Discipline can be first step to drug help

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While abuse, at the same time assuming the responsibility and risk of a tragedy and/or legal and economic consequences of the law.

We do not believe that students have the right — and most would not willingly wish to — implicating others in their personal choice to abuse drugs. This is not a simplistic plea to “obey the law,” we believe drug abuse laws, in particular, should be the concern of the abuser and the law, and not implicate a third party — namely the tutor.

Past and present drug related incidents have served to bring to our attention both the tragic and near tragic aspects of drug abuse that impair a student’s ability to function at MIT. These can be addressed by sharing information and showing concern for each other within a dormitory community without violating privacy or “reporting.” Further discussion is necessary of when drug related behavior is in need of help or discipline, what the disciplinary options are, and when discipline can be the first step toward help. It serves no one in the residential community to remain in ignorance of these issues.

We are still considering further changes to our own proposal draft and would welcome further discussion. The Tech has raised the concern of the special relationship between tutors and students, and we believe it would serve the need to understand tutors’ positions and the relationship more fully, to extend the public discussion.

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Good friends won’t leave you flat.

The moon was up, the stars were out and—pfft!—your rear tire was down. Good thing there was a phone nearby. And a few good friends who were willing to drive a dozen miles, on a Saturday night, to give you a lift. When you get back, you want to do more than just say “thanks.” So tonight, let it be Löwenbräu.

Löwenbräu. Here's to good friends.