Spies at MIT?

Serious allegations of spying on and by Taiwanese students have been under discussion at MIT, but confusion about the meaning of two key words in the controversy — anonymous and spying — has led some students to dismiss the accusations without adequate consideration.

The spying charges first appeared in writing in an anonymous letter to the Dean’s Office and the Chemical Engineering Department early in September. Some Taiwanese graduate students have contended that the allegations, solely by virtue of their anonymous nature, must be based on untruths. The writers of the letter are not, however, anonymous to those conducting the investigation. Their desire to remain unknown to the community at large is understandable — and not without risk of their belief that they and their families are in danger.

The term spying evokes images of illegal wiretapping and clandestine activities. But in its use in connection with this incident it is confusing. What the Taiwanese students are allegedly doing is reporting to the Taiwan government on the conduct and morals of their fellow students. While these charges may not be as sensational as those of James Bond-style activities, they are as important and deserving of immediate investigation.

Invasion of privacy is a serious charge. A 1978 open letter to the President of MIT that focused on the same charging techniques has stressed the right of an MIT student to study without fear of spying on, or in the case of the resolution, any form of harassment. The open letter has had the same effect on open discussion of political and social issues as overt limitations on freedom of speech.

An A.M.Я new lesson for the Dean’s Office

If it’s not one thing, it’s another. In previous years, mis-calculations by the Dean’s Office have caused overcrowding in the summer housing invasion; this year, wrong guesses have resulted in 76 vacant rooms.

Last year, tightness in the Boston and Cambridge housing markets caused record overcrowding. As a result, the members of student housing were forced to give some of the vacancies returning to dormitories to be high, and record overcrowding occurred. These figures were revised this year, but different estimates went awry. The assumption that fifty percent of the residents of dormitories would be housed in dormitories proved three times too high.

Continued growth of housing availability is one of the least exact sciences practiced at the Institute. All that can be asked of the Dean’s Office is that they make an honest effort to adjust their estimates to the situation. Each situation is different, and the members of this student housing must receive as much information as possible.

While this phenomena can be accounted for by revising some figures, a better solution would be to treat transfer and readmitted students equally, and guarantee them housing early enough to avoid conflict with lease deadlines. In addition to being fair, such a policy would help to avoid conflict with lease deadlines. In addition to being fair, such a policy would help to

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I believe that they are not generally paid directly for their reports (although I may be wrong), but among other benefits, they do have the opportunity to get free round-trip tickets back to Taiwan for summer vacations.

According to my observations, the basic difficulty of the spying issue is the inflexibility of the mentality of those handful of "patriotic" Chinese students who are spying on others. They, like their government, do not want to publicize the embarrassingly small number of students that are not.

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There are a few facts that are not shared by social or political views. The government of Taiwan has a lot to live with. The best they can do is to try to be quiet and apologetic. If they cannot do so, then that's too bad.

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Queen instills spirit

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Humanities booklet is embarrassing

Editor's note: This is a copy of a letter sent to Professor Peter H. Smith, head of the Department of Humanities, on September 9, 1981.

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