The origins of R/O week

Editor's note: This discussion of the origins of R/O week first appeared in a 1972 editorial in The Tech.

Preparatory courses for freshmen commenced to the opening of the regular college session are being held in Massachusetts college and university life. Many of the smaller eastern colleges, and some of the middle-western colleges have either tried a so-called "Freshman Week" in years past or are trying the system for the first time this fall. In these institutions, it is customary for the new man to arrive on campus a full week before the opening of the fall term. There he is billeted with a new learning program, after he has been placed in a part of the school before the up- perclassmen arrive.

At these schools, the object of the assimilation period is to work the freshman into the scholastic demands of college life. Emphasis is placed upon proper methods of study, the choice of subjects, and relations between the student and the faculty. Little is done to adapt the new man to the undergraduate life of athletics, publications and dramatics - more in adapt him usually necessary because the freshman seems to accept that part of college life as a natural thing.

It has remained for the TCA here at the Institute to make an attempt toward assimilating the freshmen, using the plan in operation at other colleges as a base. But instead of placing the emphasis on its own as an attempt toward assimilating upon the Institute's scholastic life, the TCA is making an attempt to prove to the freshmen that MIT is essentially no different than many other institutions from another college.

It is attempting to shatter the hallowed which proclaims that "Tech is Hell" before the ghost has had a chance to settle in. It is attempting to let the freshmen know that Tech is a little different but in no way, shape or form, too hard or Hellish.

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