**Overlap Agreement Limits Cooperation**

By Eric Richard

While many have praised the institute and the Justice Department for reaching a settlement in the Overlap suit against MIT, university officials across the country are expressing concern over the limitations of the agreement.

The agreement includes a guideline requiring schools to commit to policies of need-blind admissions and full need-based aid in order to participate in cooperative financial aid arrangements. Officials fear this stipulation because many schools cannot afford to make these commitments and will be excluded from making cooperative aid arrangements.

"MIT should be applauded by all educational institutions for having pursued this case so intensively," said Neil L. Rudenstine, president of the University of Pennsylvania. "But it is a pity that the agreements are not more cooperative than they are."

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