Bexley antirush policy unfair to MIT students

Guest Column/Eli Niewood

Only seven freshmen want to live in one of the most attractive dormitories on our campus. Why is this? The question is especially touching when one dorm has 32 uncrowded spaces and no crowded rooms, while dorms like Baker and Burton, two of the most popular dorms on campus, offer mostly crowded rooms. Why then did so few freshmen choose Bexley as their first choice for a place to live? Why is it that freshmen who are assigned to Bexley repeatedly put themselves into Limbo? Why must freshmen who are assigned to Bexley against their will be discriminated against by being assigned to it? Bexley's policies are its treatment of strangers. During the summer some freshmen and I went to visit someone who had been staying at Bexley for the summer. We were greeted by two residents of the dorm with: "What are you doing here?" followed by a familiar scream that would have frightened me: "This is the kind of room a man shy away from Bexley. Whenever the cause of Bexley's unpopularity is obvious: a group of students are sitting together and chided away anyone who doesn't agree exactly with their ideas of what a dorm should be like. Weeding people out may be fine for a frat, but shouldn't it be like. Bexley dorms belong to MIT, and its expenses are shared by all residents of the dormitory system. A dorm must be accessible and appealing to all students.

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