Admissions Office develops student role

Once again, this year the MIT Admissions Office is releasing a list of all students offered admission to the class of 1975. Set for noon this Thursday, the release is timed so students would have the names available for their spring break.

The list is a special project of the Admissions Office designed to facilitate contact between MIT students and prospective students. The hope is that a face-to-face meeting will help dispel some of the current myths about MIT that pervade the country.

Decline in applications

The move comes in a year when MIT, along with many other major independent universities, has suffered an appreciable decline in the number of applications received. "General economic conditions and the reputed decrease in career openings in engineering and the hard sciences" may well have contributed to this decline, speculates the Admissions Office. Other factors mentioned include "apparent dissatisfaction with major urban institutions which have been "in the limelight" and not possibly the general increase in application fees."

The list will be distributed to the living groups in a format that will facilitate the identification of admitted candidates by geographical location.

Fraternities

Particular use of the list will probably be made by fraternities. The houses that emphasize contact with incoming freshmen over the summer are likely to use the spring break as a chance for a first visit. Interfraternity Conference (IFC) rules are set up to regulate the spring visits.

Additionally, several alumni members of the Educational Council are planning get-togethers for MIT students and high school seniors in several areas. Locations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Georgia, among other states, have been selected for these gatherings. The Educational Council is a group of a few hundred alumni that each year, from their homes across the country and the world, interview applicants to MIT.

Admissions process

This spring contact is only one part of the whole admissions picture. The first step in the selection process is the applicant's decision of where to apply. "General reputation, atmosphere, curricula, geography, information from parents, alumni, teachers, and guidance counselors, and costs and financial aid!" all these, explained the Admissions Office, are important factors during this initial phase. Once the student has contacted MIT, a second stage begins. Both the Admissions Office and an Educational Council member review the application and decide whether or not the student should be offered admission.

The third step in the total selection process is the decision of the student. Current MIT students can exert a major influence on the student who has received multiple offers. "We believe that the applicant tends to respond rather significantly to college student contacts during the period when he is choosing among real alternatives," an admissions staff member noted. "If he is given a cynical or unfavorable picture of MIT he is likely to go elsewhere. If the MIT student whom he talks to seems enthusiastic and to his liking, he is likely to be chosen. The contact will thus be very important to him."

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