The class of 1980 squeezes in

By Mark James

Dorm crowding less severe; most freshmen get first choice

Last year's freshman class numbered about 1155. The class of '78 entered with around 1025 members; black students are here in the largest number ever - 61 - and the class includes 170 women, about the same as last year, but down from over 200 admitted two years ago.

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Registration for Physical Education will be held in the du Pont Gymnasium, September 14 from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Off Lead

By Glenn Brownstein

Freshmen fewer than expected

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Director of Admissions Peter Richardson '48 said that "We've had some success at increasing the number of blacks, but he ad-
ded that "the problem of increas-
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dents at MIT is far from solved."

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