

ATS Forms Student Life Committee

In a series of unanimous votes, the ATS Assembly has revised the current by-laws to establish two new committees, the Student Life Committee (SL), and the Educational Affairs Committee (EA). The Assembly also created an ad hoc committee, the President's Advisory Commission Advisory Committee (PACAC), to study means of opening communication between students and the administration.

Petitions are available in the Dean of Students office for the offices of ATS Secretary, ATS Assistant Treasurer and Freshman, Junior, and Graduate Representatives. Elections will be held Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.

The EA is empowered to analyze any aspects of academic life in the Institute, and to make recommendations of possible changes to the ATS Executive Council, Assembly, and appropriate faculty or administrative committees. The EA will also bear the responsibility of conducting a systematic course evaluation in order to make recommendations.

Nov. 12 — Last day for evening undergraduates to withdraw from courses with an assured grade of WP.

Nov. 24 — Last day for official withdrawal — all divisions.

The SL will focus on any area of student life at Tech brought to its attention, such as the quality of food service in the HUB and Commons, the quality of resident housing and apartments, parietais, and on-campus liquor. All rights, rules, regulations, and services of the Institute that affect the quality of student life will be reviewed. John Schuch informed the Assembly that the faculty is willing to work on this committee with the students.

Both committees will be composed of representatives from the different colleges of the Institute, for a maximum of ten voting members. Not more than 3 members may be student-appointed

faculty or administrative advisors.

The PACAC will begin informal investigation into the failure of the President's Advisory Commission last spring. The purpose of the committee is to find a new channel of communication between the President of IIT, Dr. Retaliata, and the student body.

In further actions revising the by-laws,

Administrators Meet With Bishop; Chapel Controversy Continues

"There have been many distortions and misrepresentations made with regard to the Chapel," stated Mr. Melvin Tracht, IIT Vice-President, to Technology News.

On September 20 Tracht sent a letter to Reverend Houck, Head of the United Campus Ministry. The letter stated that it has been rumored that the Food Co-op wants to use the Chapel and that distribution or storage of food will not be approved or permitted.

In a letter to Houck dated October 11, Tracht warned that permission will not be given to use the Chapel for food distribution and its use for this purpose will not be allowed.

Tracht received a letter from the Food Co-op informing him that the Food Co-op received permission from Reverend Houck to use the Chapel if no other space was available.

The following day the Chapel was locked and a letter was sent to the Episcopal Bishop stating that to prevent the distribution of food in the Chapel, it will be locked until we have gained assurance that it will not be used for the above purpose.

Concerning the use of Institute facilities Tracht said, "We have a responsibility to look after the rights of all students. The Chapel is no different from any other Campus building in that respect. The Chapel was opened on Sunday, without request, for legitimate religious

the Assembly removed the direction of Union Board from its president, placing it in the hands of the Officer's Committee. The UB president will chair the policy-making group.

It is expected in the next few weeks that the proposed Communications Board will replace the older Publications Advisory Committee.

activities. The Chapel will be opened for all such activities, upon request."

Mr. Tracht was also questioned about attempts at further discussions between the Administration, the Episcopal Church and the Co-op about the use of the Chapel. He stated, "We are willing to resume talks only if we have assurance that there will be no more demonstration activity or disobeying of orders."

Reverend Houck, however, was not silent. He made reference to the contract that exists between IIT and the Episcopal Church. The document states, in part, as follows:

The Bishop will have access and first priority to the use of the Chapel for himself and his deputies for the purpose of such campus ministry as the Diocese might desire at the Institute . . . The Chaplain will be an ordained Christian Minister appointed by the President with consultation from the local churches (Episcopal). The Chaplain will schedule Chapel activities.

Houck went on to say "To my knowledge the Dean of Students is not an ordained Christian Minister. I still consider myself the Institute Chaplain."

There will be an important staff meeting this Tuesday at 2 pm in the Technology News offices. All staffers are urged to attend.