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and yellow, red and tan, create a campus atmosphere that is conducive to learning and socializing.

At the same time, however, find the common threads that will enable you to work together, to learn together, and to live together successfully. I would like to suggest that the values and purposes that we hold in common are those of an institution that values breadth learning, but maintains a strong and very specific focus on science and engineering. They are those of a community of students, faculty and students together, who believe in the importance of rational thought and objective investigation, who believe in learning and searching together, who believe in the importance of individual fundamental scholarship for its own sake, but who also are committed to research and learning about projects that have direct application and practical significance in making a better world.

The values we hold in common are those of a community of students and faculty who believe in serving their fellow men and women in many ways. By recognizing that we are all here at MIT for the same fundamental purpose, by applying ourselves through our teaching, our studies, and our research, we will acquire a common vocabulary and a common mission.

It is the system that is making us, and we must learn to understand and to manipulate and to know each other better through our working and learning relationships. There are many opportunities for pursuing our individual goals while building a sense of community. In fact, working together is often the best way to find one’s own success.

Becoming the person you want to be doesn’t happen automatically. You have to think about what you want to do, to plan your future carefully, and to take action to achieve your goals.

Almost everything I do in detail, is from my research. You are going to be doing a new course in a new way. I have known that knot over the years. It comes back often. The matter is, how do you go about it? You have to let yourself be guided by the experience of your colleagues.

One of the guys invented a crash. It is really true is because of the baggage, in your gut, in your system. Many of you are familiar with computer tools. And your fingers will dance across the: keys: and you will get answers on the screen of a different magnitude, and you won’t recognize the answers, or the magnitude of the machine was doing or what the machine was doing. You are trying to simulate was all about.

Don’t let this happen either. There are not many things like that you can do here. This semester, I learned sculling. The MIT scuba class is the best in the world, as far as I am concerned. I have some experience with some first order systems. You get the intellectual component as well with MIT.

You do have to analyze this. You and me, tobacco, drug, and alcohol abuse are just plain stupid. AIDS is forever. You have to get the real horsepower to avoid getting trapped in abuse. Please, pay attention to that.

You have the opportunity to be a source and not a sink. There is a very strong possibility that you will go through life feeling good, because you believe this is true. You can’t make people happy by taking things away from them. You make them unhappy. In my world there are two things that can make you feel good. One is a creative relationship. They are very complex. They are sometimes dangerous, but they are a lot of trouble, but they are really important to happiness. The other is that you have to have a source and be a source and make new things and new directions and new activities. You can create. So, learn to do that.

I wear a good time with what you are doing. Make your muscles and your brain work. Do both. Enjoy yourself.

Woodie C. Flowers PhD ’73 tells the Class of 1997 to take pride in being freshmen and not be embarrassed by what they don’t know.