**Whitehead: what's in it for undergrads?**

While the proposed Whitehead Institute (WI) offers a great opportunity for biological research at MIT and should help to keep the Institute as a whole at the forefront of this field, the benefits for MIT undergraduates are not quite as clear.

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If the WI will not improve opportunities for socialization, however, needs to be determined and eventually put in writing. This issue is one of the most important matters rather than pour its money into another set of plans for eventual consignment to the Institute archives.

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Another question to consider is whether MIT will make lodging reservations for your friends and families now rather than waiting until the last minute. By January 1 it will be very difficult to find available rooms due to the high number of graduations occurring in the Boston area that week.

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