Housing future is not a pretty picture

Picture this: MIT in the near future, with all incoming freshmen being assigned to dormitories and roommates. Is this a pretty picture?

Imagine Independent Living Group rush starting a few months into the year after freshmen have already settled themselves into their dormitories and have, hopefully, made friends. The ILGs, unable to achieve their freshman "quotas," would have a completely different rush.

Fewer freshmen means fewer people living in the house. Wouldn't this result in higher rents being paid by the IFC residents? They have to pay for the upkeep of their houses somehow. Not very pretty, is it? Wait, it gets better. What would be the effect on the dormitories for those of you who were here last fall, remember the crowding situation? Take that and add another 300 or more freshmen to the housing lottery. Could this mean that all large dorm rooms typically considered "upperclassman" rooms would become freshman doubles? Or could it mean that all the suite lounges in MacGregor would become freshman triples? Or could it result in rooms at Baker beingquiltsed or — dare I say — hexaplates? Imagine the absolute worst case scenario of living in one room with five other people whom you weren't allowed to choose. Far from a pretty picture now.

Those, of course, are some of the more drastic possibilities. However, they could happen if the Residence is taken out of Residence/Orientation Week. So, if students want to keep it the way it is, they should tell their house presidents, their IFC Representatives or UA members. Then the FHC can be told how the majority of the students feel. It's the only way to keep the above possibilities in our imaginations and not in our reality.

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