Poetry reading

Poet Field's warmth evident

By John Lovecostein

The poetry reading given by Edward Field last Wednesday in Hayden Library was thoroughly refreshing. The audience, unusually large for a poetry reading at MIT, received him very well. Mr. Field read until his voice gave out.

Edward Field is a warm, sensitive person who conveys his message of love and laughter by means of his poetry. The poetry uses vivid imagery to present his themes. It is remarkable how effective this imagery is upon an audience, although it consists of simple language and is drawn from everyday experience. An educational group which enlisted Field to translate several Eskimo poems for children did so because "he was the only one we could think of whose poetry can be understood by ten-year-olds." And indeed, this is true: no exceedingly profound thoughts are contained in the poetry.

Mr. Field read several of the Eskimo poems which "couldn't be read to ten-year-olds." These poems were earthy and primitive, but at the same time they were amusing and bright.

Much of Edward Field's poetry is sentimentat and compassionate; these feelings come across particularly well as he reads the poems. His voice is well suited to his poetry, being soft and full of expression. He intonations, autobiography, anecdotes, and impressions with his poems, increasing the effectiveness of his reading. Unfortunately, Field's poetry is not as effective in print; the personality of the man adds a spark that is simply not captured in the text.

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