Cosmopolites

More successful than ever, the Freshman Orientation Program saw some eight hundred students visit MIT before sitting down for the hard work to come. Among them, some bewildered faces indicated that small but important parties of the Institute family: the foreign students.

Only thirty-five foreign freshmen were admitted this year, which is a small decrease in the total percentage of the past years. However, several dozen transfer and graduate students crowded the Admissions Office, inquiring about registration procedures and apartments, and meeting for the first time the severe challenge of explaining themselves in English. Fortunately, due to the efforts of Mrs. Ellwell and Mrs. Richardson, by Sunday afternoons the foreign students could go by the corridors and several departments, without any worry.

Most of the admitted students are from the Asiatic countries and very few Europeans, whether freshmen or not, did apply. From the South American countries came a contingent of smiling young men, ready for the first week of their new life at MIT. American students have already grown accustomed to some of the MIT traditions and T-shirts and Khaki pants have replaced ties and well pressed suits. As the newcomers will soon let us hope that these same foreign students will continue to feel at home as in their own country.

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