Departments offer orientation

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Professor Arthur Mattuck of the Mathematics Department, felt that "students don't come with specific questions. They want to learn something about the department, and open houses are more useful for this." Cooke saw the situation as "the problem of giving too specialized information to the undecided, yet too general information for those who have made up their minds," and considers the Midway and Open House complementary in this respect.

Most departments feel that they have an obligation to provide information to freshmen. "We're there to give information, not to give a snow job," according to Gould, echoing French. "Our job is not to advertise in a hard-nosed way, but to make sure that people know what goes on in a realistic way."

Shapiro thinks that the responsibility is "not so much to sell the department, but to do our best we can to inform the students," although an administrative officer in another department said, "Until recently we had adopted the viewpoint that we weren't engaged in a high-pressure sell. Increasingly the situation has become a more intense operation to get people's attention." He justified his approach by saying, "Other departments are doing it, and I feel we have to also."

One department head described the situation "more in terms of making the information available."

Gould himself another said "I wouldn't call it recruiting, I'd call it an information service."

But a third commented that, "you and I know it is crass recruiting."

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