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a faculty committee and CIAC (representing students, through its 1/3 student membership?) to "advise" them of selection of a President and redefinition of the job.

This elitist process demonstrates how MIT runs itself, and what types of interests really count in the present system of MIT government. More important, it is MIT, and to the surrounding community an opportunity to assert ourselves.

The power structure of MIT, as exemplified by the President, is more than 100 years old, and is hard to change. Meanwhile, many other people are hampering the need for approval from Higher Authority. Meaningful reevaluation of the Presidency means re-evaluation of the way MIT works. The MIT Committee on MIT's Representative of the community (representing students through a faculty committee and CIAC) would not do this satisfactorily. The suggestions made here are only one way to change that structure to a better one; there are many other improvements that could be made. But we should realize that we cannot reform MIT overnight.

The General Assembly will be asked to set up a Committee on MIT Responsibility to help reform MIT in the context of presidential selection and beyond. It's our university, not the Corporation's. They are running MIT as a corporation, and they will continue to do this, if we let them. If you want a voice in the running of MIT, assert yourselves. There is very little powerless people can lose by speaking out.

Wells Eddleman, '71

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