Technical Problems Affect Frosh Voting

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was vice president and secretary. Mousel and Kimura feel their job is to "allow freshmen on both sides of the river to get to know one another."

They said, "[Freshmen] meet a lot of people during rush, but then never see them again because the tendency is to stay in your own living group or dorm." With that in mind, the social chairs are planning a freshman ball, and a freshman carnival, the proceeds of which will go to charity.

Besides the regular study breaks and parties, Mousel and Kimura are considering "Penpals for Unity," a program where each freshman is assigned a fellow freshman pen pal. Penpals for Unity has been successful in Mousel's high school, so the social chairs have high hopes of its success at MIT.

This year's publicity chairs are Helen Chen '97 and Lina Chen '97. Helen Chen, former president of her high school student council, said, "Our main purpose is to foster freshman unity and bring the whole freshman class together."

Lina Chen said that they are "excited to be elected the publicity chairs, since we enjoy postering, drawing, and doing other artistic things."

Athena voting unsuccessful

Technical problems limited the success of electronic voting. "We had some problems getting the system to run," Sankaran said. It was "not as successful as we hoped it would be."

Voting on Athena was only available for nine or 10 hours, instead of a full 24 hours as expected. Sankaran said. There were some problems with the program as well as with the computer that ran the central program. As a result, only 35 students voted electronically.

However, the general student response seems to indicate that electronic balloting is "a thing that people will really want in the future," Sankaran said.

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