LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist confused Reaganism with American dream

This letter is in response to Manavendra K. Thakur's column "Film shares the fantasy view of world that Reagan sold to America" [June 13]. I am not going to dispute Thakur's opinion of film. Field of Dreams, which is his own and is certainly valid. However, if Thakur had paid closer attention to the film (I say this because of factual errors in the film synopses), and had not seen it through the filter of a pre-formed political agenda, the conclusions about the film may have been different.

Thakur missed the point in connecting the Reagan years to the Rockwell-type of America. The "American dream." Reagan offered this dream to America, and an overwhelming majority of people responded, for the simple reason that they found this dream attractive. But Reagan seemed to have no intent of actually providing the dream to anyone. Rather, he used the promise of the dream to lure Americans into voting for him so that he could use his policies to line the pockets of his military-industrial cronies. This is where the deception took place - the end effect of the Reagan years was in fact to put the American dream out of the reach of most Americans.

There is nothing wrong or deceptive about the American MIT cloth driving received strong support last month.

The MIT Campus Public Service would like to thank the MIT community for its overwhelming response to our clothing drive of May 22-26. We gathered around eight vanloads of clothes from the collection points: Lobby 7, Building E14, Senior House, Eastgate, Baker House, 500 Memorial Drive, and Westgate. The clothing was donated to CASPR, Peter Street Inn, and St. Francis House, which are homeless shelters in Boston and Cambridge, the Salvation Army, and the Margaret Fuller House, a women's shelter on campus.

We appreciate the generosity of the MIT community and hope that students, faculty, and staff will maintain and increase their commitment to helping those less fortunate than themselves.

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