517 early student applicants admitted from large pool

By By Brian Rosenburg
Despite a 9 percent increase in applicants, MIT has admitted 26 fewer early action students than last year. This decrease reflects a shift emphasis away from early acceptance, explained Michael S. Behnke, director of admissions.

"We were pretty sure that the number of [early and regular] applicants wouldn't change that much, which made me nervous about going too heavy on the early action," he said.

"In the past, we accepted about 40 percent of early action students and many deferred students. Last year we admitted more early action and fewer deferred students." This year we're sort of splitting the difference," he added.

"There seems to be a general trend of people applying earlier," Behnke continued, "but I'm still not sure why [the trend] showed up more this year, but it may have been because of students who entered enrollment at other competitive schools.

Test scores increase

Of the 517 students accepted into the Class of 1996, 180 (35 percent) are women, up from 33 percent last year. One hundred ninety-six (38 percent) are minority students, including 57 African Americans, 15 African-Americans, 15 Mexican-Americans, five Indian-Americans, and four of Puerto Ricans.

Some students submitted incomplete applications and may still be accepted when their applications are completed. Behnke explained.

This year's accepted students fared better on standardized tests than their counterparts from last year. The average Scholastic Aptitude Test verbal score rose nine points to 655, and the mean SAT scores went up to 753. These scores are in line with those of the early admitted students, which were 658 and 754, respectively.

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