

**MIT Freshman Profile for the Class of '76**

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Freshmen and Sophomores interested in comparing how they did in relationship to the rest of their class can now use the Admissions Profile for the last two freshman classes in the admissions office.

In the Scholastic Aptitudes Test, the scores of the two classes were fairly even, though the Class of '76 has a slight edge over the Class of '75 in the math section with 94.8% of its class scoring 639 or better compared with 92.6% of the students in the Class of '75 receiving the same scores.

In the verbal section, the situation was the reverse but by a very slim margin. In the Class of '75 58.6% of the students scored 650 or better as compared with 58.5% of the Class of '76.

In this freshman class, the huge majority of the class (83%) achieved 750 or better in the math section with only 81 scoring the same in the verbal section. The vast majority (76.5%) scored between 600 and 740 with the range 650-900 receiving the most students (31%).

The Class of '75 followed the same pattern. 540 students received scores of 750 or better in the math section and only 69 received such a score in the verbal with the majority (602) in the 650-699 range.

Almost four years' worth of entering freshman profile, a new set of SAT scores for Class of '75 showed: statistics for applicants who identified themselves as member of minority groups. (Black, Puerto Rican, Chicano, or Native American.)

Contrary to popular assumption, the data suggested that not all of these applicants were "disadvantaged" in the academic sense. In the Achievements, except for the English Composition/History Tests, both classes had most of their students score 750 or better (Math Level II: '75 - 758, '76 - 707, Math Level I: '75 - 461, '76 - 489; Chemistry: '75 - 251, '76 - 325; Physics: '75 - 261, '76 - 228.) An interesting point is this emphasis on the science and math tests. Only 143 in the Class of '75 and 90 in the Class of '76 scored 750 or better in the English Composition/History Tests. The trend in both classes was very similar to the SAT verbal section in these particular tests.

In the class ranks, 802 or 79% of the Class of '75 ranked in the top tenth of their high school class compared with 861 or 81% of this year's freshman. A curious figure showed that seven students in last year's entering class and only two students in this year's entering class were in the lower half of their high school class.

In personal rating, on a scale of 10 to 1, the majority of students (over 50%) in both classes ranked number eight with 5% of the Class of '75 and 3% of the Class of '76 receiving rank number 10.

Geographically the Class of '76 represents more foreign nations (21) than the Class of '75 (26). Both classes represent 48 states and territories with the middle Atlantic region the best represented (Class of '75: 34% and the Class of '76: 39%).

New England is home for 17% of the students in both classes; and the Western region is home for 9% of both classes (a fairly sizable percentage considering the West Coast has CalTech).

The trend with this year's freshmen is much more participation in outside activities (including work): The majority of the students in both classes worked either part-time or full-time during their high school years (jumping from 544 out of a class of 1023 for last year's freshman to 706 out of a class of 1062 for this year's freshman). The participants in a National Science Foundation program or winners of awards in Science Fairs increased from 131 for Class of '75 to 270 for Class of '76. Only 204 students in the Class of '75 held a major office in a civic, community or religious group; in the Class of '76, for the same activity, 395 students held similar positions. Variety sports jumped from 429 to 502 students as did all the other activities: Major position in music, debate, or dramatic groups (450 to 472); Editorial or staff position (160 to 190); Major elected school or class office (341 to 251).

Roughly 3460 goal applications were acted upon for both classes producing the class total of 1023 for the Class of '75 (as of last year), and 1062 for the Class of '76.

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**NOTES**

- Finance Board meeting: 7:20 pm, W2-405, October 30. There will be an opening at the end of this term for a new member. Any interested parties are welcome.
- Preface students: John Deilo, Director of Admission, Suffolk Law School, will speak to prelaw students, Monday October 30, 4:40 pm, Room 2-121.
- Pot Luck Coffeeshow: Live entertainment every Friday and Saturday nights. 8:30 to 12 m. Merzna Lounge of Student Center. Free coffee, cider and doughnuts. No admission.
- The Student Center Committee presents the Midnight Movie Series, every Friday night at 12:00 in the Sala de Puerto Rico. Admission from MIT or Wellesley ID required. This week, Repo Tech and The Fool (as animated film by Stacy Stimson).
- MIT Soviet Jews Committee will present the names of hundreds of MIT-Harvard professors who protested the Russian education tax to Dr. Kirilovski, director of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. There will be a rally in the Building Seven lobby, Monday October 26, at 12:30 pm.

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