Freshmen Flood Johnson for Midway

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Approximately 700 freshmen and about 100 upperclassmen were introduced to MIT's 120 student groups and organizations at the Activities Midway held in Johnson Athletic Center Tuesday night.

The midway was sponsored by the Association of Student Activities. "Its main goal was to introduce the new students to student organizations at MIT and to show them how these organizations had to offer in terms of campus activities," said Scott S. W. NY '94, ASA secretary and one of the coordinators of the midway.

"Even though this year's midway seemed to have slightly fewer people than last year, the freshmen had about 20 more student groups to choose from. There were no problems with any of the groups. In fact, turnover among the student groups were cooperative. Over all I definitely was impressed with this year's midway," Centurio said.

Most student groups' booths had two to three volunteers promoting their organizations, even though some had as many as eight. Many booths had demonstrations varying from strategic games and movies to magic shows. Almost all of the booths had a sign-up sheet for potential members. Promotions and recruitment efforts included incentives such as fancy buttons, brochures, and free food.

"I think it's worth it," said one freshman. "Most of the student groups have been very helpful and responsive. However, I think it's hectic and overwhelming, but I'm still having a good time," he added.

"It's exciting and a little bit overwhelming too," said Jason Weinstein '97, "Just trying to get around to every booth is going to be a lot of work," he said.

"It's a good way to meet people at MIT, after all it's a big place," said Keri Kallelo '97. "It's a little overwhelming at first, but I'm finding more comfortable now," she added.

Groups react positively

"It's cool that the freshmen are feeling relaxed," said Harris Gillham '91 of the Christian Student Association. "Most people have been both positive and friendly," he said.

Jonathan Baker G of the MIT Libertarians group said, "We are..."