Although opinions varied widely, a one-to-one male-female ratio was preferred by the largest fraction of those surveyed, according to those surveyed.

Most respondents said that decisions about the coedliness of living groups should be made by the groups themselves. Stein cited this as a contradiction of the desire for a more even male-female ratio, because allowing any living group to go coed with no restriction might not permit each group to have an adequate number of women.

Browning said that the present decision-making process involves group discussions to get input from both the group in question and groups that are already coed.

He said that two factors were essential for a successful group: a "critical" (minimum number) of women and a reasonable male-female ratio.

Ken Kantor '78 proposed that, except for one all-male and one all-female group, all other assignments should be given out by free choice.

Many objections were raised to this plan, including concerns for women who ended up in a group that had no almost no women, and questions about how it would happen to groups that did not succeed in providing a good living environment.

Browning asserted that "it's hard to de-coedify" a group once it has been opened to both sexes.

Professor of Architecture Donlyn Lyndon, the new head of the Committee for the Visual Arts (CVA), was at the forum to answer questions on the CVA's plans for selection of sculptures and other artwork to be placed near dormitories.

Lyndon said that the selection of the New House sculpture would be done in cooperation with residents. He said that he had no objections to making CVA meetings open to the community, but that it had not been discussed by the Committee yet.

One of the CVA's housing resolutions asks "that living groups on campus be given more complete control over the use and decoration of internal facilities." The placement of statues and other "objects" both inside and outside dormitories.

Lyndon said that he was not personally involved in the selection of Transparent Horizons, but that his knowledge, there was "no deliberate biasing of East Campus people" in the selection process, which only involved official in the Chemical Engineering department.

When asked the CVA had "learned its lesson" from the Transparencies. Horizons controversy, Lyndon replied that architects "try to learn from all building processes."

Vice-President Kenneth Weil, Associate Dean for Student Affairs Ken Browning, and Dean of the School of Science Robert Alpert right presented their views on overcrowding at the Undergraduate Association's Forum on Housing and Overcrowding held last Thursday.