A story of MIT's generosity and help

To the Editor:

We recently had an experience with MIT that we found quite generous, unbelievable, and, we think, quite unique.

Our son, Darvin, a junior, became ill after returning to his home in Wisconsin for Christmas, even though he told us these other children were younger and also needed us.

The Student Action Committee at MIT surprised us and showed their true colors. Associates Dean for U-THOUGH the Robert M. Randolph, the head of Student Assistance Services, and Mitch A. Kain, associate medical director, arranged for our other children to be with us. We were housed, provided food, and even parking throughout the six-week ordeal.

The Campus Police (Skip McAshill in particular; Norma Meier, McCormick Hall house manager; Teresa M. Eastgate house manager; and Maria M. Chaves at the infirmary) are examples of the super type of people MIT has working here.

Nurse Coordinator Maureen Dougherty and the other supervisors and staff associated with MIT were top-notch and provided many gifts from them so we as a family could enjoy our Christmas to the fullest.

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Subtle and pervasive biases riddle The Tech's news coverage

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n the appeal of the student leadership, it is no accident that the broad coalition we formed limited its own appeal to the specific range of MIT students. Beth Fish vividly described the atmosphere of student activism: when a comment appeared in The Tech, the other group was breaking with the more radical faction opposing the CAA, and the Campus Police, to gain more support.

Consider last Tuesday's article about Fairfield, John M. Dutsch '61 and his presentation about the arms race ("Dutsch urges no nuclear testing," The Tech, March 31). The article gives extensive coverage of the entire presentation, of which the only portion on de- terrence, but fails to mention his membership in the Defense Advisory group, which the Campus Police, to gain more support.

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The Student Police

Police station. The supervising editor at the station said that the Campus Police couldn't just go up to a person, ask them for ID, and arrest them for trespassing if they didn't have ID. Later I was released.

This arrest was unwarranted; a Student Center representative informed me that the Wiesser Gallery is open to the public 24 hours a day. Moreover, one of the officers knew of my student status.

The next day, I went to the police station. They told me to get a more complete picture of what had happened. The police officer with whom I had been discussed similarly to me had tried to break into his room. Seeing me at the Student Center, they didn't know what to do, so they asked for help from the Campus Police who were there. I understand that they were nervous but I wish they had spoken with me first, especially given the behavior of the MIT campus police towards minorities.

Debate over whether minorities measure up academically, suspicions of minorities by fellow students, and repeated questioning by Campus Police asking for ID makes it very difficult for any student to feel like they must defend their right of free speech on campus. There were a number of people present in that room, but only I, a minority, was questioned.

When Baker asked me if I had any ID I told him no, because being a minority student does not obligate me to defend my right to be on this campus. My case is not an isolated incident; there have been instances of harassment by the Campus Police.

I am a registered student here at MIT. Many of the Campus Police

by sending the Campus Police to guard our behavior at the rallies and events we hold, by having Campus Police physically assault us, arrest us, and videotape our activities. I realize that everyone does not have my political per- spective. But I feel I have the right to hold these views without being persecuted.

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