opinion

Confronting the fear of AIDS

When we face a danger, we often choose to be blind. We think that tragedy will never find us, even if others fall.

We like to believe simple measures can guarantee our safety.

To some of us, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome appears to be a danger that lies at the periphery of our lives. Ignoring the deaths that are day by day growing in number, we believe that we will never touch our loved ones.

Meanwhile, some of us are too readily to judge and isolate the people whom we mistakenly see as the only targets of the disease. In doing so, we absolve ourselves of a responsibility in our own sex lives.

But we face targets, and tactics of ignorance will not save us.

MIT has decided to install condom machines in its dormitories as part of a preventive measure against the spread of the deadly disease, is the Institute outreaching?

To the Editor:

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It is not a synonym for integration or assimilation into a dominant culture.

The term minority is commonly used to refer to racial or ethnic groups that have historically been subjected to discrimination.

We believe that affirmative action is necessary to ensure equal opportunities for all individuals, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Affirmative action programs help to correct past injustices and promote equity in education and employment.

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