Letter to the Editor

Editor, THE TECH

Dear Sir:

The M.I.T. Committee for the Red Feather Campaign desires through your columns to thank the students, the staff and the employees of the Institute for their generous cooperation and for their generosity to the United Community Services of Greater Boston. Solicitation, always a difficult task, was splendidly performed. The response was liberal. The central office of the United Community Services in Boston joins with us in this expression of gratitude.

When the books of the Tech campaign were finally closed last month, the Institute group had contributed more than $86 per cent of the quota assigned to it. Approximately 3,973 students contributed to the T.C.A. drive last fall, and the T.C.A. pledged to the United Community Services one-tenth of its collections from this source. This gift is expected to yield about $420 for the Red Feather service. Direct contributions to the amount of $11,975.47 were received from 2,124 members of the teaching staff, while 394 employees locally gave $1,377.50. Directly or indirectly therefore the less than 0,003 members of the Institute family contributed to the Red Feather effort, and their contributions totalled $13,646.40.

The quota set for the Institute in this campaign was $37,543.00, and this quota was fair in the light of the amounts asked from other groups. Your chairman must there-fore confess failure; but it was a failure that has left him proud of the Institute community and of his co-workers, especially the selectors who, as always, carried the real burden of this drive.

During the last twenty years con-tributions to the Red Feather Cam-paigns have grown; but needs have grown even more rapidly than gifts. Hospital now consolidate the largest group in the United Community Services, if size is measured by the amount of money received from this fund. The number of days spent in a hospital by the average patient has declined. In the past decade, 1,000,000 deaths, of which 90 per cent were of patients with rather minor ailments, have been attributed to the costs of hospitalization alone. The current 

Naval Reserve

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accepts up to February 21. Resi-dents of the Greater Boston area may file at Naval District Headquarters. Others may apply at the Naval Reserve Training Center nearest their home.

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