Perspectives On An MIT Education

(MIT was created in response to the need for competent technical education in America. MIT was established in 1861 as the first Institute of Technology in the United States. It is a private research university located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is consistently ranked as one of the top universities in the world.)

Freshman Orientation II

It is clear now that for this year at least, there will be no major revision in the timing of Freshman Weekend. We would like to go on record once again in favor of changing the orientation period for Freshmen before rush week.

At the end of rush week, about 200 freshmen arrive for freshman weekend and occupy dormitory rooms, some of which are shared by their classmates who had not arrived at all. The experience is thus one of sudden and total dormitory frustration. For these people there will not be any opportunity to meet the third of their class which has already decided to live in the dormitories and shares their fates. Nevertheless, there will be no additional structure or cooperation which is really workable. Yet, a few days of being together as a group could go a long way to alleviate this situation.

On the other hand, we should like to point out for those who think that the ideal would be deferred rushing and that the dormitory system is not entirely satisfactory. The Freshmen Orientation Committee recommended this step. When we are going to realize that despite the problems, it is worth a try.