Students address committee

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The fear that the ODSA's reorganization could limit support for fraternities, Assault on Dean Sterneman, formerly business advisor to fraternities, is responsible for both student activities and independent living groups.

"Student activities are not only losing monetary support, but also losing a full-time service," said Kenneth Damas '83, Student Center Committee Chairman.

"The reorganization is causing a lack of problems," said UA President Kenneth Meltsner. "The groups have complained about the ODSA, he noted, and three have left the office.

"Many of the [student] groups on campus have been affected by the change, and although they are operating independently, they are losing monetary support."

"The reorganization is causing a lack of accountability," said Dean's Office.

"I'm very much against forcing them on us," said Kenneth J. Segel '83, President of MIT. "The problem we're facing now is student apathy," Segel said, citing a lack of interest in the UA General Assembly.

"Students are very intensively involved in student activities at a microl level," the level of individual activities. "We're losing students," Segel said, and they do not devote much time to ASA, GA, Dormitory Council, and other governing bodies.

"We also might want to consider what other form of government is available to us," Segel said. "Graduate students are fairly simple beings" who only need pencils, paper, calculators, good laboratories, a few other items, and enough beer, Lou Nguyen, president of the Graduate Student Council, told the committee. "The major concerns of graduate students, he said, is funding. "We are not happy in a new graduate student housing."

Graduate student participation in activities is "low-key," Nguyen noted. In the ODSA's report to the visiting committee, he noted, "not a single word is mentioned of graduate students' participation in student activities.

"We very much like to be fiercely independent," Ivan K. Fong '83, chairman of the Tech, told the committee. "The staff would like not to have someone looking over our shoulders."

The Tech, Segel declared, does not sufficiently cover news about student activities, such as the start of the MIT shuttle bus. How does the coverage of student activities compare with "the space covering punk albums?" he asked.

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