Faculty now evaluate admission prospects

By Pete Mastena

Five newly-introduced teams, each consisting of an admissions officer and two faculty members, reviewed and decided on almost 35% of this year's undergraduate applications, instead of having them handled almost completely by people on the admissions staff.

In cases processed by the staff of the admissions office alone, many reports would have to be read through all of the recommendations, high school records and other materials which comprise a full admissions folder are usually not read by personnel who render a decision on the application.

The decision is made by a group which usually reads only an abbreviated summary of the folder and the comments of the people who read all of it. In the faculty groups, however, the professors and admissions officer all read the whole folder and decide on a plenary.

As pointed out by Aero-
nautics professor Harold Wachman, a team member, there is yet no way of saying that decisions reached by a faculty team are necessarily any better or more the same cursory ones made in the past, or even any different from them.

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