Editors.

To freshmen:

Each year, the Editor of The Tech adds the fruit of his experience to a cornucopia of counsel that is perhaps too large for the freshman to digest. This year nothing new, or not so new, about MIT is different from what you will think a week, a month, or four years hence. Everyone has periods of elation and depression, especially in this unique environment. Most newcomers (not only freshmen) suffer from “Novemberitis,” an epidemic of wholesale gloom just before Thanksgiving. During this time, you may even wonder if you are losing your sanity. Don’t lose heart — you will feel happier soon.

A freshman’s life tends to be a week-to-week existence, with little in sight before the next quiz. Life may seem an unending succession of disappointments.

One freshman section leader found that almost everyone in his section felt he was inferior to everyone else and in danger of flunking out. Obviously this is impossible. Thus (today’s platitude), things are seldom as bad as they seem.

Most of you were in the top 10% of your high school class, and many of you will do better at MIT. While it is nice that about 95% of you expect to be in the top half of your class, almost 50% of you will be disappointed. However, you are competing against some of the best students in the nation, so it’s a difficult race. We are not encouraging complacency, but trying to prevent unnecessary discouragement.

The Tech welcomes letters from its readers. Space permitting, such letters will be printed in whole or in part.

Kibitzer

By MICHAEL LEX

Kibitzer is a column that tries to increase the mental and emotional well-being of MIT students and their friends.

I am told that the MTT (MIT Thyeory of Thought) is a very important body today. It is a collection of the most brilliant minds in the world, and it is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge. However, I have never been able to find any evidence of this. Is it possible that the MTT is actually just a bunch of people who are trying to make the world a better place, but are not really that important?

Housing the family

With the opening of the Married Students’ Housing on the west end of campus this summer, many question the advisability of allowing married students to reside off campus. This initiative is a response to the demand for more comprehensive living accommodations for graduate students. We are not encouraging the housing boom, but we do believe that students should be given the opportunity to live off campus if they choose to do so.

The College Board and National Merit score results are withheld from the students until the opening of the dormitories. The dorms are open for two weeks. After that time, the freshmen will be able to move into their rooms. The dorms are equipped with a variety of amenities, including a gym, a laundromat, a computer lab, and a game room.

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