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Front page photo of the Fenway scene


SDS reply to the Editor:

I think I speak for my fellow demonstrators when I say that The Tech's coverage of the Military Day protest was extremely one-sided. The intent of the demonstration was not, as your reporter editorialized, to create a disturbance, but only to bring to the attention of the Administration, and of the rest of the school in a massive run for publicity and attracting attention, the fact that Tech's best students are being denied the right to vote in the campus president election. The other charges of interfering with, according to your article, "the usual aims and purposes of the Armory, and our latest effort to stop this line of action." These, in summary, are the facts:

The reasons given by the Campus Patrol for denying the protesters entrance were not the usual excuse of being too late. As your article states: "The Armory had not been rented by the ROTC for the occasion, as stated in the Campus Patrol. It also seemed clear to the demonstrators that Military Day was not an invitation only event, since only the demonstrators were being denied entrance."

Captain Sydney's threat to jail the demonstrators on the trumped up charge of 'loitering on the Danforth Armory' (not just on the Armory as stated in your article) was an unfortunate overreaction to the situation, as it destroyed any desire of the protesters to cooperate willingly. The other charges of interfering with public assembly, disturbing the peace, and picketing without a license, were never mentioned to the students and were not intended. As the Armory had not been rented by the ROTC, the writer checked and was told that the buildings were not occupied by them.

In summary, the Military Day protest would have resulted entirely peacefully if not for the provocative threats of the Campus Patrol and the reaching up of several protest letters so many years back, previous Techniques not excluded. What remains is a highly readable attempt to commit the essence of Tech to picture and print. Some might complain of a few disparaging remarks (as we received), some will miss the activity group shots, many will agree with the positions and the essays—but overall, the book establishes a new style and a new wave which we dearly believe to possess in successive volumes. Who knows? Maybe Technique rush will begin again.

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