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McGeever said that underlying the whole discussion is the issue of how best to integrate students into the MIT community. "The first question is not 'is this a good thing'; the question you should ask is, 'What kind of initiation do you want people to have to MIT?'"

Smith continued, "I think giving people the choice when they first arrive is a good thing. My experience has been that all the students I've known within a week after F/H are quite happy with it. I've had almost no cases that I can remember when students felt they have made a bad decision... in general, students are satisfied."

He added that his own children were assigned roommates at the schools they attended, and thought that such a system was not a "particularly satisfying way to start college."

"One way or another, this institution has to make a decision about the FHC report," Smith said. He pointed out, "We can accept part of it and not all of it."

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These goals, he said, included the feeling that "the residential unit is at the core of the educational experience. Where you live is almost as important as your institution." He added, "I find it a pretty good system as it stands. It is not perfect."

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Khoury said that the programs in international studies for both undergraduate and graduate students. "The addition of new programs such as the Chinese Language and Literature classes demonstrate our commitment to expanding the scope of the MIT and Social Sciences to meet the challenges facing us in the next decade," he said.

"We are extremely proud of the international reputations of our five doctoral programs which include the Economics, Linguistics, Philosophy and Political Science Departments. We will continue to integrate and strengthen our existing programs in the European and East Asian studies, as well as attract faculty who are equally adept at teaching as they are in research," Khoury added.

Science dean will stress teaching
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Birgeneau said he will continue to stress the School of Science's emphasis on undergraduate teaching. Promotions and tenure positions will be given to those who excel both in undergraduate and graduate teaching as well as research. Birgeneau also plans to increase interaction between the various departments and research laboratories within the School of Science to encourage more team-oriented projects.

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Arthur C. Smith was appointed to a two-year term as dean for student affairs. Smith had been serving as acting dean since July 1, 1990. Smith stated, "Over the past year, we've seen a tremendous change in the faces of the members of the administration. I think we are still in the process of learning our new jobs as well as adjusting to each other. In the next couple of months, the housing and academic issues may come up again. As a whole, I am pleased with the way things are running."

The selection of these deans was marked by continuing pressure from the Undergraduate Association and Graduate Student Council to increase student involvement in the selection process. Hans C. Godfrey '93, chairperson of the UC Governance Committee during these changes, stated, "Our continued emphasis on student participation in the dean selection process resulted in student representatives on both the School of Science and the MIT deans selection committees."

"I hope Provost Wrighton continues to respect the input of the MIT student community for future administrative changes, including the upcoming selection of a new Dean of the School of Architecture," Godfrey added.