One obvious rebuttal to my criticisms is, "Try to improve it yourself, smartass." The recent appeal for a new arts editor punctuated The Tech's open-door policy. I could place as many brilliant, flaw-less articles as I could write (find the zinger, but I have other things to do with my time. I reserve the right to criti-cize, though, because The Tech's faults are its own, not mine.

I do have one constructive comment, though it is probably unworkable given The Tech's cozy position on campus: be an editor. Reject pieces; demand revision; recruit more conscientiously than the usual "work for The Tech" ads; and, if the raised standards sift out too much chaff, don't publish until you have enough work publishing. Link and Ergo (and the Shakespeare Ensemble and the Committee on Central America and the Brass Ensemble) produce better work (when they can) because they have to: their existences are not guaranteed, and neither is their recognition.

In spite of its trumpeted one-hand-ed-plus-year history, The Tech is not so valuable that it should be printed merely to fulfill its lucrative advertising commitments. Issue-to-issue quality is more important than mainte-nance of a "tradition" few of us should be printing merely to fulfill an ad-hoc desire of their members. Issue-to-issue quality is more important than mainte-nance of a "tradition" few of us will experience for more than four years.

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