Few mentally sick at MIT

By Kenneth Saw

Approximately 1,000 to 2,000 people visit the MIT psychiatric department each year, according to Dr. J. Kuhnle, Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the MIT Medical Department. Over a four-year period, about one-third of all classes will have visited the department.

Kahnke explained that about 45 percent of the visits are made by students and those remaining are from other members of the MIT community, such as faculty members, administrators, and their families.

Kahnke noted that there is not much mental sickness among MIT students. "We prefer people to come in and talk about their troubles before they become patterned. We don't have to be terribly sick to have problems."

Kahnke said that students' problems usually fall into one of seven categories: difficulties in living arrangements, identification problems, sex identification problems, money, marriage, and emotional problems. Kahnke added, "occasionally there is a small number of psychotic reactions."

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Kahnke said there have been formal and informal studies about which students come in and for what reason. Because of differences in how some types of people work out their problems and when stresses arrive in different students' academic careers, some students tend to visit the department earlier in their MIT education. As an example, Kahnke noted that physicists tend to come in later while engineers tend to come earlier.

Kahnke also said that MIT's department tried to administer drugs very sparingly. "Anyone who believes that most of these emotional problems are caused by chemical deficiencies must be out of his mind."

SCC loses cash, chairman says

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SCC members recently discovered that the safe contained more cash than expected. Another possibility is therefore that the students are not properly in- cluded, according to Brogus. He added, "I'm baffled by why it [the cash] was so short, and now is over."

Members were previously al-
lowed to borrow money from SCC. Much of the money was never repaid, and SCC spokesmen said SCC has since discontinued this procedure. SCC's financial statements, however, show that the amount still outstanding, $2334.93 by July, 1983, continued to increase.

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SCC history: from plans to pinball

By Max Hailperin

The Student Center Committee was originally created in November, 1962, as a subcommittee of Inscomm, the GA's forerunner. It was successor to a series of short-lived student committees which had been planning for the new student center (built in 1965) since 1953. The Tech said at the time: "Although the range of the group's responsibilities is not precisely defined, it is hoped that the Committee will provide a continuity of philosophy in the transition from designing the building to planning its use."

It was to provide this continuity that Inscomm allowed SCC to continue for a few years, still as a subcommittee whose members were elected by the Inscomm Executive Committee. Inscomm faded away at the end of the decade, however, the victim of student disinterest. At this point, SCC established itself as a separate organization, with the stated purpose of improving student life.

This set the stage for confusion over the SCC's status when the GA materialized in the late seventies as Inscomm's successor. SCC claimed to retain its independence, while the GA claimed to have inherited Inscomm's control over SCC. This dispute persists today.

SCC installed the first pinball machines in 1969, and the 24 Hour Coffeehouse and the Midnight Movies series were established in 1972.

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