Wolff Claims Harassment
By Literature Professors

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Professor of Mathematics Richard S. Melrose became one of this year's 149 Guggenheim Fellows earlier this month. Melrose was granted the award for his work on the analysis and geometry of manifolds with corners.

The suit mentions a few incidents in which Wolff claims other members of the literature faculty have retaliated against her for her opposition to granting certain junior faculty tenure. One incident allegedly took place in 1981, when Wolff voted to deny tenure to a faculty member who has since been granted tenure and is currently head of the Women's Studies Program. In the suit, Wolff alleges that Perry is now excluding her from the Women's Studies Program.

The suit also alleges that when Wolff voted to deny tenure to another junior faculty member in 1988, she and another female professor were verbally abused by some of their colleagues in the Literature Section, including professors David Thoburn and Stephen J. Tyaspoon. Wolff claims that the administration failed to act when she reported these incidents.

Wrightson creates committee
Wolff spoke to then-Provost John M. Guillemin and president of MIT, who, has since been granted tenure by the Women's Studies Program.

Candidates for a Guggenheim must be nominated to one of the 3,162 applicants and then be chosen from a list of finalists. Melrose Foundation applications are reviewed by leaders in the applicant's field. Guillemin said Melrose was notified of the award via electronic mail.

"He's one of the few [Melrose] who could not be reached for comment." Guillemin said. The Guggenheim is not only a competition among scientists, it's a competition among a board, against a board, against you, me, the Guggenheim. It is not only a competition among science, it's a competition among the award.

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