

Pugwash surveys student views

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 ity ratings from their students: only 54 percent and 57 percent, respectively, of students in the two schools were satisfied with the flexibility of the department's requirements.

The survey addressed other educational issues as well, includ-

ing the following topics:

- **Structure of courses:** 63 percent of the upperclassmen who expressed a preference favored classes which were highly structured.

- **Advising system:** 78 percent of upperclassmen said they were satisfied with the accessibility of their current advisors; 76 percent

said they were satisfied with their advisor's academic advice.

The survey, which was designed and administered in 1984 by MIT's Student Pugwash, was intended to study MIT students' views on education, science, and technology, according to Robin Wagner, co-founder of MIT Student Pugwash and coordinator of the survey project. The survey is still in the final stages of analysis.

"Students can influence policy at MIT... if you have the facts," Wagner said. "This survey was an attempt to gather the facts." MIT Student Pugwash will be preparing a report of its findings, which they hope to complete this term, she said.

UA sponsors forum on changes to R/O week

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 then asked, "Who makes the final decisions about R/O week?"

After just about all the possible committees and combinations of committees were named, it was obvious that nobody quite knew exactly who made the decisions. Moser finally revealed that Associate Provost S. Jay Keyser in consultation with various student committees had made the final decisions concerning R/O week this year.

There was definite agreement that students should be part of the process, but opinions differed widely on in what form (R/O committee, elected representatives, appointed representatives, anyone), in what proportions (independent living groups vs. dormitory residents), and how student representation would connect with the faculty and administration.

The next forum, slated for mid-October, will continue R/O week discussion. Included topics are flushing, the length of rush week, separation of the residence part of the week from the orientation part, as well as concern over the amount of pressure freshmen feel in needing to decide upon a living group within a few days.

Moser commented that this evening was solely a forum to

discuss viewpoints, not to reach conclusions. That, he said, will be taken care of in future meetings.



Shari L. Jackson
 Josh Wantabe '87 and Michael Colao '87 discuss this year's Residence/Orientation week with Undergraduate Association President Bryan R. Moser '87 (center) during a UA forum last Thursday.

Text of new GSC plan

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percent. This will give a fair and representative share of the available housing to first-year graduate students. Because new students can only apply to a single lottery, the total number of applicants to the tenured lottery will remain low and this will maintain the current odds for returning students in the tenured lottery.

Since Housing Office statistics indicate that almost half of the Institute's dormitory rooms and apartments are vacated each year, there will be almost as many spaces available for continuing students in the proposed tenure lottery as are available in the current September lottery. This new system will create 150 additional spaces opening in September, but these will come from a decrease in the number of openings during the year because the non-tenured spaces have an unbreakable one-year lease. As with the current system, graduate students who seek on-campus housing after September would be given tenured spaces as they become available.

This plan would have to be phased in over a period of two or three years so that an adequate pool of rooms can become designated for non-tenured leases without affecting current residents. Details of this process can be determined by the MIT Housing Office as necessary. This will also provide an avenue for adjusting the new system during its implementation if it becomes necessary.

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