The organization was created in the middle seventies, but was popular in the late sixties and was popular for Urban Action, Chesonis said. "Most people think they don't have the time to volunteer," Lee said. "But the time could be as little as two hours a week."

"It's very hard to convince people to volunteer if they don't want to," Chesonis said. "We just try to make sure that everyone who would be interested in volunteering knows about us."

"Urban Action is for graduate students, employees, faculty — anyone at MIT," he said.

The projects include outings for elementary school children, construction projects, and Halloween parties as nursing homes, he said. Last year was "experimental" for Urban Action, Chesonis said. The organization was created in the late sixties and was popular until the middle seventies, but "died out as the times changed." The group began again "from scratch" in the summer of 1982, Chesonis said, and will continue recruiting this fall.

"If we haven't described well the role of the Death Office," Immerman said. "The duty of the Death Office is to support student activities, he claimed, but "we have not gotten to the point where we are good" at it.

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