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well worth the reading by any MIT student. Those who heard Dr. Bush castigating GM at the open meeting of CAJC and the Corporation Executive Committee last May, or who have read any of his many books, have difficulty dismissing his capacity for evaluating leadership as off-handedly as Mr. Eddleman. Neither Dr. Thorn of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital nor attorney Joseph Wade seem to be part of the "Military-Industrial-University Complex." whatever that is.

Finally, with respect to the fears I have heard expressed around campus that the Corporation might impose a Hayakawa-like figure on MIT, or some other person equally antipathetic to students and faculty, I would suggest that they overestimate the power of a president to move an institution without broad support from both students and faculty. A president without such support wouldn't last a month, and it is not likely that the Corporation would be so foolish as to select someone who was not acceptable to the Institute community.

Mr. Eddleman seems to imply that picking a President is a process of winnowing one from the many. In these times, it is more a question of how many of the one who will even take the job. I applied the General Assembly for forming a task force to examine the Presidency; the Corporation was slow to act at fault for not having proposed a student committee complimentary to the Faculty Advisory Committee. Clearly, there is an opportunity here for constructive change. But I would suggest that the final choice of a President should be in the hands of persons dedicated to the long-term welfare of MIT, and more interested in the immediate faculty and student body.

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Introducing MIT?

(Ed. Note - Prof. Greeley sent this letter to Mr. Eddleman with a note asking him to publish it in The Tech, saying "... We would be happy to have our article go to that wider audience."

Dear Wells (Eddleman):

I read with interest the parody on our leaflet "Introducing MIT," published over the name of you and two others in the August 4 issue of The Tech. I'm sure that, to some, it will appear to have a bright as well as humorous quality. Nevertheless, it seems to me that persons who are presumed to be as responsible as you three should recognize the difference between "excerpts" in quotes and parody or caricature or paraphrase, so presented.

The fact that some of you took the time to work over Introducing MIT this way suggests that you may have had affirmative reasons, beyond just plain fun, for wanting to revise some of the statements in this leaflet. I wish this were the case, because we earnestly solicit constructive suggestions, from students and others interested in MIT. We do not accept the parody which you published as constructive; but we would urge that whoever has the kind of time required to prepare such a parody focus his efforts in constructive directions.

Remember, Introducing MIT is intended for those who want a quick, realistic picture of MIT, anticipating that they may wish to attend. Hence, we want it to attract, on the basis of honest statements, those whom you would like to have join you as students at MIT. And contrariwise, if it is going to warn someone to stay away, it should be those whom we, both students and faculty, believe would be better off elsewhere.

Anytime any of you have time not demanded by such "stupid activities" as running (defunct?) newspapers or "powerless" student government, we would quite seriously, welcome hearing from you as to how you really think Introducing MIT could be made more effective in furthering its purpose.

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