US foreign policy costs lives

To the Editor:

K.J. Saeger argues in his column ("US military strikes were small, diced," Oct. 27) that, under the watchful eye of Ronald Reagan, "the military has slowly become an effective part of foreign policy." He supports his argument with the examples of Grenada, Libya, and recent actions in the Persian Gulf, adding that "liberal self-digression is sickening and irresponsible."

What is sickening and irresponsible is Saeger's blatant omission of fact. Does he know how many American servicemen died in Beirut and on the short run, whereas Reagan's incitement on this issue benefited his interest in our economic future.

Stephen J. Fromm-G.

MIT handled suicides with care and support

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to Thomas T. Huang's column about the recent suicides at MIT ("On the students we have lost," Oct. 23).

In natural that we as a community search for an explanation to these unexplained tragedies. I know that after Jeffrey Liebman's suicide, we all felt partially responsible for his death. We racked our minds for ways in which we could have prevented his death. Wasn't our love enough?

The only thing more destructive than shouldering this guilt, however, is blaming somebody else for the loss. In essence, Huang has done just that.

Unlike Huang, I have been extremely impressed by the candor and sensitivity with which MIT has treated the recent suicides. Most impressive has been the love and concern which Dean Robert M. Randolph has shown to all of Jeff's friends and relatives. He has taken our loss and made it his own. For this, I thank him.

Rather than criticize, I would like to encourage MIT and especially Randolph to continue with their recent efforts. I am sure that the past couple of weeks have been just as difficult for MIT as they have been for us students.

Elaine Cohen '88

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