3 open houses to be given

Biology

The Department of Biology will hold an open house meeting for interested freshmen on Tuesday, March 17, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Loebboehm Lounge, Room 16-71L.

In the past decade, biology has evolved from the conventional fields of classical botany and zoology into a new field of scientific endeavor. Biology today utilizes chemistry and physics, the research laboratory of our biologist comprises electronic and optical systems of all kinds, electronic microscopes, and mass spectrometers, as well as many of the methods of electrical and nuclear instrumentation.

This new approach to the life sciences is especially at home in the MIT environment, where there are important activities and facilities in all the physical sciences.

The Department of Biology offers the course in Life Sciences, Course 7, leading to a bachelor's degree in four years. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for teaching and research careers in biology, for graduate study, and for work in industries which are concerned with biological materials and fermentation processes.

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The Department of Mathematics will give its open house for freshmen in the Mathematics Common Room, 2-00, on Tuesday, March 17, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Course 18 offers the most flexible science courses at the Institute. Besides the general Institute requirements, only three sub-

topics in mathematics are specified. The course offers both a large number of mathematics electives and ample opportunity to minor in one of the other departments of the Institute.

The field of mathematics is a constantly changing one, a fact not well known because mathematical theory is generally de-

cades ahead of its practical application. The study of mathematics appeals, therefore, to scholars who feel satisfied in solving a purely abstract problem, those who may someday create a new mathematics.

But the many practical applications of the field make it at-

tractive to those who are seeking some new solution to a physical problem.

A variety of professions are using mathematics, and the Mathematics Department graduates. High-

school computation, government research, business consulting, teaching — all have positions for qualified mathematicians.