Observations on an open campus

By Roger Silversstein

"I think it's a good idea. It makes it easier to use the computer at three in the morning." — student

It is just two in the morning as the Infinite Corridor is eerily empty. The hustle and bustle of the day is replaced by a muted symphony of doors slamming, quietly coughing, machines whirring, and the constant music of the cable TV. The eeriness is augmented by the light that the lights are off; there is no one in sight along the entire corridor.

According to Campus Patrol Chief James Olivieri, the MIT buildings are accessible to its community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is not the case for any other college that he knows.

"Many other college campuses are completely locked up at night and those that are not have perhaps one or two slowly guarded lab buildings open.

"You mean they open the doors at night?" — former student.

The access to MIT buildings is something that is often taken for granted. For those of us who do not need to run labs at night, it offers a surprising high percentage of the overall problem of security. It means that crime, door is left open.

The basic problem with the Open Door Policy is that it makes the buildings, according to Olivieri, "a continuation of the city streets." This means theft is a constant problem, although it has been combated with a number of programs in recent years, such as helping door openers, and examining identification numbers on equipment. At this point, the advantage of leaving the doors open are much greater than the disadvantages.

What if this policy becomes what if this policy becomes more common than is worth? Although Olivieri emphasized that there are no plans to change the policy, he did mention alternatives ranging from "controlled access" (which is necessary a security check at the front door) to actually closing the doors at night and curtailing any program involving night usage.

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