Respect must be deserved

To the Editor: Did it ever occur to Flaumn-

Risons," Oct. 25. I disagree strongly with his opinion that groups who have no respect for the opinions of others deserve the respect of the people who do not respect them.

I should first point out that I do not wish to convey my opinions to any of the causes that have been protested - either I am with or against the protesters in general, and the issues for which they stand.

Flanagan boldly states that we "must respect the opinions of others." Well, I hope Flanagan respects my opinions in that I disagree with his entire approach to the problems of the world and the way people should deal with them. Whether or not I am an "academic community, based on the supposition of the people who protest, I have the right to publicly express my opinions of them or of the issues in question."

Secondly, Flanagan believes that people who do not respect the opinions of others are apathetic. This is ridiculous. Just because I don't take part in "dramatic takeovers and shootings during lecture" or actively take part in some other protest does not make me apathetic. For instance, I could be making better use of my time than writing this article in The Tech, but I don't particularly like being accused of "overwhealing myself" in apathy and (shyly) away from social conscience." Once again, I'm not saying that protesters are evil or that they aren't fighting for just causes. I am saying that one who does not partake in such activities is not necessarily apathetic.

Finally, men and women greater than myself have said that respect is something to be earned. I don't believe that I owe anyone's opinion any respect by default. I may not respect the opinions of certain protesters - that is my right. I don't respect Flanagan's opinion - that is also my right. I respect that Flanagan does not respect my opinion - that is his right. Just as protesters have the right to publicly express their beliefs, people have the right to publicly reject those beliefs. If you wish to be apathetic, that is your right. If you wish to protest, that too is your right. If you choose not to show respect to people who protest, once again that is your right. If you disagree with me, that is also your right. I don't care if you disagree with me - that is my right.

John Swartz '86

City council candidate is using untruthful MIT credentials

To the Editor:

Well, it's happening again. City Council candidate David Sullivan '74 is still claiming to be an honors graduate of MIT in his campaign literature. As an Institute alumnus, I happen to know that MIT has never conferred any degree with "honors." I'm not an honors graduate, but rather a graduation "honorary" fraternity. This is not the same. I personally was a member of two such groups, yet would never claim to be an honors graduate since no such thing exists.

Anyone who votes in Cambridge is entitled to know the facts. I person-

All day, all night, Oct. 31

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