Warm bodies wanted; no experience necessary

Actually, we're not that desperate. But the headline does make a point — that no experience is necessary, or even expected, to work on The Tech. In fact, many of the most "successful" people on our staff never lifted a pen, a camera, or an X-Acto knife before they came to M.I.T.

What The Tech does for M.I.T.

There are a number of publications at M.I.T. — four or five undergraduate newspapers, several magazines, a graduate newspaper, and an administration newspaper. The Tech falls into the "undergraduate newspaper" category.

Published Tuesdays and Fridays, The Tech's prime objective is to serve as a newspaper (or the closest approximation possible) for the entire M.I.T. community. As such, much of our effort is concentrated in the gathering and reporting of news — from a viewpoint (that of the undergraduate), but without a bias. Among some of the more significant events covered by The Tech last year were the detailing of a previously unannounced and undiscovered training program for Iranian graduate students in nuclear engineering — a story which some time afterwards received coverage in The New York Times, and the publishing of reports that M.I.T. may have been involved in the transmission of Army files on civilians.

Not all issues at M.I.T. are quite as controversial; however, whenever a controversy does arise, it seems as the M.I.T. community turns to The Tech's edit pages both for the expression of their own views and to read the views of others. In fact, the Iranian issue alone produced six or so pages of opinions, including a special two-page summary, with both sides of the issue represented.

In addition to the regular news and opinion, we have put together several special sections detailing important issues, such as a four-page supplement on a multitude of proposals regarding the reform of M.I.T.'s grading system.

On the less serious side, The Tech has regular arts and literary sections covering the entire spectrum of music, art, books, etc. And, we have the only sports section on campus, giving coverage both to M.I.T.'s 24 intercollegiate sports and the myriad of intramural athletics.

Backing up these "word-producing" departments are a photo staff, whose members have access to some of the best facilities on campus, and our own production staff, which produces both The Tech and income-producing jobs for staff members on typesetting jobs from the M.I.T. community.

What The Tech can do for you

M.I.T. can be a very complex and overwhelming place at times. The pressures and demands of courses, problem sets, and labs can often warp one's attitude towards life at M.I.T. and the world in general.

The Tech offers a very easy way of getting under the surface of M.I.T. and finding out what makes a $250 million a year university run — or finding out why it doesn't.

In addition — actually more importantly — at a school where friendships and friends can be hard to find, The Tech has proven for many to be an extremely active social group. When you are new and want to find some new friends, you'll find them at the Tech.

What you can do for The Tech

As little, or as much, as you wish. There are no time constraints, no minimum numbers of hours per week necessary. Commitments range from writing an article every few issues — maybe two or three hours of work — to performing several jobs at once and spending more time than anyone would imagine possible at M.I.T. (while still getting decent grades).

You can take yourself as far as you want — from a staff member to an editor and maybe even beyond, into the "real world" of journalism, as several recent The Tech alumni have done. It all depends on your inclinations and desires.

Where to find us

That's an easy one. Come by our office on the fourth floor of the Student Center (Room 481) any time. Or do yourself a favor and come next Wednesday night, when we'll be having an open house for all interested would-be staffers, with pizza and soda and lots of people to talk to about your future with The Tech. It's an informal occasion, because we're an informal group. And we hope it will be a valuable experience — for you and for us.

Apply in person at above address