Committee assesses DSA

By Stephanie Poleack

The tentative agenda for the May 7 meeting of the Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs, which will focus on evaluating the role of the Office of Dean for Student Affairs in supporting the undergraduate academic environment, includes only one open meeting with students, to be held from 7:30-9:30 pm.

Undergraduate Association President Philip Handler noted that the committee would only be at MIT from Thursday evening until Saturday after lunch, and the schedule in co-operation with the MIT Corporation, and action is subsequently taken by the Corporation Executive Committee.

McBay said he views the visiting committee as useful because "it brings people to the Office not caught up in its day-to-day operations, but who are knowledgeable about the topic being reviewed."

GA defeats resolution

By Stuart Gillow

A motion regarding the confirmation and responsibility of chairmen of the Undergraduate Association (UGA) General Committees was defeated at a meeting of the General Assembly (GA) last Thursday.

The motion had three basic points, the first, "If a vacancy exists in any General Committee office, then an appointment to fill the office will be made on a rotating basis by students who have been "empowered to request such an appointment."

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