Editorial

Reversing the trend

In recent meetings with East Campus and Senior House students, Chancellor Paul Gray announced the administration's intent to examine switching East Campus and Senior House residents with those of Aldenhouse.

This grand opportunity to encourage student participation in decision-making should be seized by the President-elect to chart a course that will keep MIT’s tradition of change. However, this switch has been ongoing for some time. The Graduate Student Council has been appealing for solutions for several years. With gradual change comprising almost a third of Walker into a Graduate Student Center being feasible, the switch would go almost equally split among graduates and undergraduates. The student body, however, must not be forgotten, though, as the allocation of rooms in Next House is finalized.

Creating a graduate "mini-campus" also makes the conversation difficult for the Student Center Student Council feasible. The Graduate Student Council has been appealing for something like this for several years. With gradual change comprising almost half the student population, there can be little doubt of the need for such a center.

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