the more things change...

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[MIT] is, as practically every high schooler knows, "the toughest school in the world." The difficulty of the course is a factor the lack of extracurricular activities...

Perhaps many of the applicants were careless in filling out their cards. Unfortunately, many of them found that the activities required much more time than they had expected. But even these two suppositions cannot account for the tremendous decrease. The only other hypothesis, that the activities themselves did not meet the expectations of the new man, must certainly be responsible for a large part of this drop.

Activity leaders do not make the activities attractive and interesting for the new man. To be sure, they hold mass meetings, displaying multi-colored posters with their announcements. But the Technology man is not attracted by colors and superfluous statistics. The average freshman, just entering Technology, is skeptical about taking on too many outside interests...he wants to be sure that he will really be gaining experience and therefore will appeal to a different type of individual. But evidence that gain must be presented, and it must be presented forcefully, if any greater success is to be had.

In a very short time, a new class of freshmen will enter the Institute. Activity leaders should prepare to give them facts and figures, along with the older and experienced.

GSC elects officers, no secretary

(Continued from page 11) posed for the vice-president spot, and instead of V. H. Stigall, G. Walls elected treasurer. L. Shair and W. McEachern each had one opponent. The position of secretary went unfilled.

"The position of secretary will remain vacant until a later date," declared Jensen. "The graduating Student Council faced a similar situation last year, when both candidates for the position of vice-president were disqualified, and the position was vacant until an election in October. "In the years below that, I don't re member having any secretary." The new officers will assume their posts on June 1. The Graduating Student Council also approved a $20,000 budget for next year, which will comprise $25,000 in new funding from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs and $5,000 in funds carried over from this year's GSC budget.

The Council also approved a request from Ye Olde Muddy Charles Pub to spend approximately $4,000 for new furniture to come out of the pub's share of the GSC reserve account.

GSC lacks funding for proposed programs

(Continued from page 11) a lot of work for the graduate administrative assistant.

"Although a lot of graduate students have good ideas, they don't necessarily have enough time to implement them," Jensen said. "If this is the case in the course of our cur rent level of activity," Jensen expressed concern that the graduate Student Council is in a "Catch-22 situation."

"I know that $25,000 is all that we are going to get," Jensen said. "So we don't want any new programs." Jensen said that the current budget contains funding for one or two of the projects, and amounts little funds for new activities and events that come up during the year.

Jensen said it would be difficult to estimate what would be an adequate level of funding. "All that we know is that the current constraint [of funding] is too low," for example, he said. "If all students were to try to publish the Graduate on a regular basis, they would have to search for funding.

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