By William Lesser
Next year’s Residence/Orientation Week will be more personal experience for freshmen than R/O weeks of the past. That is the hope of R/O coordinator Libby Seidell ’78, who is planning many new and innovative programs for the class of ’79. Perhaps the most radical change is the expanded role proposed for associate advisors, upperclassmen who assist freshman faculty advisors.

Incoming freshmen will meet in groups of twelve, with two associate advisors assigned to each group, before the freshman picnic on the first day of R/O week. “It is an extension of the R/O welcome,” says Seidell, “one that will result in a more personal exchange early on.”

“These small groups,” she added, “will be able to discuss their impressions, anxieties, and questions about MIT’s housing, academics and people.” Freshmen will also have an opportunity to make friends who may live in different dormitories or fraternities and to talk with upperclassmen — the associate advisors — without the usual pressure encountered during R/O week.

The groups will be encouraged to meet later during R/O Week and also after the first week of classes. Some dormitories and smaller fraternities have argued that freshmen whose names are...

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