When the air is cold, it cuts into our skin with the harsh breath of ice. When the moon shines against the clouds, you can see your breath without the streetlights of town. That's what it was like when I was in London for Christmas, fourteen years ago.

Photographs may fade and crinkle and collect dust, but the scenes they depict never change. I can't help but bring them back to my mind every morning, and it's always the same old face. It never changes.

But in these old melange pictures, my parents tower over me, allemy hair was no taller than 3'4". In one photograph, my father looks heavier than he was six-years old, and let me ride on his neck. We scooped me up, even though I was far from the hotel. I began to see the world around me. It was in the moonlight that I first had a nickname. My father looked at me and pressed my face against the terminal.

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Hurricane arriving in all its Gloria

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Obligation to help society

To the Editor:

I am writing to clarify and expand on a few points made in the article "Exchanges broaden MIT's world view," Sept. 23 in The Tech.

The article states that I said "Wellesley students are not allowed to be on UROP payroll." Because that statement implies that Wellesley students cannot receive funding for their UROP projects, I would like it noted that although UROP's own finances are restricted to MIT students, Wellesley students may receive funding from their MIT/UROP faculty supervisors. They may then apply to UROP for waiver of overdraw on that funding.

Also, Wellesley students may apply for funding from the Sea Grant UROP Award and stipend support is available from Wellesley College for both Wellesley and MIT UROPs (as noted in the Awards section of the 1985-86 UROP Directory).

I really don't know how "many students decide to transfer to MIT after getting a taste of scientific research at MIT." I do know a couple of students whose decision to transfer to MIT may have been affected by their positive experiences in UROP.

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