Faculty discusses EECs overcrowding

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George W. Treese '86 submitted a report to the General Assembly outlining the overcrowding problems in certain departments, particularly the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Stephen E. Barber '84, chairman of the Student Committee on Educational Policy, said support for the idea of a separate admissions process is strong among many members of the faculty and administration. The committee feels this proposal "encourages a class system — a division between the haves and the have-nots."

Under such a system about 600 people would be accepted under normal admission procedures, Barber said, while the remaining 300 would be prohibited from majoring in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Undergraduate Association President Michael P. Witt '84 said faculty members at Wednesday's meeting noted such a system would encourage people admitted under normal procedures to major in the overcrowded department.

Barber said the idea of an academic review during the sophomore year for the students in the department came "up strongly again" during Wednesday's faculty meeting.

"[The faculty and administration] all realize it's distressful ... but it's got to be done," Witt said.

Barber said Gray might call a special faculty meeting in December to act on the enrollment problem.

"That basically gives us about a month to act," Witt said. By the time the General Assembly holds its next regular meeting, Witt said, Gray "will have his mind made up about this, and he'll know how he wants the faculty to vote."

MIT gives more aid to local school

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academic program to prepare students for higher education and to increase the number of public school students entering college by 25 percent before the start of the next decade, he said.

The school system also plans to provide, through the program, academic counseling for students, increased financial aid for needy students, and increased academic support for Boston students entering college, he added.

J.G., Harvard, and Northeastern are also participants in the program.

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