Dormcon officers seek increased student voice
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But Whetsel expressed concern that, in seeking uniformity, the different "personalities" of the dormitories might be overlooked.

The Dormcon vice president's job is primarily to organize dormitory rush. Williams believed the smaller number of men entering MIT had posed tensions between dormitories and fraternities.

Fraternities argue that rush is their lifeblood, and that dormitories should be default choices, Williams noted. But she said this argument ignored the fact that each of the dormitories has an individual "personality."

Williams understood that fraternities needed men, but did not want "this side of the river to become all women, and the other side all men."

The ODSA this year screened applicants for graduate resident positions and initially did not forward the names of some of the applicants to dormitory selection committees, according to Maggioni. Maggioni expressed concern that some of the questions the ODSA posed to the applicants were slanted or arbitrary.

Moreover, the ODSA should give dormitory residents the chance to meet applicants for themselves. After complaints over the ODSA screening arose, the names of all candidates for positions were passed on. Tewhey promised that in future the names of all applicants would be forwarded, Maggioni said.

Students have not been adequately informed about dormitory policies in the past, Whetsel believed. Whetsel cited a variety of causes for this breakdown in communications - including student apathy. Whetsel hoped to increase student awareness of and interest in Dormcon.

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