

# ASCIT Plans Meeting

## Academic Policy to Be Reviewed

For the first time in several years, the Board of Directors of ASCIT have called a corporation meeting to discuss a number of issues which vitally affect the student body as a whole. This meeting is being organized with the full momentum of the newly-activist Board behind it, and its backers hope to see great results.

### DuBridge sanction

President DuBridge has given his sanction to the meeting, which will be held Wednesday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium. Despite the fact that this meeting is arranged and sponsored by the ASCIT undergraduate corporation, the subject matter to be discussed refers to the Institute as a whole; therefore all faculty members and graduate students are urged to attend.

### Four proposals

The main topics to be discussed in the meeting are those proposed at the BOD meeting of the sixteenth of April. There are four proposals: the first, made by Len Erickson, asks that all present faculty committees relating to student and academic life be reconstituted as faculty-student committees having voting representatives from the student body. This proposal, however, seeks to avoid the "tokenism" found on some campuses, and to emulate such schools as Antioch, Carnegie Tech, and Chicago, whose similar committees enjoy an approximate student membership of 33%.

The committees to be affected are Academic Policies, Freshman Admissions, Institute Assemblies and Programs, Relations with Secondary Schools, Undergraduate Student Housing, Undergraduate Student Relations, Upperclass Admissions, and Ad Hoc Divisional committees and "all other relevant Ad Hoc Committees."

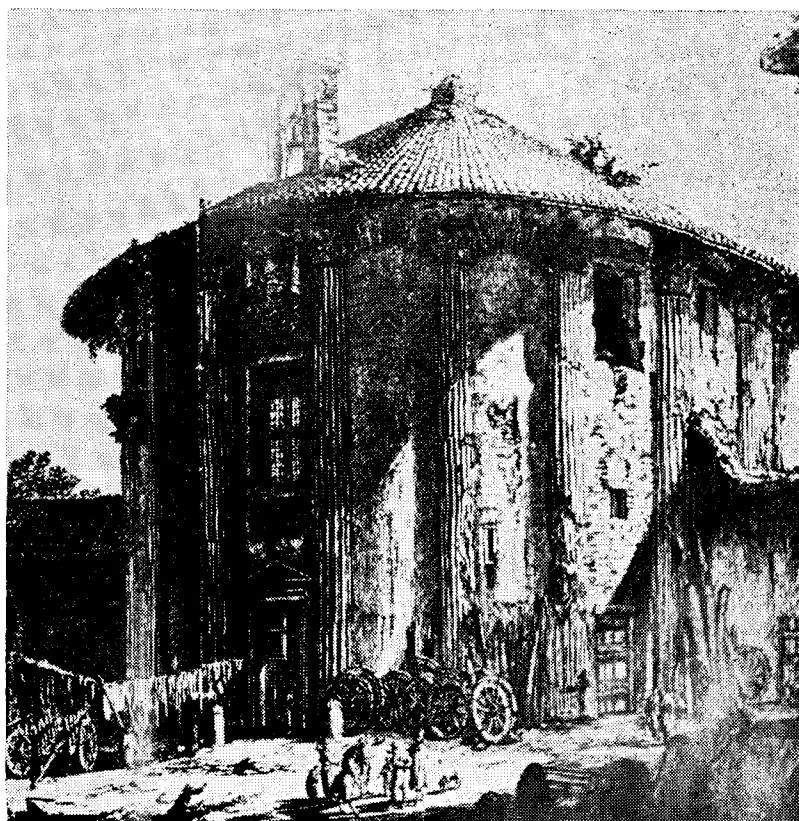
Erickson also set forth the second proposition, to the effect that the BOD proposes to reduce the number of required courses, reduce minimum load for graduation requirements, and to eliminate the requirement for choosing an option. This last facet arises from the belief that elimination of options will not only eliminate inter-option snobbery but will also facilitate graduate school admission, which depends more upon recommendations than upon specific course and option requirements.

Proposal number three, made by Mike Garet, suggests a non-voting, faculty-student liaison member on the Board of Trustees. Since this board is the major policy and decision making body for so many vital issues that affect the entire campus community, the BOD feels that such a member could best communicate the wishes and suggestions of the faculty and students to the Trustees.

### New committees

Garet also proposed the forming of several Academic Reform Groups, upon which would rest the task of making specific recommendations concerning various facets of the academic program. These groups would consist of an Instruction Systems Group, Educational Exchange Group, Research Conference Group, Undergraduate Research Group, Advisor System Group, and Teaching Techniques Group. A Coordinating Group would unify the efforts of these groups, and the leaders of each group would form the Leaders Group.

Each group would be required to make a specific report by June 1 on its specific area. Several suggestions have already been advanced for these groups to consider, including one that courses such as Ph 1 and Ph 2 be taught entirely as tutorials, and others for beginning independent study programs, undergraduate semi-



The ancient Roman Pantheon bears a remarkable resemblance to the un-functional Beckman Auditorium, the latter of which will house tomorrow's meeting of ASCIT.

nars, team teaching for junior year abroad, and an exchange student program.

These proposals will be voted on following discussion. In addition, proposals will be heard from the floor, and discussion of any point will be allowed. In order to facilitate student attendance, the Faculty Board is being approached as to the possibility of suspending all classes after 4:00 p.m., and all Inter-house Basketball games are being rescheduled.

### Sponsor Aptheker

It is rumored that there is a movement among the student body to approve a resolution of support to the 23 students suspended at Redlands for their

part in inviting Communist speaker Bettina Aptheker to the Redlands campus, in defiance of a university regulation. Miss Aptheker appeared at Caltech two weeks ago.

### Responsibility plus

According to ASCIT President Joe Rhodes, the average Caltech student is untrusted. If said student were given positions of responsibility he would find himself more than equal to the task. This is what these proposals seek to do.

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