Politics for freshmen

Within the next few weeks, freshmen will have had a chance to become

straw vote to express their opinion on campus politics for freshmen.

The Freshman Council elections are the students' first introduction to one of MIT's major extracurricular activities. The Freshman Council is an excellent one. It should encourage a lot of political participation, but it's important to keep in mind that the Freshman Council doesn't have a lot of direct influence on campus politics. The Council is more of a sounding board for students' ideas and a platform for students to express their opinions. It's an important part of the community, but it's not a major player in the political landscape of MIT.