**Judge Rules Against MIT in Overlap Suit**

**President Vest Promises Institute Will Appeal**

ByBy Reuven M. Lerner

**Decision Concludes Three-Year Investigation**

MIT violated the Sherman Antitrust Act by cooperating with Ivy League schools to set need-based financial aid levels, a United States District Court judge ruled yesterday. In the 49-page decision, Judge Louis C. Bechtle referred MIT’s arguments that it did not apply to the financial aid meetings held by what is known as the Overlap Group. He held that the Overlap Group’s aid decisions constituted price-fixing and were therefore illegal, whether or not they raised prices for students or increased revenues for MIT.

MIT plans to appeal the decision, President Charles M. Vest announced yesterday. Vest said MIT will “fight very hard to win this case,” though he said it was too early to discuss specific legal strategies for the appeal. In an interview last night, he said “I am proud of the Institute for coming to stand up in a viable way... for important principles.”

**Frosh Dorm Crowding at 80%**

By Gary C. Leung

![Unofficial Dormitory Assignments](image)

After two housing lotteries, the housing office has announced that at least 80 percent of freshmen living in dormitories will be crowded, the highest percentage of crowds in recent memory.

“Some day the numbers may go higher,” said Elliot S. Levitt ’89, staff assistant for Residence and Campus Activities. He suggested that the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs underestimates the extent of crowding in dorms.

A room is considered crowded if two students are assigned to what is usually a large single, or if three are assigned to a large double. Crowded student pays less for their room than those who would for normal accommodations.

The situation was exacerbated this year because the number of transfer students who applied for housing was double the housing office expected, according to Levitt. “Of course we had to guarantee that at least 80 percent of freshmen living in dormitories will be crowded,” said Levitt.

**Freshmen Pass Math Diagnostic Exam**

By Eva Moy

About three-fourths of the 1,131 freshmen who took the Preliminary Math Diagnostic Exam last Friday received a passing grade, according to Leslie C. Penrose, coordinator of the Writing Requirement.

The results will be used in conjunction with test scores to determine if students need special assistance in math and their advisors during registration.

“Those who pass will receive a note, the marks of which do not show on a student record, and therefore can only serve as a benefit to the student,” said S. D. Friedman.