**MIT must settle the humanities issue**

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Picture yourself a non-scientist or engineer at an institute of technology. Not only is that hard enough on its own, but then read statements like those of Professor Marx (and I don't mean to single him out, but if you would wonder what hope you would have of understanding his "Act" major at MIT. (The reason I put liberal arts in quotes is because at MIT, anything that is not engineering or science is considered to be liberal arts or humanities.)

Or tell people that you're majoring in writing, political science, or philosophy without either receiving strange looks or qualifying your own statement with something like "I really shouldn't be here at MIT." This is what I mean by "life." What is one to do if they come to MIT with the intent of majoring in some engineering or science field, but then change and realize that their academic interests lie in other, non-scientific, fields? Should they stay at MIT and be treated like second-class students by the institute, its policies and the rest of the scientific student body? Or should they transfer and go through the transitional period of adjusting to a new environment and giving up friendships and connections already established here at MIT? Or perhaps they should help for an improvement in the way MIT treats its students in the academic minority?

Prof. Marx also stated, "MIT will never be able to compete as a general university." Though I disagree with this statement because MIT has, or can get, the resources needed to create a "general university," it's sad that I have to find this out now. As a senior in high school, MIT admissions information painted this wonderful picture of a school strong in engineering and sciences as well as wonderful opportunities in the humanities, arts, and social sciences.

It is true that these opportunities exist, but I honestly believe that the feature is not surmounting to the study of anything but science or engineering on the undergraduate level. Despite the efforts of several individuals in the HASS departments and in the Dean's office, MIT is not very supportive of those desiring an education in non-scientific fields. Perhaps I should have expected this from an institute of technology. But there are people who want to major in areas that are not engineering or scientific, either before deciding to attend MIT or after arriving. I think that it's about time that the Institute as a whole gave some thought to their needs, as well as those of the scientific community. If it doesn't, MIT will pay the price. Students will either transfer out, remain at MIT and be unhappy academically, or become very unhappy scientists.

MIT should make up its mind whether it is a general university, or just an institute of technology, with a bunch of extra courses in humanities, arts, and social sciences as icing on the cake. Then it should let its current students know, and also tell prospective students, so they don't make the mistake of expecting one thing and receiving another.

Claudio Goldberg '89

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**CPs actions were unnecessary**

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warning. The lieutenant plopped him against the radiator, and twisted his arm behind his back, nearly breaking his arm. The other policemen, in uniform, just stared at watching. This did nothing, except to try to make his friends leave and abandon him.

They say that if you put a man in uniform and give him a bad cop, he will think he is BMOC and will get away with anything. Perhaps he will think he is BMOC and i; uniform and give him a badge, and should also consider pressing charges.

The Tech should inform us of the results of any investigation of the incident. I have not seen any reference to it since the March 12 letter, and the last thing I want is for it to go down as one of those many regrettable incidents that are forgotten by all but the victim.

Also, my information was second-hand — from the two parties. If anyone has any additional (or differing) information, he should write and tell the Tech.

I have decided to stay at MIT. I don't think that any other school would act any better. I trust that this was just an aberration, and that it won't happen again. If it should...

John Morrison G

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**MIT CLASS OF 1986 SENIOR GIFT/PLEDGE PROGRAM**

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If you have any questions about the Senior Gift/Pledge Program, please call Sharon Israel, the program coordinator, at x5-7574, or Jeff Solof at the Alumni Fund, x-8281.

If you have not been contacted and would like to make a pledge, please use the form below, and take it to Jeff Solof in Room 10-156. Contributions to the Senior Gift may be made in cash or by check (payable to "MIT Class of 1986 Gift"). Senior Pledge money will not be due until June, 1987, and reminders will be sent in advance.

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