Guest Column/Dave Atkins

Strength comes from people

I came to MIT from a small private school in Springfield, Virginia. Twenty-eight of us graduated; most were friends I had known since first grade. Likewise, our faculty members were very familiar with all of the students, some having taught students’ parents. Our curriculum was basic; there was no room for or expectations of advanced placement classes or a gifted program. Despite our lack of resources, we managed to place a high percentage of graduates in decent colleges.

I arrived here last August somewhat apprehensive. I knew where I stood statistically, and I knew that I would have to make quite an adjustment. I had been number one for most of my life. Those days were over.

Freshman year was not easy, but I managed. For the first time in my life, I had to really work — for a B. Somehow I survived this difficult year, and now I am ready to pull out all the extra amount of effort that was needed. The transition to MIT was really not that difficult.

The first day of my first year, I knew what all of the counselors that are available at MIT to help students deal with the many stresses that we all encounter here. Many of us work for Nightline, which is staffed at all times, and we try to be friendly and helpful. To start with, students in dormitories live with hall tutors and housemasters. Our counselors are run by people who care. We are ready to help anyone who wants to talk. The following services are available:

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These services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MIT counseling is widely available

To the Editor:

We are saddened to hear of the death last weekend of Randolph, G. Went, '81. We feel compelled to write this article, knowing all the counseling resources that are available at MIT to help students deal with the many stresses that we all encounter here. Many of us work for Nightline, which is staffed at all times, and we try to be friendly and helpful. To start with, students in dormitories live with hall tutors and housemasters.

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Abortion is a personal choice

To the Editor:

We are writing to address some of the misconceptions in Cynthia Brinkley’s letter of October 7.

Brinkley believes that the decision to have sex represents a decision to accept the consequences of accidental pregnancy. She states that all pregnant women, except in the case of rape, are pregnant because they have made a decision to bear a child. She goes on to say that an unwanted pregnancy is evidence of the woman’s failure to consider her own desires and her plans for the future.

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