Keep urchins out of gym

To the Editor:

There is growing concern over the unauthorized use of MIT's athletic facilities (namely duPont) by Cambridge residents (herein called "urchins"). Each year this unauthorized use is allowed to continue.

The urchins dominate the facilities as if they are in the gym all the weekends. A lot of theft can be directly attributed to these urchins. They constitute a serious security problem.

They gain access to duPont in a fairly easy fashion. One urchin gets in and lets the rest in through side doors. Often doors are propped open to allow easy entrance and exit. The urchins conceal themselves in the weight room and bathroom whenever the Campus Police and duPont workers make spot checks. The CP's and Dupont people have been cooperative but given the present situation it is hard for them to be effective.

Several solutions can be seen:

1. A mandatory presentation of athletic cards in exchange for entrance chips (evenings and weekends).
2. All other doors should be locked to the outside (if this constitutes a fire problem, then have alarms installed at those doors).
3. Regular patrol of the area (by both the CP's and duPont workers).
4. "No trespassing" signs at each entrance.

Finally, this must be a year-round procedure to be successful. Laxity of security in the beginning of each term and during IAP and summer sessions only compounds the problem. We are concerned and hope that corrective measures will be taken soon.

Jason Kaddis '82
Bill Dubuque '82

Commons a raw deal

To the Editor:

Today I had a thoroughly disgusting experience. When I bit into my commons lunch, a "Cheeseburger Deluxe", blood and juices that were still cool squirted all over my face.

I do not have a weak stomach but having to eat near raw meat is lots of yucky disgusting by may be unsafe as well.

I took my complaint, and the cheeseburger, to the general manager of the food service. He was brusque, abusive, and unresponsive. He spoke as though my raw commons burger was a delicacy like steak tartare. I do not see how an incompetent and unapproachable bureaucrat as this could administer a mandatory commons program when he is uncooperative in administering the present services.

Zigurd R. Mednieks '81

Feedback

Celotto clarifies story

To the Editor:

My first reaction to reading in the October 26 issue the article concerning "neglected graduate student housing" was that The Tech intentionally distorts the truth in order to generate controversies on campus so that we don't become bored around here. Obviously, your editorial staff could not be more irresponsible, so I gave you the benefit of the doubt that you just got careless.

The title "GSC claims graduate students neglected" was in error on two accounts. First, since I was the only member of the Council interviewed, my statements can hardly be considered to represent the GSC itself. Some of my colleagues have substantially different opinions.

Secondly, and more important, there has been a significant increase in attention paid to graduate student concerns by the Administration within the past two years and we are not being neglected. One of the results of the review conducted by Vice President Simonides and the subsequent reorganization of the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs was the improvement of services to graduate students. I believe, and I am sure that the students who have used the services of the GSA would agree, that the reorganization was successful. Further, the activities which the GSA hopes to hold for graduate students are only possible as a result of an increase in the Council budget funded by the DSA.

There are several other minor inaccuracies in the article which are not as critical. I am glad that at least The Tech initiated an article about graduate students and welcomes continued, although more responsible, exposure.

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