By Thomas H. Huang

The Undergraduate Association Council suffers from an undefined role, according to David M. Libby '85, UA president. The council focused on this problem in its meeting last Thursday night.

"I need you to convince me why we should even have another UA council meeting ..." Libby told council members. "What should [council representatives] get out of these meetings?"

The council members concluded they must work on specific projects to get more elected representatives active in the council. Fewer than 20 representatives were present at the meeting.

Michael D. Battat '86, class vice president, said council members would be more active if they worked on "a set of committees" to address problems on campus. They should not come to meetings every two weeks and just talk about the problems, he said.

"I'm tired of hearing the word 'committees,'" said Michael P. Witt '86.

Battat replied, "the Harvard Bridge is an incredible barrier between dormitory and fraternity social circles. "We need to have some special campus-wide events like the Harvard Arts Hall in order to get everybody out of their own ordinary social routines." Libby then addressed faculty-student relations. He said some undergraduates complain they are "just socialize with people in their living groups." Battat replied, "the Harvard Bridge is an incredible barrier between dormitory and fraternity social circles. "We need to have some special campus-wide events like the Harvard Arts Hall in order to get everybody out of their own ordinary social routines." Libby then addressed faculty-student relations. He said he knows of one faculty member who was "appalled in discovery there are co-ed living groups on cam- pus. There are others who are app-alled that freshmen drink alco- hol." "Some [policy] committees don't get input from students," said Libby. "This is the perception of students I know on com- mittees. In general, faculty will bring in students, listen, ignore them, and make their own deci- sions." Libby disagreed: "A lot depends on the committee," he said. "The members are mostly students, some even student comments thoughtful..."

Witt disagreed: "The makeup of a committee is important. If the committee is composed of students, there is a better chance of accomplishing something. You have to find a goal, and then find peo- ple to work on it.

By Scott I. Chan

MIT will reconstruct Amherst Alley, a section of Amherst St. between Green Hall and Burton House, starting this summer, ac- cording to Richard Cerrato, as- sistant director of housing.

Traffic in the alley will be limited to one way moving west follow- ing the repairs, he said. The street will be moved moved about sixteen feet, Cerrato said, mak- ing room for a new sidewalk will be constructed between the driv- ers and the road.

Construction is scheduled to begin on June 11, just after Alumni Weekend, and to end before Residence/Orientation week, but landscaping will not begin until the fall, according to Harry P. Pornin, chief architect for the construction project.

O. Robert Simha, director of planning, said the present loca- tion of the service path and un- paved sidewalk, along with inade- quate lighting, creates a serious safety hazard for pedestrians.

Currently, residents of Baker House and many other dorms must walk directly onto the road from the dormitories.

Campus Police Chief James Oliverio said no one has been in- jured in a traffic accident on Am- herst Alley this year.

The danger of the present traf- fic situation is a major cause of concern, Simha said. The facade of their building offers little protection, he said. Simha said. The facade they would not accept research contracts which stipulated such prior review.

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By Ronald W. Norman

MIT President Paul E. Gray '46 and the presidents of Stan- ford University and the Califor-nia Institute of Technology wrote a letter last month to Defense Department officials in a letter last month that the three schools would not ac- cept Pentagon-funded research projects unless the department dropped its plans to review un- classified material prior to its publication.

The proposal was made by a Department of Defense panel which advises Pentagon officials on ways to limit the release of useful information to the military.

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