New Jersey students demand fair treatment

To the editor:

We understand that you stop using your facilities to propagate anti-New Jersey propaganda.

All too often in recent years your paper has contained vicious anonymous letters due to current sexist practices, would now refrain from such insults. But we refer to none other than the issue of Friday, March 2. Specifically, the two pieces of dishonorable mention are a letter to the editor (whose author, Joseph C. Horvath, would seemingly prefer to be a sexless automaton rather than a warm human being) and a "comic" by Kent Massey. The former ridicules "teaching" yet persecuted by The Tech must undoubtedly be the placement under- consideration of the letter declaring in not so small letters "Women not just 'dowans'" of the comic which belittles and unashamedly depicts MIT women as common tramps. The Tech surely is capable of more class than cheap immature stereotypes.

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KEYNES, MARX SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED

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I have read with distress Roger Kohl's letter to The Tech in the March 6 issue. I would argue that the theories expounded by Marxist members of the Humanities Department represent serious schools of intellectual thought on the social ills which have afflicted millions of people in this century. It is reassuring to expect that everyone has similar perceptions of what happens in the world around them. Marx and Keynes attempted to analyze the serious economic and social problems confronting the poor and disadvantaged and they provided what they sincerely believed were solutions to these problems. But surely many of them realized that there would be serious bodies of thought confronting their theories.

The economic and social conditions for all citizens in this nation are not as ideal as some would like to think. The students of the 60's demonstrated against what they felt to be intolerable wrongs, not from a desire to keep in step with the fashions of the times. If you refuse to admit that there exist frightful wrongs and oppressive conditions, Mr. Kohl, then you must be prepared to suffer 1960's style in perfect equanimity, and not the leftists who try to bring the oppressive conditions in this world to light. The need for MIT to be socially aware is still a very relevant need for our time. There exist a multitude of ideological paths by which this can come into being and MIT should do nothing to limit either the range of thought or the expressive freedom in which MIT students can choose their humanities subjects.

T. M. Curry

Reader complains about placement

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