Old UAP, VP discuss tenure

By Andrew Robbins

Neither John DeRubeis '83 nor Ken Dumas '83, Undergraduate Association (UA) President (VP) and Vice President (VP), thinks that their administration has had a major impact on life of the typical MIT undergraduate in the past year. "I can't say how he was positively affected," noted Dumas, "unless he took advantage of one of our special programs, such as the bus trip to New York." DeRubeis explained, "We really didn't want to change the students' lives." As candidates, they voiced aims to expand existing UA programs and establish new ones, promised the administration would hear student opinions, and promised "to greatly improve undergraduate life at MIT." DeRubeis and Dumas have listed some of their campaign pledges and are still working to fulfill some of them. According to Dumas, "We promised 'to greatly improve undergraduate life at MIT.'"

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