EE selection splits dept

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Engineering Alfred Keil by several EE faculty,,counting a division into two departments, Keil reported to the suggestions in a letter sent to all EE faculty on June 28. The letter has been described by several computer science faculty as "intensive" and "indicative of very little thought."

Keil stated that "a division of the present department would greatly decrease the flexibility of the Department's faculty members and would increase operating costs." He asked the Search Committee to seek candidates spanning both electrical engineering and computer science.

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thought." The computer science faculty has not given its undisguised support to the idea of separating from EE. While a recent show of hands at a meeting showed 2-to-1 support of a separate department, many faculty refused to vote on the issue.

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