

### Opposing Views Presented

# MLA Takeover Discussed

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology was elected second vice-president.

Jack Hicks, an English instructor, spoke in defense of the letter supporting the resolutions, calling the issue a "professional issue." He said that the MLA should serve a political role, and that the organization has already established a precedent for political involvement, through Congressional lobbying.

Hicks, calling MLA "the largest aggregation of humanists in the world," stated the need for involvement in political and social issues.

There was argument over the validity of the resolutions of the business meeting, since a minority of MLA members was responsible for the resolutions. It was noted that in a mail ballot, only 1500 members voted to move the 1969 meeting place from Chicago, while 7250 cast votes in favor of Chicago.

Also on the mail ballot was the question of whether MLA should issue a statement condemning police brutality, which elicited a favorable

response of about 7000 to 4000.

Dr. O.B. Hardison, a UNC English professor who attended the business meeting, explained that the procedures involved the votes of about 500 people on each resolution. Hardison also expressed his disapproval of the actions of the radicals, since its influence could polarize the MLA.

Nancy Sorkin said that the third resolution, citing Jones and Cleaver, demonstrated the MLA's concern for literature, and opposition to censorship. Dr. Clifford Lyons replied that free speech is an acceptable privilege as long as it is speech, not action.

Lyons, who has been a member of the MLA for 40 years, also criticized the authority of a minority, the "truculent dogmatism," which violated the principles of free speech. He said the actions of the activists have endangered the "tradition of tolerance" of the MLA and the objectivity which is necessary to academic freedom.

Jack Hicks read a part of a letter from the MLA Executive Secretary John Hurt Fisher

which stated that the activist members at the business meeting did "nothing illegal or improper."

Some people expressed uneasiness at the results of the

mail ballot as being contrary to the recommendations of the business meeting on the issue of moving from Chicago for the 1969 MLA Convention. The issue will be decided by the Executive Committee.

# Gift Deadline On Monday

## Sixteen Suggestions Already Submitted

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The deadline for Senior Class gift suggestions is Monday, Feb. 10, according to Senior Class President Charlie Farris.

A deadline has been set to "give us time to negotiate any contracts that may be involved and to let the class know exactly what our plans are before graduation," said Farris.

About sixteen suggestions have been submitted to date. These include flags and flag poles for the International Student Center, shrubbery and

benches, blue lights to illuminate the Old Well at night, a podium for the auditorium in the new student union, a perpetual scholarship fund and a new sound system for Carmichael Auditorium.

Farris cited another suggestion that the class give money to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community for the development of city parks and that seniors contribute time to clearing areas for their development.

"The student who contributed this suggestion expressed the idea that it may help to better community relations," explained Farris.

Another suggestion was a miscellaneous fund to be given to the University to be used at its discretion for minor needs.

Farris has talked with several members of University athletic teams and plans to talk with coaches for suggestions to improve school spirit or benefit the Athletic Association in some way.

"It has also been suggested," continued Farris, "that no matter what our choice of a gift might be, we plant at least one tree to symbolize the living monument

# Spring Rush Meeting For Frats On Sunday

A meeting for everyone interested in spring rush for UNC social fraternities will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The meeting, will feature as its speaker Mr. Roy Armstrong,

executive secretary of the Morehead Foundation. Also Interfraternity Council (IFC) officers will speak on fraternity life and rush procedures.

According to Allen Lassiter, IFC rush chairman,

approximately 500 people are expected to attend this annual meeting. Lassiter stresses the importance of the meeting, since interest cards will be handed out afterwards.

On the interest cards, each prospective rushee will list his activities and grades from high school and at UNC, and mention the fraternities he prefers. The weekend before rush, Feb. 13-14, invitations will be sent out from each house.

Interest cards will be available in the Dean of Men's Office after the meeting Jan. 12.

Although anyone may go through rush without an invitation, it is advantageous for a rushee to fill out an interest card in order to get an invitation.

Formal spring rush will be held February 16-21. Each fraternity house is required to send an invitation to each rushee who names that house on his interest card.

of the Class of '69."

Suggestions for the gift may be given to any of the class officers (Farris, Steve Savitz, Molly Nickolson, Kay Fouts and Sarah Lynn Dorsey) or submitted in the Senior Gift Suggestion Box at the Carolina Union information desk.

Because of the overwhelming response of the male students as compared to

that of senior coeds, Farris has appointed special coed dorm representatives to take suggestions.

Coeds may submit their ideas by contacting Carol Copple, Joyner; Sandra Simpson, Alderman; Sandra Auger, Keenan; Jane Howard, Conner; Kay Fouts, Granville East; Susan Stafford and Bonnie Tilly, East Cobb.

# Flu Serum Available

The infirmary has about 1,000 doses of the Hong Kong flu vaccine left. Shots will be administered as long as they last during regular office hours 9-11:30 and 2-5.

The incidence of flu on campus is relatively low according to Dr. James Taylor of the student health service, but a second wave of the disease is possible.

"With exams coming up I strongly advise students to get shots and be protected during

those weeks," said Dr. Taylor.

"No significant reactions to the flu serum have been reported to the infirmary. Students should expect a sore arm or perhaps a low fever for 24 hours at the most," he added.

Dr. E.M. Hedgepath said an increase in the number of flu cases on campus was expected from now until February due to germs that students acquired during Christmas vacation.

# Panhel Rush Scheduled

Spring rush is scheduled to begin Monday, February 10, according to Panhellenic Rush Chairman Barb Barrett.

All eight sororities will be participating in spring rush this year, and there will be more openings than in previous years.

All sophomore, junior, senior and transfer coeds with a 2.0 average are eligible to participate. Interested girls are urged to register in the Dean of Women's office by 5 p.m. Friday, February 7.

There will be a one dollar rush fee, and each girl will be asked to complete a personal information sheet at the time of registration.

A rush convocation will be held Sunday, February 9 in 104 Peabody. A panel of Panhel members will discuss rush and sorority life followed by an informal discussion period.

Rush officially begins Monday, February 10 with the first round of parties. Since spring rush is informal, as

opposed to formal rush in the fall, the girls will be invited to informal gatherings at the sororities throughout the week.

Girls will file their preferences Monday, February 17, and the sororities will issue their bids Tuesday, February 18.

Additional rush information may be obtained in the Dean of Women's office.

# Mercer Resigns

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President. If you support his programs, you try to help his proposals through the legislature as much as possible without being partisan.

"However, if you are opposed to his program, there is little that can be done beyond the realm of personal and private persuasion."

Mercer noted that there were times when he disagreed with the President and sometimes with the Student Legislature but since he had a personal responsibility to both, he saw no gain for Student Government if he publically opposed them.

"I feel that the issues are not as important as people, especially on the college level," he added.

Mercer expressed gratitude

to those he has worked with in the past. "I would like to thank the Student Legislature for helping make the Vice Presidency a worthwhile experience for me. Though some people don't think that legislature has always been responsive, I feel they've always acted responsibly."

"I hope that legislature will continue to pursue more programs such as visitation because this brings them more in touch with the student body."

Mercer concluded, "I regret that I won't be here for the remainder of my term, but I feel this internship with the state Legislature offers many new challenges."

My work here with Student Government has prepared me to accept the responsibility which I will accept in Raleigh."

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