Opinion

Faulding MIT's nerds

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to an extent unheard of among socially-well-adjusted nerdophbic students of an "engineering mentality." I use the term "nerd" not in the sense of a course of study, but to describe a state of mind and particularly a world view (Weltanshauung to you, too!) Allow me to illustrate.

Most members of the engineering faculty are not "engineers." Why else would they be here when they could be in high-paying, possibly managerial positions outside "this little bubble we call MIT?" Many academics in engineering departments are "engineers." Why else would they hate what they study so much, yet continue to study it? All the above are engineers. Who else would believe four years of military servitude is an education? (No, I am not one of them.)

"Students" who take courses because they look fun are not "engineers." Students who come to MIT because it seems like a sound financial investment are "engineers." "Engineers" are responsible for all the world's ills. And will anyone out there defend them?

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