The strength of dissent

What this university needs is a few knock-down, draw-the-line fights to make the Tech say what it thinks. We've got off to a good start with a close UAP race, while the sight of the Institute mobilized to protect itself from Inner Belt stranglehold on the Dean is no doubt a good sign that the trend toward a less darby atmosphere continues.

To help keep things from tapering off, The Tech will be presenting studies on various community-related topics, such as the depopulation of the Back Bay and its threat to MIT fraternity; LSD—its uses and misuse; and the evaluation of courses, instructors, and curriculum. We will continue to agitate for a longer reading period, request that decision-making groups like the Athletic Advisory Board take student opinion into account, and work to convince the Registrar that he could keep his office open at lunch time if he would try hard enough.

Moreover, we'd like to become a forum for student and faculty opinion on some of the more vital problems facing both the Tech and the Institute. For instance, we expect to be printing guest editorials on the topics of Vietnam. Such an editorial has been submitted by a member of the MIT chapter of Students for a Democratic Society.

As a misguided attempt was made to introduce the Vietnam issue into the UAP campaign, we're now left to give the issue a more fitting forum—on these pages. We suspect (and hope) that the first such editorial will start a healthy exchange between students in the Back Bay and the young Americans for Freedom, and the Committee for Victory in Vietnam. At the same time we hope response will be vigorous, not vitriolic.

As just a certain amount of gripping is taken as a sign that an army unit is in good shape, a strong dose of dissent and debate is a sign that a university is healthy. Let's not let things get too dull.

Letters to The Tech

Back Bay

To the Editor:

As former officers of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, we have been concerned with problems confronting Boston's Back Bay area. For this reason our members and provided for us with your inclusive coverage of the problems confronting Back Bay men. We have a stake in the future of Back Bay and as such we wish to present a few suggestions that we feel should be considered in the formulation of future Back Bay policies.

The problem at hand is that of clarification. Because of our concern, and the apparent need for action, we are writing this article in hopes of gaining the understanding of the Back Bay community and to give us the strength to take action in the face of misunderstanding.

Bible Says

To the Editor:

I am writing this article in hopes of clarifying a misunderstanding of the Bible. If it is an infallible source for religious guidance, should it be trusted? I do not think so. Here is my reasoning.

The Bible is not infallible. It is a book written in human language by human authors. The Bible is not a complete record of religious history. It is a collection of various works written at different times in different parts of the world. The Bible is not completely accurate. It contains errors and contradictions. The Bible is not a complete guide to religious practice. It contains many conflicting rules and practices.

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