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**Open green space needed**

(A copy of this letter was sent to The Tech.)

**An Open Letter to the Committee on Visual Arts**

We realize that sculpture is a very worthwhile and aesthetically pleasing form of art. However, despite the tremendous worth of all the music created in civilization, there is also a value in silence. In the same way, there is also a value to green, natural places without sculpture. Those open space areas are even more precious in their natural places without sculpture.

The Committee on Visual Arts has decided to place a sculpture in the Killian Court. There will be a meeting to "discuss" the sculpture, yet when I tried to find out if the meeting would be before the sculpture was bought and paid for, no one contacted would answer that question. Certainly it would be reassuring to have return a sculpture to an artist if it was found to be unwanted.

The Committee on Visual Arts is using the argument that originally, there were plans to place a sculpture in the Killian Court. However, those plans also included a reflecting pool and concrete walks all around, and said nothing about elm trees, grass, and rhododendrons. In the context of the Killian Court as it exists today, we feel that a sculpture would not improve the quality of the court, and would harm it instead. We are completely opposed to the placing of sculpture in the Killian Court.

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