Grades speak against pressures from departments, decentralization

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The GSC also proposed to the Visiting Committee the establishment of a Graduate Student Center (GSC), a central place where graduate students could gather. In its report to the Visiting Committee, the GSC recommended that the Walker Memorial building or the Ashdown Dining Hall be considered for this purpose.

"There are big differences in the amount of support available," Perkins said. The situation cannot be remedied by simply improving career services, he added.

Another serious problem the report listed is the "lack of a consistent policy among the various departments with regard to the rights and responsibilities of graduate students," according to the GSC's report.

Male/female ratio affects both sexes

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She suggested that the rigorous implementation of affirmative action programs would improve the proportion of female students by providing more female role models in the science and engineering fields.

Seventy percent of all graduate women, she polled felt isolated in their research groups, the study and availability of funding. shotgun, chairman of the Academic Project and Policy Committee of the GSC, is currently preparing a document of rights and responsibilities for graduate students.

"When minor conflicts arise, there are no clear channels they [students] can go through to resolve them," Ayan said. Ayan cited problems with advisors as an example. Many graduate students have no idea what to do when they cannot get the attention and cooperation of their advisor.

In addition graduate students do not know what they can do when their advisor exerts undue influence on them, Ayan said. Often advisors look down upon graduate students in non-technical majors, according to representatives in its Graduate Student Council (GSC).

Women students in the sciences and engineering said that they cannot get the attention they need to perform at their best. Schwerdt notes a "need for career counseling and social life" to improve the quality of student life for women at MIT.

ODSA Support

Denton cited the importance of the student-advisor relationship very clearly," Ayan stressed.

The student panel also stressed the need for equal distribution of financial resources for all departments. Some departments are as wealthy as others and have fewer assistant professors. Financial support in these departments is much more limited.

There are big differences in the amount of support available," Perkins agreed. The situation cannot be remedied, they said, until MIT has a bigger endowment, he added.

The student panel proposed the creation of a central division of career services to help students in non-technical majors to meet with companies looking for people in fields such as urban studies, psychology, architecture, and political science. The panel felt that these students do not have as many resources in their job search as do technical majors.

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