Group plans fundraising campaign

By Kaye Baum

The Campaign Priority Group, a student-run enterprise which has been meeting monthly since September 1985, is establishing priorities for allocation of funds in MIT's upcoming fundraising campaign.

The committee, chaired by President Paul E. Gray '54, includes President John M. Deutch '61, Provost Thomas J. Greenslade 80, the academic dean, associate presidents, and other members of the administration.

The group hopes to "make sure that the funding sources meet real needs in research and education," Deutch explained.

Thus far, the group has identified needs in Student Financial Aid, endowments to schools to pay for faculty salaries and research, and structural improvements on campus, Deutch said.

Structural improvements which have been discussed include a new biology building, a new physics building, renovation of the Rotch Library of Architecture, and graduate housing, he said.

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