Letters to The Tech

Wellesley bus

To the Editor:

In connection to the overcrowding on the MIT-Wellesley buses, the students and faculty of the scholars’ joint committee have been meeting to alleviate the problem. Due to the large number of cross-registrants this term, there is adequate space on the bus for legitimate, i.e., going to or from class, use. However, a considerable number of students, particularly those from Wellesley, make frequent use of the bus for non-regimented purposes. There is also a marked reluctance among students to stand and wait to those going to class. If the situation does not improve, the only solution that appears to be ticket issuing. Tickets would be given to cross-registered students and not made available to the general public. Those bearing the tickets would have priority boarding the bus which could afterward be filled with people not possessing tickets, thus the bus could remain free and those going to class would be protected. In the meantime students are encouraged to use private transportation to avoid heavily crowded times on the bus.

James Silverman
MIT-Wellesley Comm.

Commons Increases

To the Editor:

I am writing to comment on the increase of the MIT Commons. I understand the idea of providing students with a place to eat between classes, but the additional cost is unacceptable. Last year, the cost of living at MIT was already high for many students. I believe that the increase in the commons costs is a reflection of the general increase in costs across the country.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Invasion of Privacy

To the Editor:

I wish to comment on a matter which must greatly concern the American people and the MIT community in particular.

Senator Samuel Erwin (D-NC) recently made another of those public statements designed to arouse the US public to the grave threats to our Constitutional rights of privacy and individual freedom posed by misuse of information power. It is disturbing that reports of widespread military investigation into the affairs of civilians "in the interest of public safety" have fallen on deaf or perhaps deafeningly deaf ears, without any consideration of the invasion of such incursions and excursions into society and information. It cannot be understated that such actions are an invasion of the Constitution of the United States and threats to our individual freedom. In consideration of priorities, we can enjoy a rejuvenated enfranchisement of living without a renewed tradition of individual freedom to exhibit information power abuse? Surely the dangers to our society and individual liberty are just as menacing, if not more so, than radical disease. Bureaucrats with working assumptions of the group and individual activities must make us ask if the nation is not in real or potential threats to our individual freedom.

Sincerely,

[Name]

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