Letters to The Tech

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Black employee

To the Editor:

As one of the too few Black employees at MIT, I feel it is neces-
sary to remind the Personnel Of-
fice that, as a natural part of its over-
all responsibility to the Black stu-
dents and the surrounding commu-
nity, MIT must take the necessary
steps to provide job opportunities
within the borders of the Black
community. MIT must actively recruit
Black people, if it cannot be
said that Black communities of Boston
are not made known, specifically, to
MIT. MIT must take these steps to
protect the interests of the whole community
and rectify some of the very faults of
MIT. Professor Thompson, formerly of _the
Harvard Press_, criticizes MIT in his book _Experiencing Archi-
tecture_. Professor Thompson charges
MIT with being discriminatory in its hiring practices
and abusive condemnation of a few of
the students. If MIT has faults, they are
especially as an educational insti-
tution, MIT must actively recruit
Black people to fill jobs, for what
good is an education, be it profes-
sional or secretarial, if it cannot be
used? It is hypocritical to offer an education to Black people, but
not to actively recruit Black em-
ployees. Equal effort must be made in
both areas.

As initial steps, the personnel
office might make extra efforts to
seek out and hire the Black com-
nunity to inform its members that
openings exist at MIT and that a great effort
will be made to fill the proper jobs
with the proper people. These are only a few of
mitigating steps that may be
made. MIT must be made aware of the plight of
the Black people, and MIT must be
made aware of the continual variegation of the foliage, and the
beauty to be found in the fall of the leaves.

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expecting 277 fellowship holders.
Stanford is third with 185, followed
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Berkeley (164), Princeton (99), and
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With the 57 MIT students who
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Innissire critic

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The March issue of Innisfree con-
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by one of this contrived culture's
critics, and even, it seems, of the age of cre-ation.

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Humanities Department and now
at York University in Toronto,
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