ODSA's role in activities questioned
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has failed to provide an adequate amount of money for student activities, thereby putting those organizations in a crisis situation."

In early May, McBay "offered to increase the Finance Board budget," if the Board relinquished control of the salaries of the UA's two employees, a full-time accountant and a part-time secretary, to the Dean's Office, the report says. "Although it was just before finals week, (McBay) stated she needed an immediate answer."

Brown's refusal to accept the dean's condition "resulted in a lost opportunity for the Finance Board's budget to be increased," McBay stated in a letter to the Finance Board chairman.

"I consider that May 14 statement to be an unnecessary attempt at subtle blackmail," Brown writes. "Several board members read it and, unprompted, had the same reaction. It is totally inappropriate for the Board's budget to be increased at the Finance Board's expense." McBay was instructed to release the UA's two employees, a full-time accountant and a part-time secretary, to the Dean's Office, the report says. "Although it was just before finals week, (McBay) stated she needed an immediate answer."

The separation proposal was originally advanced by the Finance Board chairman, McBay countered. McBay was instrumental in getting the $11,000 increase in the UA budget last year, she said.

ODSA has taken action "aimed at gaining tighter control over the student activities," the draft report says. Brown cites a requirement by McBay that UA accountant Margaret Gibson attend ODSA staff meetings, and claims an unsatisfactory job evaluation. McBay gave Gibson indications she needed an immediate answer to her request for an immediate increase in the UA budget. "I urge the visiting committee to reaffirm the above statement," Brown writes.

Student activities "ought to be run by students," McBay agreed. The ODSA's role, she said, is "to provide advice and uphold Institute standards."

The theme of the visiting committee's three-day visit, according to a tentative agenda released by McBay, is "student activities at MIT and support for them from the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs."

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said Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay.

Combining the two departments will allow ODSA to "utilize all the talent" in the residence division, McBay said.

ODSA is facing an budget cut of 5 percent this year, McBay said, as part of an Institute plan announced last month to cut administrative costs by 15 percent over three years. McBay said the cuts to the Dean's Office budget.

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