I am curious to know whether you came up with the idea of the student credit union you support independent of the MIT Finance Board, which has been considering it for some time, and why should students trust a fledgling union to put their money in?

Tsao responded, "I spoke with the director of the employees' credit union at MIT and he was very enthusiastic about it. He said that he wanted to help out and he thought that a credit union would give students a way to learn about the banking process, and it would allow them to have an alternative to commercial banks. Also because a credit union is non-profit, they can offer more interest rates."

In a rebuttal to Tsao, Kessler countered, saying, "Yes, credit unions are non-profit, but no matter who runs [credit unions] they are prohibitively expensive. Also, it is not cost-effective; the rebate students can expect is not worth the effort."

Eiser questioned Bansal and Kessler, "A UA referendum called for divestment of assets from South Africa, but MIT has not done so. What will you do as UA and UAVF to make student opinion an integral part of MIT's decision making process?"

"MIT is a corporation and works very efficiently in this way. But we can follow up on UA resolutions by effectively voicing student opinion, by informing the media, by letting people in authority know. This is a way to ensure the administration seriously considers student views." Banilal replied.

Huchinson and Brown were less hopeful about swaying the MIT corporation on major issues such as ROTC and student union matters. "The only way you can make them listen, maybe, is to stay in the corporation," they suggested.

Candidates felt after the debate that the time allotted did not allow them to make their positions clear. "I am afraid some of the things we said were misunderstood. It was unfortunate, but we ran out of time and couldn't say everything we wanted," wrote Hans C. Godfrey '93, UA floor leader, said, "The impression given by some of the candidates was misleading. For example, Anne [Tsao] spoke of 'organizing an academic honesty colloquium.' Actually she is part of a huge committee involved with the..."