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(Continued from page 1) a group should have to do," Johnston said, and raising prices "hurts the MIT community." The committee, he said, would prefer to do neither. "We did point out the two major problems with employee benefits," during the meeting with the president, Johnston said. Those problems, he said, are that "the coffee house could never receive any employee benefits because they are students...and we're not part of the MIT budget which is allocated at the beginning of the term." The Institute's "tax umbrella" allows groups which pay students through the MIT payroll system to be exempt from federal taxes, he said. Cornett added, "In that sense, the coffee house workers are MIT employees, even though they're not paid directly by MIT." "There seems to be an attitude coming from the administration," Cornett said, "that since certain groups have the ability to pay, they should be made to pay, regardless of whether or not it is equitable for them to do so." Cornett wrote a letter to Gray and six other members of the MIT administration, which states, "It seems unreasonable and unjust for undergraduates and graduate activities to be coerced into helping to fund graduate and research programs to their own detriment." Kim A. Allison '83, president of the Association of Student Activities, sent a letter to the heads of all student activities yesterday, to recommend they do not pay the employee benefit fee. "Although [the benefit fee] only affects a certain activities, we feel it is setting a dangerous and expensive precedent," the letter states. "If your group has any student employees, we recommend that you do not pay." The Tech's managing board approved at its meeting Sunday a motion to publish a letter to the MIT community opposing the benefit fee.