The same is true of Kampf's "jokes" to the president of the MIT Zionist Alliance. People in public positions must show", "blacks as "shvartzes." Jackson has admitted to child doomed from birth.

Robert E. Malchman

Letter from the editor

The Tech received the following letter from the editor.

To the Editor:

Your lead "Early morning stroll a real drag" pounds round Feb 28 is revealing. The editor distorts the facts. A man was struck by a car, killed, dragged for quite some miles and mutilated beyond recognition. He died in a hospital emergency room and you make a joke of it. It is also inappropriate to call the entanglement of the corpse to the suspension of the car "a ride." I am also not sure if the staff saw this and passed it?

I hope you rectify this in the victim's relatives or friends work at MIT and see your round up.

Lisa Nunez '84

The news round up item was a comprehensive look at all errors, all of which are our fault, both editorially and organizationally. I wrote the section at the last moment to fill the space allotted to news round up.

News Editor Jackie M. Elias, who wrote the other sections and whose name ran under news round up, was in no way responsible for the item.

As editor in chief, I have final say over the remaining content of the Tech, so there was no one to overlook the improper handling of the item. It also makes my fault that Elias was erroneously identified with the item. She believes the item was in poor taste, and I apologize to her for associating her with the Tech.

News round up has been a place where the Tech occasionally turns out not to be a source for the information. The Tech is a service to you, the readership. What was it? Your headline "Early morning stroll a real drag" has no substance. How much do you have to pay the writer? How can you prove it is "Early morning stroll a real drag?"

"That's it, Plebney, I'll be straight with you since it's coming for me, too. I'm sure you could produce a few more of those columns if you wanted to see them coming up with real taste, and I'd pay this guy to hang around MIT and claim to be the writer. Murray decided he does a lousy job at The Tech as an organization. He does a good job with Murray and others that the headline was in poor taste. I also believe that just as all members of the organization share pride and dignity for the Tech does a good job, they likewise bear responsibility for something incorrect or offensive that appears in the Tech. If someone makes a poor job or offends its readers, d. i. doesn't. The editor in chief bears personal responsibility for something incorrect or offensive that appears in the Tech.

In this case especially, I refuse to accept responsibility for any such item. I am not responsible for the Tech organization in any way. It's an exclusively responsibility to the music business, not to someone who is in the Tech organization in what was exclusively responsibility to me.

In any case, I am sorry if any was taken.

V. Michael Bove

Truth is now revealed

A long-time acquaintance and sometime friend from Harvard, Standish L. Piesey ('80 spotted me the other afternoon as I was taking a shortcut through the Yard. (Standish L. Piesey isn't quite his real name, but he writes columns for a rival newspaper, and doesn't want to be made a fool of in print unless it's his own.)

"Hey, Mike -- I've been mean- ing to congratulate you. I've been reading exchange issues of the Tech over in our office. I assume this is a service to you and the student body."

"What stunt? Full-page piece -- pages?"

"No, you turkey, I'm talking about those Simon N. Garfunkel columns. What a way to make sure everyone reads the opinion pages! It got away from me all at once after we had that scandal over the editorial page in the International Review turning out not to be a student, etc."


"Oh, I don't doubt that there's some real hero running around MIT selling people's this or Gar- funkel guy. You folks would lose too much credibility by gag- ging these columns at Father's or whoever, if you couldn't produce a suitably obnoxious sup- posed author. How much do you have to pay the guy?"

"Pays him!"

"C'mon, I know how you speak the news lines at The Tech. I'm sure you could produce a few of those columns if you wanted to see them coming up with real taste, as the above letter and the others who were present..."

Robert E. Malchman

Editorial

Lack of candidates is unfortunate

Elections for next year's Undergraduate Association offices fell on March 14. The spring ballot, however, offers the MIT student body the opportunity to consider none of the candidates running for the Undergraduate Association.

David M. Libby, former leader of the UA General Assembly, and Stephanie L. Scheidler '85, an Associate of Student Activities representative to the UA Finance Board, are the sole candidates of students seeking the top two offices.

This situation is unfortunate, to say the least. Absent any announced write-in candidates, students will have the "choice" of only one team which represents a solitary set of ideas. Libby and Scheidler will be elected to office without a true mandate from the student body. They will head a new General Assembly without knowing how much support they have.

Ideally the spring election process should provide a forum for meaningful discussion between candidates and other students which in turn would draw more of the student body into political involvement. They should be a breeding ground for new ideas.

This year's situation, however, provides no incentive for such discussion. The U.A. president and vice-president, who will be chosen on March 14, should not be a Thursday night get-together, though. Members of the community should attend and present their views on student government.

There are real choices that students must face, regardless of the candidates running for office. Students should think about what form their government should take. A presi-

dential term born from student apathy would surely be a sickly child doomed from birth.

Ethnic slurs show lack of judgment

Recent remarks by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and MIT Provost of Literature Louis Kampf show a serious lack of judgment on the parts of both individuals. Jackson has admitted to calling Jews "Hymies," and Kampf confirmed referring to blacks as "shvartzes."

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