Activities need real commitment from MIT

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What is the proper role of extra-curricular activities at MIT? What escape?

is it to be a place where controversy over space came out into the

open. There are about 128 student groups at MIT, ranging from newspapers to

architecture clubs. At one time, a dozen of them are looking to get

space, or to get more space.

There is a seemingly definite "upper bound" on this process, dictated by available space in the Student Center and Walter Memorial, and to the ever greater constraint imposed by the unpopularity of the subject. Since 1961, the space per student has dropped by over 20%.

The issue of space has become a matter of concern for students, faculty, and administrators. The question of how to allocate space has become a central issue in the debate over the future of the Institute.

The policy has been to give student groups a certain amount of space, based on the number of students in the group. However, this policy has been criticized for being too flexible and too accommodating to the demands of the various groups.

The problem of space at MIT is not new, and it has been a recurring issue for many years. The problem is complex and multifaceted, and there are no easy solutions.

The problem of space is related to the broader issue of the role of student organizations at MIT. Some argue that student organizations are an important part of the MIT experience, and should be encouraged. Others argue that they are a distraction from the academic mission of the Institute, and should be limited.

The debate over space and the role of student organizations is not new, and is likely to continue for some time. It is a complex issue that requires careful consideration and thoughtful debate.