Contest is sexist, archaic

To the Editor:

I have a few questions for the people who wrote in favor of Homecoming Queen. To the men who urged us not to vote for a male as queen because she "fulfills a vital and necessary role"—they never told us what it was. As for the women who were so glad that they finally were being treated like women, you can get treated like that anywhere, wouldn't it be nicer to be treated like a person, rather than an object? Eric Brandt and others—I was also at that forum and disagree that everyone there was a ghastly showerless nerd. Not all opponents of Homecoming Queen are ugly people—have you taken a good look at Kinta Four lately?

Several people seemed to think that if you don't want a queen, you're the type that wouldn't participate in Homecoming anyway. Untrue. The existence of a queen might keep us away in protest but without it, a lot of the activities look fun. They went over really well last year without having a queen. To the man who gave us a long list of schools with Queens, why don't you go to one of them? Since when did we start following the example of other schools. In reference to it being just like football and cheerleading, wrong again! A lot of people cheer for football players as a compliment to their athletic abilities, something they've had to work on and develop so it deserves attention. The same with cheerleaders—many are trained gymnasts. Cheering for them is rewarding hard work, not being sexist. Electing someone to preside over a game as a symbol of beauty—that's sexist, and archaic. A funny thing about those letters in the last Tech—four of them were from the same fraternity, which is the same house that the Homecoming coordinator is from. Does this smell like a railroad?

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Tony Gray
Editor's Note: Homecoming Coordinator Jim Olivo '82 did not solicit any of the letters sent to The Tech.

Many supporting contest are from same fraternity

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With regard to the apparent outpouring of enthusiasm for the institution of a Homecoming Queen, this year demonstrated in the letters printed in last week's Tech, a few minutes of research will make clear that it originates mainly at Pi Lambda Phi (PLP), the group of fine young men who last year brought us several poat's heads in the coffee urn and the concentrated efforts of our students who wrote in favor of it. As for the women who were so glad that they finally were being treated like women, you can get treated like that anywhere, wouldn't it be nicer to be treated like a person, rather than an object?

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