Students protested mandatory commons

(Continued from page 4) and that every resident of dorms would have to pay commons fees for whether or not he took commons. Dean Wadeleigh reiterated the two premises that the dining service should be operated on a break-even basis and that the Institute should plan to have a dining room in every house. He also stated that if a person did not take commons, he was charged, change to a dorm in which commons was not compulsory. "This argument is considered fallacious by most of the present members of the Ad-Hoc Dining Service Advisory Committee." In somewhat contradictory statements, Wadeleigh said that he has considered unfair to shift the burden of commons fees to those who did not participate to those who did, if some residents went off commons, and that MIT would not subsidize its dining services. He said that it was considered unfair voluntary commons and that that every resident of dorms would have to pay. The committee has no official meetings. The meeting of the committee grew to a half years after its formation. Social Committee (AHD) SAC formed a half years after its formation.

More productive actions appear to be taking place in the AHD SAC. It is clear that all of the committee members favor voluntary commons. These members include the Director and Assistant Director of Housing and Dining and two Deans. Among the methods considered for financing it are closing some dining halls, a tax on dormitory services, for this would be unfair to those that did not participate to those that did live in dorms. Sometime in Spring 1969 the Ad Hoc Dining Service Advisory Committee (AHD SAC) formed itself. Consisting at first of five members the committee grew to 15, including students, faculty, and administration. The committee defined its goal as finding an alternative to compulsory commons which would still allow the dining services to operate without a deficit. In fall 1970 interest in voluntary commons has focused on two groups: Students Having Intestinal Troubles and the AHD SAC. SHIT, a group of Baker House students, initiated mass meal transfers into protest to voluntary commons. A meeting between the students and administrators satisfied few of the students.

Frosh symposium tomorrow

By Patrick Houghton and Gordon Hartre
Editor's note: Patrick Houghton is the coordinator of the Freshman Symposium.

The theme of this year's Freshman Symposium is "don't let your studies interfere with your education." As Joe Moore, last year's Alumni Association President, said in a foreword, "MIT provides a unique environment that can enhance the development of many skills but can also lead to atrophy of certain other skills. The experiences of MIT graduates is the world of business and industry suggest how more versatile skill development will aid in achieving both personal and professional goals." This year's symposium will be held tomorrow in the Landau Building. It will begin at 10:30 with coffee and doughnuts outside of room 66-110, followed by introductory remarks by Stephan Immerman, from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs, at 11:00. There will be five seminars followed by discussions at 11:30 and 1:30, giving students the opportunity of attending two of the sessions. Lunch, courtesy of the Alumni Association, will be served in the first discussion session at 12:30 Claire Brenner, president of the Alumni Association, will be speaking on leadership and leadership skills. Jan Bidgeman, president of the Class of 1978 will lead a workshop session on human relations. MIT Vice-president Constan- Simonds and Treasurer Glenn Strehl will be talking about MIT. Simonds will dis- cuss the inside workings of MIT, while Strehl will be discussing the traditions of MIT.

Brown's views liberal
dare. He talks broadly of becoming energy self-sufficient, protecting the environment, and vitalizing the economy.

But Brown is rather vague on how to achieve these ends. This is a point of great criticism among Brown's critics. They claim that he is all form with no content. This is a valid point. When talking of deciding whether to continue the campaign or not, Quinn used the phrase, "It depends on what people are looking for." Brown is an example of the modern "media candidate." Much of his campaign is concerned with how he appears to the public. He talks in terms of platitudes and generalities, not so much of specifics of his platform. He sees "defense as an impor-
tant part of our work and our reality," though he wishes to reduce defense spending to decrease the federal deficit. Our society will be one that "serves people, that protects the earth, that explores, the universe.

Brown's greatest problem will be in having the public take him seriously. If they continue to view him as a weathervane that turns in the direction of popular opin-
ion, as shown in his reversal on the Proposition 13 issue in California, he can only expect to be seen as an "also run."

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