Rush Needs More Truth, Less Rhetoric

Opinion

Every freshman is greeted the same way at MIT: "You were not admitted by mistake, because you are." Each of you is here because we know that you have the intellectual capacity, the energy, the imagination, and the will to succeed," President Vest said to you. It seems strange that many of the upperclassmen and administrators who run Residence and Orientation Week -- and a fair number of the people who don't like the way it's run -- forgot that welcome. They don't give you the benefit of the doubt.

The wonderful thing about this Week here is that you are given the freedom to choose where you want to live. Other colleges have computerized schemes that match up students who major in computer science or people who like Star Trek (hardly a discriminating factor at MIT). Here's it up to you to find where you will be.

Rush would be a lot better if the Ad Hoc Committee on an Informed Rush did not cover the campus in sensational posters about ILGs and you probably have an easier time finding a living group if bad mouthing rules did not limit what you can tell about independent living groups. Every Ad Hoc Committee's name is something of a misnomer. The group promotes everything you can imagine about fraternities and sororities. Some of the fraternities here are highly guilty of some of the things that the committee's posters describe, but the committee's picture of fraternity life is wildly different than the one I saw during my two years in a fraternity.

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