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To Freshmen

Once again, the Editor of The Tech has the opportunity to welcome the Freshman Class. About half of the class is fairly well acquainted with the campus and the various living groups through the efforts of the fraternities during rush week. The remainder faces the problem of orientation during the four short days of Freshman Weekend. As most upperclassmen are well aware, this is an impossible task.

Perhaps the best advice that can be offered to the new student is to remember that his feet are on the ground before he jumps off into the wilderness of MIT. There is adequate opportunity and challenge for everyone—_attempts to hurriedly taste a little of everything are foolish. The faculty is very capable of requiring your attention to classes, research, and studies for the better portion of the 24 hour day. Still, many students feel that there is more to MIT life than just studying.

At present, about 80 undergraduate activities and organizations are active within the MIT community. Since most of these groups are run by and for the interests of students there is no lack of opportunity for the new student on campus.

Now, however, the activities, the Technology Student Enterprises, Inc. was organized last year to guide and house the student entrepreneurs. TSE, Inc. is still young and small and will definitely be a demand for the student interested in operating his own or in working for a student business organization.

The student government is quite a large and vigorous organization at MIT. The Freshman Council is the governing body of the Freshman Class. Many of its committees and subcommittees have limited openings available for freshman participation.

Athletics are not pushed off to the side at MIT. Currently, the school competes in 28 different inter-collegiate sports. The intramural program is even larger and allows all to participate.

While there are many activities, sports, and other outlets for excess time, the word of warning might be in order. In most cases, it will be left to the new member to prove himself capable of the responsibility required in his position. It has long been an axiom that students virtually complete freedom in the organization and operation of student affairs.

For instance, athletic managers are responsible for as much as $60,000, which must serve the needs of our 28 inter-collegiate teams. The responsibility and trust placed in the student is a valuable experience not to be taken lightly.

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The Second Century

Physical results of the Second Century Fund have become distinctly apparent in recent months. The physical facilities for the interdisciplinary centers are rapidly approaching reality. New and expanded facilities for the student are in the near future.

Tuesday, classes will meet for the first time in the recently completed Green Center for Earth Sciences. The dedication of this landmark at MIT is scheduled for October 2 to close the International Conference on the Earth Sciences.

Within a year, the Student Center will be open for business. The Green Center and the Student Center are just two examples that illustrate the Second Century Plan: "By realizing the Institute's full potential, by moving from strength to greater strength, MIT will meet the obligation to lead in the future as it has in the past."

The potential is being realized.

Student government changes to be considered this Fall

By Bill Samuels, UAP

Bill Samuels '65 is Undergraduate Association President. As UAP, he is the head of a large student government and the Institute Committee (Incom). The Student Government at MIT is in constant turmoil. The Freshman Council is the governing body of the Freshman Class. There are many committees and subcommittees that have limited openings available for freshman participation.

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