The Tech, Friday, November 6, 1981

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intended the MIT community was interpreted by some as being offensive.

The day before Halloween was a fertile one for campus publications.
This newspaper heralded the appearance of George Bush on campus, as The Tech, and The Tech, and I think valid for the attention of passersby is.

Severely serious irregularities in the production of 4 Tech created concern among the staff of the newspaper being parodied, but these were mostly resolved over the weekend. Had this been the only problem it would have been tolerable to some, but all, turnabout is fair play. A Tech was a generally well-written parody, and most Tech editors will grudgingly concede that the issue - especially the arts page, photo essay, and comic strip - was very funny.
The letters to the editor written for 4 Tech were clearly spoofs of current campus issues, were tongue-in-cheek, and they detracted from the humor in the remainder of the parody. Shortly after the newspaper hit the stands, student reporters expressed concern about the attitudes toward gays and women espoused in the letters. This issue is still under discussion.

The fire event toward the feeling of others - even in a humorous setting - should never be tolerated. Nevertheless, when the time comes to determine what penalties should be imposed on the perpetrators, the context in which the offending words appeared must be considered. Surrounded as they were by Mutley sarcastic articles and graphics, the letters may seem somewhat out of place to be harmful. Perhaps the campus is losing its sense of humor. Once upon a time, however, crusade curate books did appear on campus was interpreted as personal affronts. One issue of The Baiter's Reamer - a special all-sex edition - was obscene enough to provoke interest at the Federal level.

A good joke requires compromise on the part of extremists on both sides to stem the effects. The pranksters should at least think before they strike; the victims should accept the jest in the spirit in which it was intended.

Such a situation could give rise to two parodies a happy

The following responses to the advertisements should be acknowledged in the manner which they seek.

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This week, the MIT Administration was not the only group which made mistakes in this affair. Once word of Bush's appearance spread, several groups decided to protest it. These groups listed various Reagan Administration policies. A rally was held, but organizations promoting the demonstration missed an important chance to show any adhesive, unified dissatisfaction with Reagan's policies. Instead of a coherent rally, Friday's event was a melee in which different groups shouted their personal philosophies, never coalescing behind a single theme.

The most frightening fear of all, however, was made by the Vice President in choosing the topic of his speech. Bush's address to a group of elite MIT students would have been an excellent opportunity to reassure jitters of the Reagan Admin-

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