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GSC should continue to press for more grad housing

To the Editor:

In the April 25 issue of The Tech, the new Graduate Student Council President [Norman M. Wessen] states that a graduate student should expect to spend between 27 and 35 percent of their income on housing ("GSC elects new president"). How I wish this were institute policy everywhere.

Here in Hawaii, a first year graduate student on an assistantship can expect to pay between 55 and 75 percent of their income for rent. The situation for a second year graduate student is better, since one can work full-time during the summer. However, the typical graduate student pays in excess of 40 percent of their income for rent.

I give you this information not to tell you how well graduate students are living at MIT compared to those at other universities, but to let you know that this could happen at MIT if the GSC does not continue to press for better graduate student housing.

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