feedback

SIPB: only students

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I am angry at the manner in which the SIPB was mentioned in Richard Salz's editorial "Keeping it pure." I would not object to the SIPB's inclusion in this article if Mr. Salz had given any justificaton for including it. At the least, offered some justification for including each of the other organizations mentioned. The SIPB does not have any student/nonstudent ratio problems as far as anyone concerned, which Mr. Salz would have found out had he bothered to ask. The SIPB's voting membership is restricted to current enrolled students, and they can hold office or vote on issues presented to the board. There are associate nonstudent members who serve as advisors and assistants to the board, and whose experience and expertise are heavily relied on. They do not, however, in any way discourage student members from taking on responsibilities. Mr. Salz obviously wasn't aware of any specific problem of the SIPB or else he would have addressed it in this article, not in the SIPB. If The Tech's staff is really concerned with the lack of student participation in student organizations, I have a positive suggestion. Why not run a weekly or biweekly feature article on a particular organization, slanted to describe why it is rewarding to be a member of that organization? Perhaps you could even get members in each organization to write, or assist in writing, the article (I volunteer). These features would prove interesting to your potential readers, and would possibly be the most effective publicity available to student organizations.

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Student Information Processing Board

Disrupting business

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a book? I have enough things to put up with throughout the course of a day without this sort of foolishness.

After I cooled off a bit I thought about my own student days during the sixties. I experienced many uncertainties and frustrations during that time. I sought out avenues of release, and I admit that often I did things that were non-constructive, even destructive. Yet along with all this, I learned much and to try out so many new things as when one is a student. I realized that there is probably no more difficult time than these.

And as members of the so-called adult world should listen to the stream of student thoughts and ideas from time to time in order to refresh the perspective in our own lives.

I only ask that students understand that it is very difficult for working people to make a go of it during these difficult times. Additional hassles are just not needed nor are they appropriate. So the next time you contemplate taking a chalkboard check down the Coolidge Bank to be cashed, please consider all of the consequences of your actions.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS

Hearings for seats on the Institute Committees will be held February 24th and 25th. Interviews will be held for positions on the following committees:

Equal Opportunities Committee

Medical Advisory Board

Committee on Safety

Committee on Toxic Chemicals

Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility

Dining Advisory Board

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