Disputes library's choice of Greek newspapers

To the Editor:
MIT, being interested in supporting its foreign students, provides them with the opportunity to be informed about their national affairs, by subscribing to daily newspapers of their country, which can be found in the Student Center Library. This is welcomed by everybody.

Among the privileged students, we Greeks "enjoy" reading two newspapers; namely Kathimerini ("The Daily News") and ("The Radicalist"). We would like to question the choice of the latter for the following reasons:

(1) As the title may imply and as written exactly below the name Rizospastis on the front page is, "The official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Greece" (The Moscow-aligned Communist Party).

(2) Moreover, this particular newspaper represents only about 11 percent of the Greek population as indicated by the last general elections of 1981.

(3) The average daily circulation of Rizospastis, as furnished by The News Association of Greece (ESIEA), was 46,226 copies in 1982, which is exactly just 3% of the total average daily circulation of 924,392 copies. It is interesting to note that there exist some newspapers with daily circulation well above 110,000 copies.

(4) Finally, the views of Rizospastis should not represent the beliefs of any of the Greek students studying in United States universities, since every student, in order to take a visa, is required by the immigration authorities to sign a form which declares that: "The student does not have any connection with the Communist Party or any related party."

It is therefore rather strange and peculiar that this newspaper is preferred over others, which not only offer a more objective and wider coverage of news, but which are also more indicative of the MIT Greek students' preferences.

This view is shared by many Greek students, who would certainly appreciate a quick change reflecting their expectations from the Institute.

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