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if concerns they have. So the feedback is invaluable, especially to the administration," Achenbach said.

Guts threaten quality of life

The Institute will decrease the number of faculty members about 5 percent by attrition over the next decade, Vest said in a Tech Talk report.

Chairman of the Faculty Robert Jaffe feels this will diminish intellectual renewal at the Institute.

"The driving force behind the faculty are the young people," Jaffe said.

older faculty are no longer expected to retire, which means that a lot of faculty have a real downturn in our ability to bring in bright, young, endowment members.

It is also hard to meet goals of reducing faculty if we lower the number on which we can hire new people.

Budget cuts will further decrease the faculty quality of life," Jaffe said. "Already we perceive that the faculty of being a faculty has become much more complicated in the past 20 years... There is less flexibility to do research and teach the students to do the things that faculty need to do.

"There are so many demands on our time. Each individual faculty member is required to do more," Jaffe continued.

Jaffe said entitlements, like the faculty travel fund, used to be protected by previous budget reforms. But now, as one of these things seems to be minor, but they add up to affect the quality of life for faculty, and there is a threat that it will be diminished further," he said.

The possible reduction in the support staff will also hurt faculty.

"There may be more pressure on faculties to take up support staff duties. This will be a burden for a lot of people," Jaffe said. He added that younger faculty already do their own secretarial work because of reduced support.

Graduate students not worried

Christopher M. Gittins, a vice president of the Student Graduate Council, said that graduate students were not very concerned about the budget cuts, even though the Institute plans to decrease graduate enrollment as part of budget reform.

"There hasn't been a real high level of concern expressed in the graduate student body as a whole. I sent a letter to The Tech and the grad student e-mail list, and I got only one letter in response so far. I think it's because it doesn't affect them right now," Gittins said.

Gittins said that cutting graduate student enrollment should not occur without considering the overall distribution of populations at the Institute. "If you cut back the overall number of graduate students, it will have an effect on the size of the grants, research volume, and the number of teaching assistants," he said.

"Part of MIT's reputation is its ability to crack out a lot of top quality research. If you cut back on the number of people doing research, then you risk seeing that reputation slip," Gittins said.

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