Godfrey, Tsao Will Address Lack Of 'Cohesive Leadership' in UA

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"Our main goal is just to make the UA something worth caring about," Sachs said. "We feel that nobody else is going to do this job, and somebody should be doing it."

In reference to the other UAP/UAVP team, Gastelum said, "The contrast couldn't be more clear between a team of consummate insiders and us."

"It's not just training," Tsao added. "We teach students how to look for issues, how to question and understand the hierarchy structure at MIT."

Godfrey sees a greater role for the UA in bringing other student groups together. For example, the UA could coordinate cultural groups for the annual International Fair, bring together the class councils for Battle of the Classes, and the like.

They would also like to bring together the undergraduates that serve on various Institute committees, and see what we're doing. If we look at all the pieces, we can figure it out ahead of time, bring it to the undergraduate population, and see what we're going to do about it."

They also mentioned the perennial theme of communication. "In the past, the UA has not been able to communicate with the undergraduate population," Godfrey said. He and Tsao would combat this by continuing the weekly half-page Tech advertisements, designed to reach a large number of undergraduates, and producing "commercials" featuring people, not just written announcements, to run on MIT cable. "It would be easy," Godfrey insisted.

Experience is a factor. Godfrey and Tsao believe that their experience, including six years of service to the Undergraduate Association between them, sets them apart from their competitors.

Godfrey served as UA floor leader for a year and a half, chaired the UA Nominations Committee, and served on the Faculty Policy Committee, the Committee on Governance, and the UA's Judicial Review Board. Tsao was Secretary-General and Publicity Chair of the UA, headed the UA's Safety Committee, and served on the Institute's Committee on the Undergraduate Program. She is currently running an undergraduate committee to address calendar issues.

Although their opponents are urging voters to "turn the insiders out," Godfrey and Tsao agree that their experience is a plus. "We won't make the same mistakes as past administrations or be as insular," Godfrey said.

"It takes a long time to learn who the players [in the administration] are," he said. "We're not starting from zero."

Tsao emphasized that she and her running-mate are both "very removed from the Bannister/Kessler Administration. That gave us an opportunity to see things from a different perspective," she said.