MIT is short on black faculty

To the Editor:

The article "Lack of applicants blamed for scarcity of black faculty" (March 4) is laden with quotations by the provost, dean of Science and assistant equal opportunity officer, exonerating the MIT administration of any blame for the scarcity of black faculty at MIT. The article is not a black problem and never has been. It is, and always has been, a white problem, a problem created by white administrators and a problem which must be solved, if ever, substantially by whites.

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Shanties symbolize strife

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information, and responsible individuals who nurture the exchange of ideas in this university environment, and even if you do not believe that the administration actively schemes to suppress minority enrollment, don't tell this to the shantytown students. Rather, in the spirit of the HTFTP, take the kids' side in their battles for freedom and the generation of new ideas, and you will find holes in the degree of difficulty of the problem (and its source), the MIT administration is exonerated.

Like slavery or segregation or, in fact, the scarcity of black faculty is not a black problem and never was. It is, and always has been, a white problem, a problem created by white administrators and a problem which must be solved, if ever, substantially by whites.

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