To the Editor:
The March 10 article, "Keyser: R/O Neglects Learning," by Eric L. Chang '90 does an excellent job of presenting my point of view concerning the problems with Residence/Orientation Week.

There are, however, two points which I would like to clarify. The article suggests that I have proposed to extend R/O by a week to six days to allow more time for academic orientation. This is, in fact, not the case. I have made no proposal as yet and would much rather wait for the report of the Committee on Academic and Residence Orientation before I make my proposal.

Secondly, the article quotes me as having said that the Inter-Fraternity Conference is not a good body to deal with long-term issues relating to R/O, such as the effect that the changing demographics of MIT will have on the residence system.

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I would like to expand on this. As presently constituted, the IFC changes annually. This means that there is very little institutional memory built into that organization. More importantly, the concerns of the IFC are predominantly local and male-oriented.

However, in the next few years, something like 40 percent of the student body will be female and the effect that this will have on the residence system will be profound. For one thing, it will mean that the fraternities will have to put even greater effort into rush since the pool from which they will have to draw will be diminished.

Indeed, this situation will be exacerbated by the admissions policy aimed at keeping the size of the freshman class under 1000 in order to avoid overcrowding in the dormitories.

The IFC should certainly be a part of policy development when taking these changing demographics into account, but it seems for the reasons stated above that it cannot deal with these problems on its own and will have to be part of a still larger group which, as far as I can tell, does not yet exist.

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It is an unfortunate truth that the atmosphere of academia breeds a contempt for democracy (or whither class approximation we try to achieve), because "intellectual" people seem to assume they can govern better or more effectively than the common citizen. History seems to prove otherwise, though it has yet to be shown that the common citizen can govern himself either.

The point is that we should all be cautious about leaping upon issues in the heat of youthful idealism, leaving our common sense and historical perspectives behind.

The last point I wish to make concerns freedom of choice. Tauber obviously wishes to demand ROTC out of MIT. Who comes next upon this hit list depends upon who the Marxists next target. Censorship in any form is despicable, whether it originates from the extreme right or the extreme left. Fortunately for all of us he has only the right to speak his demand, and none to enforce it.

While I'm not sure everyone is glad Tauber doesn't have to join ROTC, it is certainly illuminating that someone who so vehemently attacks Western-supported authoritarian regimes is so quick to demand totalitarian powers over your choice and mine.

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