Students, faculty address right-to-know law at forum

By Diane Lee-Aaron
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MIT's exemption from the right-to-know law rules "does not mean that the entire university is exempt," said the director of the MIT Safety Office.

The Office of Student Activities (OSA) was formed in 1985 to address questions from the public about MIT's exemption from the right-to-know law. The law requires employers to inform their employees about hazardous substances at work. About thirty students, professors and employers attended the discussion, which was sponsored by MIT Student Proposals and moderated by Kathy Harrison, a member of that group.

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The Dean's Office reported that in all departments, women as a group were doing as well as or better than men in the same department. One student said, "I think that should be made known — that women are doing as well as men." Maybe if this fact were publicized, it would help women in their "up hill battle" to achieve equal status in the eyes of the male community, he explained.

The percentage of women who lead student organizations is higher than that of men who have equal status. But the activities they are likely to join are more focused on "women's issues."