MIT has pressure (Continued from page 4)
of deficiencies on both MIT’s and its students’ parts. While more
students are aware of the Insti-
tute’s numerous support
groups, including the Undergraduate Academic Support
Office, the Student As-
sistance Services, Nightline, the
Psychiatric Services, and the
Chaplains, there are serious
faults in the faculty advising
system and a lack of concerned
effort by the Dean for Student Af-
fairs to acquaint students with the
inner working of MIT life.

By the same token, students
seem to have the attitude that all
they want from four years of
university is an MIT diploma
which will catapult them to
riches, fame, and security. I tend
to believe, however, that most
students can afford to spend over
ten thousand dollars a year to
complain about Cannons. If
MIT is not the place for them, I
would highly encourage these stu-
dents to take a leave of absence or
consider attending another
school. MIT is not the place to
“find yourself.”

About one-fourth of each class
decides to leave MIT for a term or
longer, and, curiously enough,
most return saying they waited
too long before leaving. The
Medical Department reports that
about one-third of each class
visits the psychiatry department,
and encourages students to come
in just to talk about their
problems. These services go to
waste unless students realize that
there is nothing wrong with tak-
ing a term off or talking over
problems with a friend. Perhaps
the best perspective on MIT life
comes from afar.

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