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Take time to read between the lines

They started cleaning out the offices of Thursday this week. For those of you who are new, Thursday was until last year the other newspaper on campus.

They were irresponsible, obnoxious, untrustworthy, unrefined, and disgusting—but I don’t blame them. This week, you see, irresponsible as they were, they knew what was news.

Not that they always knew how to report it accurately, mind you. But they knew what issues deserved to be called real news and, unlike any medium on this campus today, they wasted no time in shouting about it.

Lots of information gets disseminated around this campus each week. It’s become very easy to take it all on face value. But there’s often something behind it in the way of slow analysis. While it’s easy to nod and accept such a sentiment, hard questions about whether the Institute’s offerings are as varied and balanced as they should be will only grow in the future.

— Last week, The Tech Talk announced the creation of a Sustaining Fellowship Program. While the Reservoir Society is the institute but also draws into its orbit new friends and supporters who might not otherwise know what is available to them at the Institute today than they make room for a parking lot.

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Note: he hoped will be useful in the MIT program and in the design of a new theater which is now being planned at the Institute. What the reader does not know is that the theater cited has been cancelled to make room for a parking lot.

— The Report of the President and Chancellor, which was included in Tech Talk last week declared: “Our students seem to be making more use of what is available to them at MIT than they did during the previous decade.” Let’s face it, such glamorous optimism does not come in the way of slow analysis. While it’s easy to nod and accept such a sentiment, hard questions about whether the Institute’s offerings are as varied and balanced as they should be will only grow in the future.

Speaking of reading carefully, the Final Report of the Dining Committee is on the Chancellor’s desk. There’s an interesting line at the end where the Committee recommended that the next chess tournament: an intimated estimate of the costs of the program, but the report states “capital costs are likely to be over the order of $100,000.” Believe me, it’s not the Administration’s task to find out what the private members of the administration think it clear that that’s more than MIT will be willing to spend. That won’t stop Combined Room and Board, though.

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Blood Drive starts Oct. 31

To the Editor:

I would like to correct some inaccuracies in the article concerning the TCA-Red Cross Fall Blood Drive. The drive starts on Wednesday, October 31, not on November 1, as stated in the headline. Secondly, the back part of the appointment form lists all reasons for ineligibility. A deferral does not rule out any of these privileges; for that matter, neither does disqualification. As MIT students and staff, we are all entitled to full blood coverage. For the purposes of the TCA, the appointment form is not available in the TCA office (W20-450). There is, in every living group (fraternity, sorority, floor or entity), one person with the forms. In addition, forms may be obtained at the Lobby 7 newsstand cubby (where you pick up copies of The Tech) and in some headquarters.

Schedule your appointment now! Be a pint-sized hero.

Eric A. Soha '81
Full Blood Drive Chairman

Arts events too crowded

To the Editor:

Due to the closing of Kemen Auditorium, the arts events whose locations were changed to smaller halls have been rather overcrowded, specifically the performances of the Lulu Ensemble and the mime Amaranth. To the future reader of these circumstances, I suggest one of two moves be taken. Either members of the MIT community should fight first, with the general public admitted to capacity, or preferably, tickets should be distributed in advance of the event. Any cost in time or funds incurred in these measures would be well-spent to avoid inconvenience or disappointment.

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