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debate where we are uncertain, with action where we are weak.

Most notes of outrage, admin-

istrative and otherwise, arise, it

seems to me, from a misunder-

standing of the movie’s primary

intention. Thus Posada’s depiction

of Professor Edgerton (as a mon-

dock millionaire) is cited simply

as “a low blow,” while the larger

statement of back characterization,

which has to do with the “en-

words” (in terms of power, pres-

tige, money) of modern science, is

ignored. Should we allow our

selves the sill too easy conven-

ience of asserting that, because

the BBC failed to give a full ac-

counting of Professor Edgerton’s
desirable virtues, the larger

statement is false? A haste to

protest upon such narrow grounds

has to it a certain unreasonableness, and assume a certain petulance,

even pique. Attention is better ad-

dressed to the deeper issues in-

volved. MIT is a great university,

fully capable of enduring from

within and from without. Let us

be calm enough, and proud

enough, to use rather than to

shame our critics.

HUGO G. H. NELSON

Assistant Professor of

History

(Professors Schalk and Nel-

son both seem to be concerned with questions growing out of

the recent BBC film; we wel-

come their letters; and their con-

cerns and hopes they will stimu-

late full discussion among stu-

dents and staff concerning

MIT’s function as a university.

Professor Schalk’s question concern-

ing security regulations and officers directed at Dean

Gordon Brown is of great inter-

test to us, and we offer Dean

Brown or any other administra-

tion spokesman the full facili-

ties of this publication to ex-

plain the situation.

Letters on this and other mat-

ters affecting the MIT commu-

nity will continue to be printed

in this volume of The Tech, we

welcome the written opinions of

our readers.

An account of the SSBS panel
discussion will appear in Fri-

day’s issue.)