Column Gerard Weatherby

Arguments should rely on truth, not insults

"This means that every citizen, student or not, informed or not, has a right to express their views alone or in a group. Please keep such absurd analogies to yourself.

"Why, if you are so secure in your superior intelligence, must you then make these insults?" "But that is because you are truly, the real losers!"

Believe it or not, all of the above quotes come from a single letter, written in response to Kevin Smith's column of November 10. The letter that started by stating that the author was sorry to read Dr. Smith's column.

To the writer and all those who are sorry they read that column, I would recommend they simply stop reading his columns. I have done so for a while, and I find it refreshing to hear an argument, whether among students, faculty or not, informed or not, your superior 'intelligence,' must keep such absurd analogies to yourself. I have not read a letter, written in response to any of these freedom for people that agree with them. Should not everyone be allowed, even encouraged, to express their viewpoint, whether it be in The Tech, or Kresge oval, within the living group, or is the effort? After all, the right of one person to speak does not necessarily imply an obligation of others to listen. I would find it refreshing to hear an argument, whether among friends, or in the pages of The Tech, that did not quickly degenerate into an exchange of personal insults.

To the Editor:

I am writing in reply to your article on the MIT/Wellesley joint program proposal. This proposal, in its present form, is entirely unjust.

It has often been said that the hardest part about an MIT education is getting accepted to MIT in the first place. The admissions office has repeatedly admitted that they have many more qualified people than they have spaces. What the MIT/Wellesley joint degree program proposes to do is allow students to earn an MIT degree without ever having gone through this highly selective admissions process. How can one fail to see the injustice being done to the thousands of applicants who were not accepted by MIT?

It should be made clear that there is no doubt that a Wellesley student could handle the workload here and it surely would be a beneficial program for students of both schools, yet we must examine the other side of the issue. What if an applicant were admitted to Wellesley and not to MIT? This person now has the capability of earning a BS at MIT, an opportunity which she was denied by due process. Not only is this abuse of the program unfair to non-admitted MIT applicants, it is especially unfair to males against whom Wellesley admissions policy so blatantly discriminates.

Given the above injustices of the proposed program, I see no course of action but to require anyone receiving a degree at either school to go through that school's respective admissions office.

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Board cuts funds

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will yield marginal returns. Members of the community, who are usually here for four years, will have one subsidized exposure per year, and if interested will attend other events of the group. Although this document was never formally agreed upon as a statement of Finance Board policy, their actions make clear that this is their attitude in practice.

At a time when relations between different cultural and ethnic groups on campus are so strained, we feel that Finance Board is not doing the MIT community a great disservice by making the existence of such groups difficult. Further, we do not accept that it is Finance Board's place to say that a non-cultural activity is inherently better than a cultural one.

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