Arrest of apartheid protesters was just

To the Editor: On Sunday, March 9, a pro-choice rally was held in Washington, D.C. The spirit of the rally was to support the "right" of women to safety, legal abortions and birth control. It could be said that the rally actually supported the "right" of women to kill their own unborn children just because they went through an unwanted pregnancy or because they "decided" not to give birth.

Abortion is not a matter of women's right. It is simply the killing of an innocent baby, who, because of being in an early stage of development, bears her/his mother's womb, is completely helpless.

Women have the right to talk about a woman's right over her own body, but maybe they forget that the unborn child is not a part of her/his mother's body. This baby is a different body and a different human being from the first moment of conception—this fact is strongly supported by biological studies.

The question is not about legal or illegal abortion; the fact is that abortion is always murder, and there can be no law to justify it. It is not a problem of Catholics or non-Catholics, for the Catholic Church repudiates the right of every human being, including the unborn child. One cannot deny this truth and take advantage of the helplessness of an unborn baby to take away from him/her the right to live. The Catholic Church is not supporting this right of life through apathy; she is the deposit of Catholic teachings and she cannot change it. What was evil from the beginning of humankind is still evil today, and since the truth is only one, it can not be changed.

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MIT faculty will discuss Oval arrests

To the Editor: We are writing in the spirit of opening further the lines of communication between students, faculty and administration after the events of last Friday. As many of you may know already, we have received a number of requests, including a petition from members of the community and a proposed faculty resolution asking that the charges against the right individuals, including several MIT students, be dropped and that MIT pay court costs.

Before considering these requests, we are seeking legal advice on the courses of action available to MIT. We have also received a variety of comments and suggestions from members of the MIT community and expect that there will continue to be discussion and encouragement to all of you should you wish to do so.

A number of lessons can be learned from this experience, including the need for more collegiality and better communication within the community about issues that touch all of us. There will be a special faculty meeting called by the Officers of the Faculty of the MIT community after the Spring Break which will provide another opportunity to continue the discussion.

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TEP fraternity's party theme is crude, obscene

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE TECH RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS LETTER AS A SCANNED COPY FROM Epsilon Phi Fraternity.)

An open letter to TEP fraternity:

On Friday, an announcement for a party given by the TEP fraternity was posted in MIT's Union. The flers advertised a "split beaver" party. I know perfectly well that MIT's mascot is nature's little engineer. I also know that a split beaver has very little to do with building dams and slapping a tail to cry "quack." I have a sense of humor, but a split beaver party just isn't very funny. You of TEP fraternity, imagine how it feels to be vastly outnumbered. Ask yourself how you would feel if an unknown group gave a "cock and hens" party, and there weren't many very sets around. I'd bet it wouldn't be too amusing, either.

The scene here are in a small minority. It makes both men and women more sensitive to gender than we would be in another setting. Please respect that, and think twice before you take our mascot's name in vain again.

Alice Oxteder