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Dean McBay introduces dean's office support services

McBay then spoke of the services offered by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs: counseling; monetary support for activities; forums on issues of concern; awareness of institutional students; and support for women, minority, handicapped and gay students.

The ODSA plans forums for the coming year on the arms race and the civilian economy, the condition of the atmosphere and its relation to the survival of the human race, and the aftermath of Chernobyl, she said.

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One of the major concerns of graduate students has been the graduate student housing shortage, Wereley told The Tech. The lack of available housing affects more students than any other problem — about 45 percent of graduate students seek housing, Wereley explained. He hoped to see all of them accommodated in the next few years.

Members of the administration are always willing to listen to graduate student concerns, Wereley indicated, and they usually will act in response to extensive student lobbying. Gray, for example, had announced that no graduate housing would be considered during the next ten years, Wereley said. Six months later Gray wholeheartedly agreed with the GSC, he added.

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H. Eugene Brammer, director of Housing and Food Services. The Housing and Food Services Office is still responsible for policy decisions; ARA can only make recommendations. Brammer explained that ARA is paid a flat fee regardless of income from the dining halls.

There will be a review of mandatory meal plans this term, Brammer said. A committee will decide whether mandatory plans should be modified or eliminated.

There have been price changes, Ledwick said, but none have been substantial. While some prices have been increased, the cost of some items has dropped, he claimed.

The Validine system of meal cards will be expanded to include faculty and staff members in the second term, Ledwick said. He hoped this would make it more convenient to use MIT dining facilities.

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