through the mail

To the editor of The Tech:

Dear Sir:

Last Tuesday, in The Tech's "through the mail," a letter appeared from the author of the Ivory Tower, a column aspiring to reach literary heights but sinking for lack of the same quality often seen in a high school publication. In a whimsical switch from his pedestal on the Ivory Tower, one Bertie Ripp, '56, suddenly became an authority on both the Institute's and the student's attitudes toward athletics.

He stated in no uncertain terms that M.I.T. is a pure factory, meaning there is a place, to study, sleep, eat, and study again. His real athletics as only a means of gratifying the part-time ego. Fortunately, this idea does not seem to be the general consensus of opinion around the Institute. President Killian in the M.I.T. bulletin stated: "There is a wholesome regard for these extracurricular activities which tend to broaden a man's outlook and to give him valuable experience in dealing with people."

The basics of the above clearly stated, Bertie Lipp, "The Institute is a college at which study and athletics are in the background; the Institute provides opportunities for students to participate in these extracurricular activities, and in individual, industry is constantly in search of."

Henry, a transfer student in attendance at Tech less than 3 months, has the authority to represent his fellow views as those of the student body. By his action, he represents the students in athletic activities, who are in the faculty, the student government, and the Institute's administration welcomes comments from any interested student, thus he is in a unique position.

We maintain the only means of getting full student participation is to have all the facilities required to allow a complete choice of sports, if this means a money risk, by all means, merit a risk.

So, my insecure, narrow-minded, and dull boy, with his head in the sand and grind away for your next quiz. We'll shed a tear for our losses and return to our push-ups. But remember an old saw, Bertie, "All work and no play makes Bertie a dull boy.

Respectfully yours,
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To the editor of The Tech:

Thought you'd be interested to know that the latest published Dean's List shows that eight members of the Freshmen Intercollegiate Baseball Team are listed therein. This is especially interesting to me. At least, in view of the fact that it was an extremely long season, and those boys worked long and hard every day for months, winning eight games and losing only three. If that is an excellent showing, since I carried only 20 men on the squad. Of those eight, two are listed in the top group, and six others are listed under the second. Therefore, I think this might be a better attitude towards those students and administrators that I shall be holding onto the Intercollegiate Athletic Brewer. It is the only means to an end.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Hiram, '56

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THE TECH

Thursday, April 11, 1964

Tor the Editor:

May I commend you for the fairness of this paper's comments that some aspects of the Institute's dining operations are in your editorial of April 9. As you imply, any institutional dining service cannot possibly satisfy the particularity of every individual's demands. The Institute's administration recognizes constructive suggestions from a responsible student government and I am hopeful that the present committee will be as helpful in their analysis and recommendations for improvements as some of the committees have been in the past.

I should like to correct one misstatement of fact. You stated that "Harvard students are served common meals for approximately $100 a year (a contrast to the M.I.T. charge of $134.74), and in addition they receive a full twenty-one-meal week, not merely fifteen as is the case here." The facts are that Harvard students pay $725 for common meals for a year against $536.47 at M.I.T.

The president of a nearby college, writing to the editor of the college paper on this subject, stated very clearly that essential dining services are being held. "The object sought is a practical solution in an imaginary problem." There is no reason to think these needs should be provided at Hollyree priors or to refrain from the supposition which there is permanent knowledge. Therefore, try to give the best food you can for $725. Certain facts must always be taken into account—there is a distinction between the prices paid and the dietary served; that no dining hall can be operated economically with less than the minimum number of constant patrons; and that after a time—usually about March or April—the food in any dining hall, however good, tends to lose its appeal. It may be of interest to you that the above statement was made in the spring of 1957.

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