Foreign students and US colleges

By Bob Wasserman

In the past few weeks the headlines have created quite a stir at MIT and throughout the country with several protests against their views. Though not unusual for an American college, the results of these actions, it is evident that Iranian and some students elsewhere are important forces, since they make up almost ten percent of the student body and more than 20,000.

The 12,000 Iranian students enrolled in the US are the most students representing one country, and they number almost twice as many as the next group. Taiwanese students in American schools number 6,000, followed closely by Nigerian students in countries with large numbers of students studying in the US. Japan, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia are among the top one-quarter of the total foreign students from OPEC countries. It is uncertain whether these exchange students are the world's most educationally gifted or if MIT correctly out their own interests in selling flight. These students are also having high percentages. Either Washington is a more

Concern over this is a little higher here, partly because of the possibility of a war in Vietnam, but this is also the increased number of tuition paid by American students who are going to study in the United States.

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