The right to vote for the candidate of one's choice, and in doing so, to be assured of playing a role in government, is a fundamental part of the heritage of this nation. As a result, the process and mechanics of voting are held in high regard. This principle holds whether the election in question is for president of the United States or third-grade class treasurer. Or on one to whom.

This was not the case in Wednesday's Undergraduate Association elections. The ballot box in Lobby 7 was stolen, emptied, and placed in the Hesley Hall courtyard as some sort of obscene trophy. A few minutes later, a group of students entered Walter Memorial and attempted to stuff that ballot box as well, but were stopped by a quick-thinking Hans C. Godfrey '93.

These actions are reprehensible and indefensible. The thieves gain nothing, save perhaps some small glint at having disrupted an orderly process of society. Much is lost; however, the vote of, among many other things, those who would have voted for Joe Powers. The Tech received a copy of this letter regarding an interview which recently appeared in The Thistle. Additional copies were sent to The Thistle, Associate Dean for Student Affairs John R. Tenney, and The Boston Phoenix.

The article that recently appeared in The Thistle did not accurately express my opinion. I feel that Joe Powers took my words out of context and twisted them. I hoped to accomplish through the interview was to express my opinion. Instead, because of Joe Powers' biased views, the situation has been aggravated. He termed the article into an all-out attack on the itself and the fraternity system in general by using information which I specifically asked to be kept off the record. I'm not trying to cover my tracks — I just want to present an accurate picture of the truth. Joe Powers promised to show me the article before it was printed; however, this never happened. I am a freshman at MIT and I had no idea that The Thistle was so slanted against fraternities, and that it would color my student's views.

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They must be typed, double-spaced and addressed to Letters to the Editor, The Tech, PO Box 29, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139-0229, or delivered to The Tech's box in the Kresge Tower lobby. All submissions are due by 4 p.m., two days before the issue date. Letters and cartoons must bear the author's name, address, and phone number. Unsigned letters will not be accepted. No letter or cartoon will be printed anonymously.

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