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spondoed that they were not aware of GSC activities, the GSC reported. In general, "students felt that their participation in social activities had decreased since coming to MIT," the survey concluded.

An administration position specifically charged with graduate student affairs "needs to be filled," said Jong-On Hahm, chairman of the GSC Academic Projects and Policies Committee. Such an administrator would facilitate better coordination between the GSC and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, he explained.

The GSC needs additional revenue to sponsor other graduate functions, Hahm added.

The Undergraduate Association acquires money from the Student Center game room, but the GSC does not receive such funds, Perkins noted. However, the amount in funds required by the GSC need not necessarily be in proportion with those of the UA, he said.

When students were questioned about Graduate Orientation, held in early fall, the majority responded with "no opinion." Thirty-one persons answered that they were satisfied with orientation and 12 percent said they were not.

These results indicated an awareness of this GSC function as separate from departmental orientations, the report stated.

In addition, 82 percent of surveyed students replied that they did not know the names of their GSC representatives and 64 percent of those expressing an opinion thought the GSC did not "adequately communicate" with the graduate community, the GSC said.

Thirty-eight percent replied that they believed the GSC did "work on their behalf." A greater portion, 49 percent, responded that they did not know whether the GSC works "on their behalf.

Survey participants were asked to evaluate how their participation in social activities had changed since coming to MIT. Participation improved on a scale between -2 (decreased significantly) and +2 (increased significantly).

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Moser describes shift in the role of the UA (Continued from page 1)

The UA has been more successful because it has become responsive to the students, Moser said. "Right now, we're at the point of potential. We have demonstrated only slightly that we are capable of doing good things. When students take the student government seriously enough, and tell us when we're doing something wrong, then we're capable of doing great things."

"The UA has become a group of students capable of good service on campus. They're a group of students with the right attitudes, the right experience, and are thinking in the right issues," Moser said. "I'm confident that the UA will do good things in the next few years."

A few years ago, the UA was not serving the students, Moser asserted. "The UA was small, it was made up of students all from the same area of campus, and many of the students were complacent. The UA has become much more issue-oriented since then. Being UAP, I get to meet so many students and I had the opportunity to experiment with different projects."

Problems that persist

Living groups tend to segregate themselves, and this is a problem at MIT, Moser commented. "I think segregation is an important issue at MIT. I live in a fraternity. For me to come across here and get involved as UAP has been a good experience for me and my fraternity. It's a shame that students don't have four years at MIT without experiencing the fraternities of East Campus or what it's like to live in a frat. Each living group has its own culture. It's a shame we never share these experiences with each other."

Discrimination is a major problem, Moser added. "It's a shame that people never experience other races, other religions, other political viewpoints. I've learned more about different types of people and different types of communication."

Moser also commented on MIT's policy on sexually explicit films. "As someone who is supposed to represent many different views on campus, I believe that there's a minority of people on this campus who are genuinely offended, and I think they have every right to be. I think it's important that there should be a response to these feelings."

"But as someone who cares about civil liberties, it's clear that the pornography policy is not consistent with what we want to teach MIT students. I think it's possible to sensitize people enough to the negative effects of pornography so that showing it doesn't interfere with the offense that some people may feel." But individual rights should not be sacrificed because of that offense, Moser said.

I'm really thankful to all the people who have been patient and worked hard at the UA. They have given me so many open doors. I've had so many opportunities to grow while I've been here at MIT."

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