Welcome and congratulations. Be proud not only of your admission, but also of making the decision to come here. Now begins the first step of what may come to be the most important years of your life.

Now that you’ve made the first step and arrived here, you will be faced with many decisions, both immediate and long term. Some will be trivial — choosing an Athena username or deciding whether to wear glasses. Others will be difficult — selecting your dormitory or living group, picking a major, or finding the right group of people.

Along the path to your commencement in 1998, you’ll be challenged in ways you may not yet be able to imagine. Whether facing academic, social, or even physical challenges, you will find out what MIT is really about — stretching your mind, developing your abilities to their fullest, and pushing you to the limit.

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Letters To The Editor

O.J. Simpson joke by now:

“Knock knock.”

“Who’s there?”

“O.J.”

“Congratulations — you’re on the jury!”

“O.J. who?”

“As retired Opinion Editor Jack Jackson explained so eloquently in one of his many columns addressed to the entering freshman class in 1992, “Cut through the sales pitches. Make the right choice. And keep your head out of the sand.”

No matter what, don’t let yourself become intimidated while you’re at MIT. Soon Presi- dent Vest will reassure each and everyone of you that “you were not admitted by mistake.”

“I don’t know, you own it is itself to figure it out, and don’t let go of the vitality that has brought you the opportunities that you already have experienced.

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