Committee suggests colloquium during IAP
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Committee to emphasize the dispersed part of the program.

David Gordon Wilson, chairman of the Independent Activities Period Committee, suggested to the Colloquium Committee that it have one large colloquium during IAP, when classes would not interfere with attendance, according to Merritt.

The low turnout at the central events should not overshadow the success of the living group sessions, Keyser said. He spoke of the new House Fellows Program, in which faculty members will affiliate with a living group and conduct informal discussions throughout the semester.

“In the long run,” Merritt said, “maybe the lesson that we’re learning is that what works at MIT, regardless of the subject matter, is professionals, be they faculty or non-faculty people, talking in reasonably, manageable small groups, in a comfortable setting to students in the place where the students live, with food as a lubricant.”

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