To the Editor:

I am writing to present my views on the proposed writing, biology, and computer science General Institute Requirements. Although I realize that many beneficial effects of these requirements may be predicted, I oppose both them and the present General Institute Requirements.

My argument is simple. I believe that it is in the best interest of the students and the Institute to let each student choose his own curriculum. The student, aware of his own deficiencies, knows, or could be aided in determining where his own deficiencies lie. The student, aware of his own strengths, or lack of them, is then in a good or better position than anyone to ascertain whether or not to concentrate on modifying his deficiencies.

Even assuming that the faculty were able to accurately foresee the academic needs of every student, could it not make its wisdom known to the student by recommendation? Could it not inform the student "WARNING: The MIT faculty has determined that not taking this course is dangerous to your hopes of making 37,000 dollars!"? Under this system the student would benefit both from the faculty's wisdom and his own ability to choose when and where to acquire the needed skills. For example, the student might decide to acquire computer skills in a less painful fashion than by taking a computer course at MIT.

Aside from the benefits to the students, I believe that a policy of few or no requirements would be beneficial to the Institute. Too many students might induce able students to choose other schools. In conclusion, I wish to emphasize that I am not debating the merits of our present or future required courses, but simply the advisability of forcing students to take them.

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ELECTION INFORMATION

In response to requests from class officers, the UA Election Commission has organized the following class meetings. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet and question the candidates for class office.

1. Class Meetings
   Wednesday, March 3, 1982 (7:30 to 8:30)

   Room
   Class of 1985  1-190
   Class of 1984  1-390
   Class of 1983  2-190

2. General Assembly Forum
   Thursday, March 4, 1982
   Room 4-159 (7:30)

3. Minority Group Forum
   Sunday, March 7, 1982
   Room 50-105, Walker

4. UA Election Forum
   Monday, March 8, 1982
   26-100 (7:30 to 9:00)

* Homecoming Referendum Speakers included

Candidates will be allowed a 2-5 minute speech followed by questions and answers.

Copies of the Homecoming Queen & Class of 1985 Referenda are available in the UA Office.