Weisner greets freshman

By Ken Davis

Approximately 300 freshmen and parents crowded into and around the MIT President's House for the President's Reception. The reception, which was held on Sunday afternoon, September 10, gave the freshmen and their parents a chance to meet President Jerome Wiesner, many for the first time and equally often for the last. Equal- ly important, the visitors were able to meet with many representatives of the administration and faculty, including a majority of the freshman advisors.

Some students and parents heard Peter Buitner of the Freshman Advisory Council describe the process of matching freshmen with advisors as, "Sort of like a computer dating service." Others met an advisor, just returned from a summer project, wandering through Wiesner's garden, a list of names in his hand, trying to find his advisee.

As the reception began, the visitors formed a line to shake hands with and meet Dr. Wiesner, Chancellor Paul Gray, Dean Richard Scarton, and their wives. The six pumped hands for over an hour before opening the roses in the garden.

Unfortunately, this format did not allow the guests a chance to have more than a few brief words with the president and the other dignitaries. One freshman made the best of this opportunity by telling Wiesner, "I met you at the picnic with a group of students, and we didn't pay much attention to you." For the most part, though, the conver-
sation was confined to the most general type of question, "Where are you from?" for the president and the other dignitaries. Most freshmen had the President's name and the President's name and the last few years, most students jumped to the question, "What's your name? What major are you interested in?"

Afterwards, Wiesner commented on his impression of the class of '76, "It's hard to make an impression in such a short time," he said. "However, it seems that this class has a stronger sense of direction than most in the last six or so years. When you ask them what they want to do, they'll say chemistry or electrical engineering, a snap answer. The last few years, most would have answered 'I don't know.'"

Outside of the President's Residence, the Students for a Democratic Society and the Anti-Coalition Committee distributed material advertising upcoming meetings and suggesting "Eight questions to ask Jerome Wiesner." The questions were critical of Wiesner's and MIT's involvement in various military and defense-related research programs, as well as other political and campus issues.

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The first cut through the list, Keohan continued, removed all the files for which the account balance was less than $100 (last year the figure was $25). This left 300 students with incomplete payment for this term and 250 with unpaid prior balances. The Student Financial Aid Office then reviewed the files of those students whose aid figures appeared in error. The office sorted this group into categories which were explainable by them. Nearly 100 students had in-
cluded their term-time job allowances at aid - none of these students had their rolls cards held back.) Keohan stated that the Aid Office found some 150 of the accounts unexplainable, and the Comptroller's Office pulled their rolls cards also.

The roll cards of about 900 foreign students and some 300-500 special students were also withheld, Keohan noted. He explained that foreign students with overseas addresses are not sent their material because of the difficulties of mailing overseas. The special students, he said, are considered as "walk- in's."