Karl Horita was one who enjoyed his life at MIT

To the Editor:

In the Jan. 30 edition of The Tech, Diana Ben-Aaron wrote an intriguing column. I was sparked by a "cold little monologue" from Dr. Alan Kandel about the death of a student, Karl Horita '85. Since Miss Ben-Aaron believes that obituaries should be about a person's life, and not their death, I feel compelled, as one of Karl's closest friends, to say a bit about Karl.

In contrast to the perception that many students at MIT are repressed and unhappy that they feel suicidal, Karl was an intrinsically enthusiastic and contented person. He was really fun to be with. It was obvious to all who knew him that he enjoyed life and enjoyed being a student at MIT. He really liked physics and was a skier in Maine. It was random fate; one of those things that you could never know about, one of those things that always happen "to the other guy." Only Karl's death was tragic. I think Karl made a beautiful life for himself and for those around him. He did this by sharing himself with others, relating, caring, having fun, and living every day with all his heart. I think we could all take example from this.

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The lighter side of MIT's numbering system

To the Editor:

Sexism is running rampant in MIT Department of Athletics

A column by Madeleine Wineman in the Jan. 30 edition of The Tech, "A MEL DAMSKI FILM "MISCHIEF,"" provides a system that is just about the most efficient way to number players. Why are they not also numbered? I could understand it if they went by their real names when they were west of Mass. Ave., and by numbers while on the east side, but this is simply not the case. They all go by their actual names no matter where they are.

I have made a (tiresome) effort to correct this anomaly, and I would like to offer it to any sympathetic readers. Why not number each male player at the department, for female players, only the height is presented. The suppression of this important athletic parameter is contrary to the equality with men that women should enjoy in today's society.

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