Report urges housemaster guidelines

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Food workers picket president to protest loss of pension plan

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It was also suggested that the Institute hold faculty/student pair programs to promote interaction. It also recommended making some space changes in the dormitories to create more places where students and faculty could gather informally.

The committee said that "the selection, appointment, orientation, and review of the housemasters and graduate residents needs greater attention and stronger leadership" from ODSA. It noted that the report's recommendations "will have little effect without the care and attention" of ODSA.

The committee consisted of Professor Julian Beinart M. Arch. '56, housemaster of Burton House; Carol Halinze, former housemaster of Ashdown House; Professor Vernon M. Ingram, housemaster of Ashdown House; Professor Arthur C. Smith; and Dean of Engineering Gerald L. Wilson '61.

Several demonstrators attacked the two-tier wage system in the new food workers contract, which was signed July 1. But Bozzotto said that the union wants MIT to continue the MIT pension plan during the management shift — even for those who had worked for MIT for fewer than 10 years — the frozen pensions will essentially be worthless by the time the workers are able to collect them, Bozzotto said.

Bozzotto said the union wants MIT to continue the MIT pension plans of those workers who once worked under MIT management until they leave by attrition. MIT has not responded to the requests, he said. The demonstrators promised to return to the house next week and to continue protesting until MIT agrees to negotiate on the issues.

New contract signed

Several demonstrators attached the two-tier wage system in the new food workers contract, which was signed July 1. But Bozzotto explained that ARA had asked for a two-tier wage and benefits system, under which newly-hired workers would be on a wage and benefits program inferior to that of old employees doing the same work. The union defeated this proposal, he said. ARA did maintain a system of lower wages for new workers during their first 120 days employed, Bozzotto said. He noted that the system is commonly used by other companies as well.

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