Black students form network

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McLaurin — sparked the group's formation, Fortenberry said. The group grew out of a series of meetings last spring, following fall meetings in response to the dismissals, he explained.

McLaurin was dismissed on August 24, 1984 by then-Associate Provost Frank E. Perkins '55. Perkins alluded at the time to two of the reasons for dismissal: the financial operation of the OME and the administration of Project Interphase.

Hope left on Nov. 30, 1983 after a dispute with Dean Shirley M. Molloy. Both Hope and the Institute declined to discuss the specific reasons for the dismissal.

The two dismissals prompted protest and concern within the minority community.

In particular, the Robert R. Taylor Network would like to address the feeling of many minority students that they must make an extra effort to be accepted by the MIT community, Fortenberry said.

Minority students cannot afford the "luxury" of being studied at MIT, Fortenberry continued. "After you get done with the day's classes, you also have homework . . . on (making yourself visible) there may or may not be this set of prejudices out there that you have to deal with.

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