Student Escorts to Act as "Eyes and Ears" of Police

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safety around campus at night. Baker said many MIT students are wary of walking by themselves at late hours. Others mentioned that the program will be ideal for those who are reluctant to call the Campus Police or friends to walk them home.

Students can obtain escorts by calling a dispatcher who will then contact a patroller in the vicinity of the student. Also, students can contact a patroller in the vicinity of the student. Both Baker and Glavin stressed that the student positions would not be ones of law enforcement and confrontation, but ones of observation and deterrence.

The patrollers will be in direct contact with the Campus Police through walkie-talkies, acting only as "eyes and ears." According to Glavin, the visibility of the student patrollers and the sense of security that they would instill in students are significant reasons for implementing the program.

Glavin also said that the community must work with the police, because there is a limit to what the police can do by themselves. She said that people often become desensitized by Campus Police because there is a limit to what they can do by themselves. She said that people often become desensitized by Campus Police.

Although a similar program has never been attempted here at MIT, the programs are not new, Glavin said. Colleges across the nation, including universities in the area, already have these programs. Glavin speculated that the reason MIT had never established such a program in the past could have been the result of MIT's intense academic pressure. The students that attended the meeting were enthusiastic, for nothing has been established.

Baker was happy with Tuesday meeting. "I am really pleased with the turnout. People are enthusiastic and I have really big hopes that we can pull this together," he said.

The specific details of the program will be discussed further at the next meeting, at 6 p.m. Nov. 23 in the GSC Lounge at Walker Program. The meeting is open to all interested parties.