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Students at MIT feel that they are not being given the respect they deserve as intelligent, responsible individuals. To regain our legitimate role in Institute affairs, we must show the administration that we are responsible. To this end, we will follow two guiding principles:

1. Make it clear, without structural change, work for the students
   Establish a direct and constructive voice with the administration and faculty. In the past the focus of student government has been to define and redefine its own structure rather than to focus on the needs of the students. Having talked to many students, we found that the following issues — among others — were most often raised:
   a. Cutbacks in the student loan program
   b. Discontinuation of need-blind admissions
   c. Lack of social activities which bring the campus together
   d. Mandatory commons

   We can both sense the needs of the students and establish better relations with the administration and faculty by accomplishing concrete tasks. We plan to present the students' concerns on financial aid to both the administration and the federal government, to bolster the new Social Council, and to revitalize the Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) in order to maintain necessary student feedback to the faculty. We will work closely on the remodeling of the Student Center and Walker Memorial being planned by the Dean's office. To ensure a student voice on campus, we need your support now and in the future. Thank you for your consideration and look forward to serving you.

WHERE, WHEN TO VOTE

Polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Lobby 10, between Kresge Auditorium and Baker House, at the Great Sail, and at PKS. Should Wednesday's weather be unfavorable, the Great Sail ballot booth will be moved to Walker Memorial, and the Kresge booth will be moved inside Kresge auditorium.

PREFERENTIAL BALLOTING

Elections for positions with three or more contenders — in this election, Class of 1987 president, vice president, and treasurer — will be decided by preferential balloting. This system requires that voters rank the candidates in a position in order of preference.

Counting ballots for such a position may have several rounds. A candidate must receive more than half the votes in a given round to win in that election; otherwise, ballots of the weakest-finishing candidate are redistributed. These ballots are assigned to those candidates remaining in the contest according to preferences. The remaining candidate listed highest takes the loser's ballot.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Volunteers are not restricted to choose among candidates listed on the ballot. A voter may write on the ballot the name of any undergraduate.

Any student is eligible for election to an office. The Election Commission requires a write-in candidate, before taking office, to sign a statement showing he promises to fulfill the duties of his job.

Write-in candidates' statements are not presented here. Several of the class offices have no candidates. The elected members of the new class councils are responsible for selecting students to fill vacant positions.

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