Alcoholism at MIT

To the Editor:

It becomes apparent that The Tech is always on top of student activities, students' problems, and most other things students are doing at MIT. However, I have never heard of the direction of a certain aspect of student life which is taken for granted at MIT.

There is a definite epidemic which permeates through campus and seems to have been around for a long time. Undoubtedly, this development of alcoholism is coupled with that of other problems in the United States.

As an action on campus manifests itself in many ways. Annual, semesterly, and bi-monthly beer-blasts are everywhere — a time for placing a lot more than just an old one.

Campus parties advertised mixed drinks, boozie, etc., are equally common and well attended. Last semester, at least six end-of-term parties, sponsored by different clubs, offered refreshments that included either beer, wine, and ethanol-punch or all three.

Aside from all the scenes at parties, there are lots of individuals who daily or more often choose to call him/lier. Sounds, I speak of Mother Nature could name a dozen mild-mannered students who during the week behave as any typical tool, but come Friday night, they turn into a raging "alco." Currently, vandalism to Institute windows and walls increases at the same rate.

Whether the Dean's office or the Harvard Medical Dept. takes the initiative to help doesn't matter much. However, it would probably be good if the situation were brought out into the open so that more people would realize the damage the are doing to themselves, their friends, and to their Institute. Perhaps A.A. need not yet come to MIT.

Elliott Lach '77
February 27, 1976

LCA assault called provoked

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter written by Joe Abeles criticizing fraternities. Since neither Mr. Abeles nor I actually know all the facts concerning the Lambda Chi Alpha incident I do not feel that his accusation of sexual perversion is fair. Although the incident seems rather bizarre it is only fair to relate this fact.

I would first point out that the term "lie" can be used in two ways. The first, which is emotional, is when the term is used to reject evidence that contradicts cherished beliefs. The second is emotional at all. It describes a statement that somehow is the opposite of the speaker knows, or should know, that it is not so. My reading of the letters in the Dec. 2 and 3 editions of The Tech suggests that "lie" was being used in the second fashion. If the Arabs do not or cannot recognize the distinction, it would go a long way toward explaining their apparent inability to negotiate with Israel in a rational way.

There are two fundamental questions whose answers may well identify the key leaven in resolving the conflict. First, what is about this conflict, these refugees, this land that makes the creation of Israel an "historic injustice"? Two, which may be more basic of all, the first, what is it about Jewish political power in the Middle East that leads the Arabs, especially the Muslims, to so totally reject Israel that they would subject their brethren to a quarter century of dependence on international charity? When the Arab Club produces national answers to these questions, the debate can begin.

Yale Zusman G
February 5, 1976

EAT OR CHOOSE ITSELF, I COULD NOT AGREE

The Tech welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should be signed, but names will be withheld on request. Typed, double-spaced letters are preferred.

Jonathan Prize '79
(A copy of this letter was sent to The Tech.)

More on Mid East debate

To the Editor:

I could not agree more with the MIT Arab Club's call for a "rational discussion" of the events involved in the Middle East Conflict. Too bad they could not resist the temptation to obfuscate.

If one wants to question the whole concept of these rivalries then Mr. Abeles may well have a justifiable grievance, but he should have presented both sides of the story. It is unfair to state that the members of LCA have no sense of morality. Morality is a personal matter and as far as I know it is not determined by one's Greek. Having many friends who live at LCA, I have never noticed their moral values to be much different from those of the general student population. Thank you.

Beth Silverman
February 1, 1976

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