Seniors Think Pace, Pressure Helpful

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Surveys of the past and pressure of MIT as high. Fifty percent said that the pressure was good for them.

High sources of pressure included trying to maintain a high grade point average and living up to faculty and subject demands. Seventy-one percent of the students responded that their pressure was self-imposed.

In fact, the placement and durability of the dormitory, especially in the morning.

Within their major, students were most satisfied with academic computing resources, opportunities for doing research, intellectual excitement, and their department's undergraduate academic advising.

Students least satisfied with the quality of advising, personal contact with instructors, availability of tutoring and other help, and opportunities for class discussion.

Students felt that MIT education improved their problem-solving skills, intellectual curiosity, ability to work in a team, and design skills. Knowledge of social and political issues were the least improved skills.

Disatisfaction with first year

Only 36 percent of seniors were satisfied with the main aspects of their freshman year, such as the quality of instruction, enjoyment of subjects, intellectual excitement of subjects, and the quality of freshman advising.

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In response to these issues, the committee recommended that MIT keep future class sizes constant and eventually build a new dormitory to avoid future overcrowding and that Baker, Random, and Senior House be renovated. The report also suggested that MIT either discontinue its two reference sections of Huntington Hall or provide a scheduled shuttle to the dormitory, especially in the morning.

Also, the placement and density of the card readers which have been installed in most of MIT's dormitories concerned many respondents.

Students approve of R/O

Hollywood said that the recommendation that the committee felt most strongly about was that the time of R/O and rush not be changed from the beginning of freshmen year — over 85 percent of students surveyed approved of the current system.

This conflict with a proposal made several years ago by the Freshmen Housing Committee to move rush to IAP, he said.

Another proposal made regarding R/O was to keep the current IFC housing rules. Many want to see more "objective information" about R/O, and 50.7 percent want the rule repealed, though this number might be lower due to bias, the report said.

The committee recommended a compromise where living group members could truthfully answer questions from freshmen, but would not be allowed to initiate negative comments about other living groups.

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