MIT: The forty-niner

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The Tufts student body, no facet of which is more important than the library system. Tufts is one of the leading institutions in the world for the study of library science and is home to a number of highly talented students. In addition, the library system is being expanded and improved, both in the annual budget slice and in long-term planning and financing.

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New Student Center library

Our last issue's announcement that MIT will build the Student Center library was a cause for celebration. This was a reasonable—broke too late for editorial comment. We will not be too disheartened, however, as we attempted to cover it for our readers in the following morning's paper.

Our concern is that MIT be pleased to see the plans for the new library brought closer to fruition. In the issue of February 26, 1964, we mentioned some advantages of the library. At that time, the library was in its planning stages. It is now proceeding at a snail's pace, and it seemed problematical that the library would ever be built.

We are pleased to see that the Student Center Committee, under Chairman Dick Schmalensee '65, is now working with great vigor. However, the system can be criticized. At MIT, however, there are many indications that our library system is being short-changed, both in the annual budget slice and in long-term planning and financing.

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