The Tech through the mail

To the Editor of The Tech:

In this morning's edition of the Boston Herald appeared an editorial calling public attention to a rather disgusting episode which took place on the campus of the University of Georgia. This episode, of which most students now probably know, was a brutal attack on various principals very much distressed by most people in this country; academic freedom, freedom of the press, freedom of thought, and the assumption that all men are created equal.

The attack came from a number of the faculty in the form of a reclamation to two editorial writers who appeared in the college newspaper. The staff of the paper took a stand on the widely discussed problem of segregation, and as in accordance with the old principles of the South, but definitely in favor of unsegregated education. After this, the students involved were harassed and insulted and referred to by name, and asked (among other things) whether their parents wasn't ashamed of them.

This seems to me to be the most outrageous attack ever made on our college press by a group of writers professing to be advocates of democracy. The very principles of democracy are in jeopardy, but in the hands of those who are in support of segregation, and I feel distinctly that there's no way that the free world can tolerate this sort of thing in the future. In order to maintain the principles of democracy, we must make sure that all men are treated with respect and dignity.

The students of Georgia U. showed intelligence, maturity and courage by taking the stand they did. Up to the point where it would have meant the death of their paper, they fought for the right to express their own opinions - rather than to conform to the policies with which they did not agree. They had enough initiative and guts to express an opinion which had very powerful opposition. They yielded only to brute force.

Since I first came to this country, I was firmly convinced of the disadvantages of discrimination and racial prejudice. As a German citizen, I am ashamed to have to reconsider this question afresh, and I find that too many people were discriminated against on the contrary, I wanted to be the kind of freedom, and I want that not only one, but many racial groups were discriminated against. I don't believe many people can appreciate the shock this news will cause. Finally I want to say that I was certainly a member of the M.I.T. and was fortunate enough to feel those quite different. - I come from a country and I am saying that looks like the one I am writing about reaches my own, I cannot resist expressing my opinion about it. Many people who have grown up in this country are used to the situation and don't make much out of it, but it is about time that somebody awakened to the facts and started doing something about it. It is most overdue to realize that you are responsible for the impact that you make on your fellow human beings and that your actions will influence the world for better or worse for generations to come.

One thing to tell you is that I cannot help sympathizing with those idiotic bigots (Continued on page 4).

OUsable developments in the field of electrical engineering have been rapidly increasing in recent years. The development of new technologies such as semiconductors, microelectronics, and fiber optics has opened up new possibilities for the design and implementation of electronic systems. These advancements have led to the creation of new industries and have also influenced the way in which traditional engineering disciplines are taught in universities.

On a personal level, I have always been fascinated by the ability of engineers to design and build complex systems that can perform incredible feats. From the invention of the telephone to the development of the internet, engineers have played a critical role in shaping the modern world. The field of electrical engineering continues to evolve and offer opportunities for those who are interested in pursuing a career in this area.

The college press

by John M. Drinan '55

An ever-increasing proportion of the college press these days is devoted to issues of national and international politics. Particularly noticeable in our campus newspapers in the frequent mention of Senator McCarthy and the "ism" which has been attributed to him.

Disagreement between the Senator and our neighbors at Harvard seems about a month ago when McCarthy's employees refused to testify about radar equipment to the Senate. They refused to testify because they believed that the Senate was investigating McCarthy's activities.

From the Harvard Crimson: "McCarthy has been criticized for trying to destroy the lives of those people he thinks are "Communists."" McCarthy said that these people were traitors, enemy agents, and spies.

... Until he can show there is a member of the Faculty who is a "Communist" (he has never said Furry is one), his charge is wholly unbelievable. This is so because, according to every other indication, there is no Communist on the Faculty. If the Senator refers to Furry, he is belied by Furry's own statement, which he repudiated before McCarthy, and McCarthy has no right to repeat it.

"It is therefore incumbent upon the Senator actually to name the professor or professors who are Communists, and to whom Harvard at- (Continued on page 3)