In defense of Thursday story

The Tech received a copy of this letter to Dean for Student Affairs Carol Eisenberg.

To the Editor:

We would like to express our support for Thursday. We feel that the furor over their recent article was made.

To the article can reasonably be supported for the paper. No one is forced to read Thursday. You need not pick up a copy if you don’t wish to risk being offended.

Thursday serves a valuable purpose to the community by discussing controversial issues and by trying to make students see what effect being a student at MIT has on their lives. Thursday has consistently been the only newspaper on campus to concern itself with matters of taste and morality, and many times has overstepped someone’s bounds on these issues. This should not be grounds for censorship or the denial of space to the paper. No one is forced to read Thursday. You need not pick up a copy if you don’t wish to risk being offended.

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In conclusion, while it may be reasonable for individual people named to bring individual suits, we feel that it is entirely unwarranted to consider the closing down of Thursday. We hope that this letter will be indicative of the community support for Thursday that has thus far been rather silent. Naomi Plis ’79

Frans Blom ’77

Editor’s note: The Tech has attempted to provide consistent, balanced coverage of the three issues noted above. Our reporters covered the Iranian training program.

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