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Several instances of vandalism of bulletin boards in the Institute have been brought to the attention of the MIT Human Relations Board and the Dean for Student Affairs Office. The Zionist Alliance bulletin board and the Mexican-American Student Association bulletin board were both vandalized on March 18 between 7:30pm and 10:30pm. Both of these bulletin boards are located in the Infinite Corridor.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert Randolph said, "It needs to be the minority groups' bulletin boards that are vandalized," and added, "People are only concerned about this kind of thing when it's their bulletin board that is vandalized."

Jeremy Barkan '81, a member of the Institute Human Relations Board as well as the Zionist Alliance, stated, "A number of professors have suggested that this term," He mentioned the vandalism of bulletin boards, the defacing of Hall poster, the Pal Lampa Pi incident, and the defacing of a Martin Luther King poster as examples and added, "This shows that this is not just a few isolated instances." Barkan noted that the Human Relations Board intends to draft a statement next week to be published in The Tech which will "show that the Institute in no way condones this kind of activity."

Barkan hoped that other groups such as Gay's at MIT (GAMIT), Hillel, and MASA will help the Human Relations Board draft this statement, but he was concerned that "we're not getting input from the student body."

Randolph commented, "We're really interested in raising the consciousness of the community and having a community response rather than a Dean's Office response."

According to Randolph, the bulletin boards are located in well-traveled areas around MIT, and "students who see these things." He was encouraged by a few instances in which students kept vandalism from destroying MIT property.

"The issue is clear," Randolph said. "We're not going to receive equity positions..."

The question is: what can the individual do about it?"