By 1881, President Rogers, who had taken the office for the first time in 1879, decided that the Institute was back to its old ways. He wrote to Francis A. Walker over the summer, and Francis A. Walker took over as president on September 13, only to throw a close contact with MIT until his death, which occurred unusually early at the age of 70 in 1882.

The year 1881 saw the second attempt to found a graduate newspaper at the Institute. The Harvard student newspaper, The Tech, hit the stands on November 16 of that year, initiating MIT's involvement in the Boston college press. Replacing the ill-fated student newspaper was a form of a twelve-page magazine, published every fifteen days and continuing until 1884.

Its evolution began with a very regular periodical, in comparison with the present concept of a newspaper. The student body was looking for a way to express their views on social and world affairs, scientific treatises, art, and other matters. At the same time, it was an attempt to bring literary attempts of the student body. The chain of eighty-one volumes, viewed in the perspective of today's knowledge, presents a unique history of MIT as told by its students.

Complaints About Food
A timely question was raised toward the end of the "1881-1887: Qualities Of A University Appearing At MIT" section.

A Biology class in the old Rogers Building, around 1910. Photo courtesy of the Technology Review.