining hall that is open in the morning, remained open due to the efforts of Food Production Manager Jack Principe and the student staff.

By Mike Tobias

1925 was a good year. Calvin Coolidge was President. The stock market rose to astronomical heights. Bobpath had 60 home runs that season. And MIT last held commencement in the Great Court.

This may well surprise you. If you are a senior, it perhaps shocks you that four years of hard work have not earned you a place in the sun, at least not on graduation day. As for freshmen, it's probably hard to believe that people actually spend four years here, let alone graduate.

But it is true, and this coming June 7, if nothing changes, as many as 1950 seniors, and graduate students may receive their diplomas not in the Great Court, but in Rockwell Cage.

It is not in fact an old MIT tradition that this event should take place in a closed fa
cility of an airplane hangar. Not even the Air Force Academy does that. Old timers can remember the days of the open skies when things were different.

Every year, burning rain, MIT held commencement outdoors in the beauty of the Great Court.

News Analysis

Commenence options analyzed

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