Editorial

Another new beginning

As control of The Tech passes to a new Board of Directors, we feel it is important that the new editors publicly state their goals for the paper in the year to come. Any newspaper deservers the name of is obliged to present its readers with unbiased coverage of events that effect them directly or indirectly. For most of its existence, The Tech has provided the only unbiased coverage of many events. The Tech's monopoly necessitates even more than usual attention to accurate reporting of such news.

Both The Tech and the MIT community have to take some aspects of Tech reporting for granted. Every year, the paper covers the same familiar issues, such as tuition increases, in the same manner. Because of this, some have called The Tech stodgy and traditional. We will make conscious efforts to provide analytical, insightful reporting that reveals more than just the surface of an issue, both for ourselves and for our readers.

We also plan to move our reportage in directions not fully explored by The Tech previously. We are dissatisfied with our attention to many local, state, and national issues that have an impact upon MIT and its students. On a plane, sports and entertainment are important parts of the lives of many of our readers, and we hope to provide the more expansive and electric coverage our readers deserve.

A newspaper's editorial pages should serve as a forum for the community. Columns and editorials should provide reasoned comment and draw attention to topics needing scrutiny. During this next year we will be working to expose our readers to a number of voices.

Yet we realize that no newspaper can be all things to all its readers. We will, therefore, actively support the development of independent alternative newspapers on campus.

Whether you are a member of the newspaper's staff or a reader of The Tech, we invite you to join us as we round the milepost of our centennial. It will be an exciting time for The Tech; we hope you like it.

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I had a rotten vacation. I must give my parents credit, however, as my Chanukah present was very imaginative: when I returned home they told me they were withdrawing me from the institute.

After about an hour of screaming, jumping up and down, and protesting in every way imaginable, I resigned myself to my fate. "The best laid plans..." I guess.

I have had a colorful career at the Tech, peppered with all sorts of diversions, and it seems fitting that I bid a few farewells. Thanks to SCC for my short stay there, Sira's Rats, Studio 84 and a Stewart Award nomination Goodbye, TCA; everyone should run a blood drive, or at least donate blood regularly. More people know me as the Blood Clump than by name. I wager, and I will never be more proud of an achievement than of producing HoTAMMIT 12.

Alpho Phi Omega (APO, if you must) is not the same as when I pledged, and that is a shame. It deserves many more kudos than it has received for its good works on- and off-campus. Thank you, brothers, for allowing me to join you in friendship, leadership, and service. I am honored to be a part of your ranks.

In addition, a quick "Bye" to my friends on the Freshman Rules Committee. May your future quizzes be humorous and your administrative hassles be few.

Too bad the Dean's Office isn't more beloved; they are among the newest folks at the Institute. Despite the horror stories some students tell about this or that brand of the USA, the Deans really do go out of their way to be helpful folk. Even the people I've had run-ins with are reasonable folk (you know who you are). I hope the same crew, more or less, is still here when I return, particularly Barbara Chuck, Dean Bob (Sherwood) and Dean Bob (Rudolph).

Goodbye to The Tech. I was picked pink to be elected Arts Editor for Volume 102, and am extremely upset at being unable to serve in this capacity. Among the crazies I have met at MIT, Tech staffers are among the most normative—there's no such thing as normal. I hope to return someday and reclaim my post.

I'm loyal about having to leave, but one cannot have everything in this world. The Institute is still my home, and probably always will be. I shall miss all of you whom I know personally.

I won't miss some of my many memories accumulated over too many years. I was witness to Grego I, Grego II, the Great Christmas Tree Controversy, and the disastrous "evening at Smith College." I've been fleshed during Rush Week, showered, and teased. I attended my class's graduation, too many LSC movies, and too few lectures. I've been seen at Walkley and Simmons, and have spent a few happy hours in the Public Garden and at Father's. I have been to Talbot House, have guzzled generic beer and have taken more than my share of interessants, both licit and illicit. I even fell in love for the first time. What more could I want of the best years of my life?

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