Simha Previews Building Projects

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The move of the AI lab and LCS to the Building 20 site is contingent upon the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science raising the necessary funding for the new building, Simha said. The proposed new building will also house the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems, he said.

The new building would be joined to the main complex of buildings "to bring the computer science faculty closer to their colleagues in accordance with MIT's philosophy," Simha said.

By the turn of the century, MIT plans to recycle parts of Buildings 12 and 13 for a physics building renovation that would consolidate the physics department in one area, Simha said. This renovation is also contingent on funding, he said.

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Funding for all building projects generally comes from a combination of sources including profits from research, gifts from alumni and corporations, and bank loans, Simha said.

Because the Institute makes a 30-year commitment to a newly tenured member, it is logical to have a plan that reflects this commitment to housing the labs and offices of these faculty members," Simha said.

The average time for a building project to go from idea to completion is about 10 to 15 years, Simha said. However, some projects take much longer to initiate, such as the demolition of Building 20, he said.

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