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SRG Treated Wrongly by Self-Important Groups

The theft of the UA ballot box, which at first appeared merely a prank deserving of attention, has now become the cause of a series of events demanding serious attention. The latest episode in this story has been the university's refusal to conduct hearings for five students.

This action is thus far the most significant in a series of responses (or should I write "missteps"). The only reason the university of the SRG could take action was because of the power it wields. The standard of this sort of action has considered the legal implications should the university have made the same mistake as the Campus Police and arrested five students. This action is illegal and against the student body's wishes.

The constitution of the SRG is an important document that states the rights of students to conduct these searches without the express prior approval of the university. The SRG reserves the right to conduct searches for five students.

Nicholas L. Casasanto '94

Legality of Concert Searches Should Be Examined

The Tech received a copy of this letter addressed to Campus Police Chief Anne Glavin.

I recently purchased a ticket to the upcoming Violent Femmes concert sponsored by the Student Center Committee. After receiving the ticket, I was handed a sheet of paper claiming that "MIT reserves the right to search all people entering the building." I hope that you and your police officers have no intention of having anything to do with these searches.

As we are all aware, due to our similar correspondence two years ago, the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution prevents any one from being searched without a warrant, probable cause, or consent. I, and I assume most other MIT students, have not given consent to being searched. Some vague concept of "implied consent" is not good enough, especially when the information about the search was given after the ticket was purchased.

Clear consent is necessary.

If SCC members try to conduct the search, then there is no possibility of legality, as they may be acting in their private capacity. This may raise questions about what will be done if they find something they believe to be illegal. Will they make a citizen's arrest? Will they attempt to confiscate it? If, however, they are acting on behalf of MIT, an institution that has failed to meet federal funding and to which the Massachusetts Civil Rights Code applies, then those actions are clearly illegal.

The Campus Police Department's power is as large as the campus. This means they have the power and the responsibility to make an arrest if contraband is found in your search, and that order is from one of them, for example to open a bag, by the power and the threat of the state behind it. To counterbalance these powers they have, fortunately, bound by the laws of the state. They may not conduct these searches without probable cause.

While SCC may have made some contract with an individual, that contract has no power over other MIT students who have not signed it. Even if there were a contract between SCC and myself, police officers cannot enforce such a contract. The only way to make a contract is to negotiate it.

The argument that it is illegal to bring alcohol into a concert is irrelevant. The chance that some rule may be broken, does not justify searching.

I therefore expect that there will be no police officers conducting searches (or "concocted voluntary") searches at the entrance to the concert. Additionally, I hope that SCC has considered the legal implications should its members attempt to conduct any searches. There should be no repercussions, in terms of attending the concert or in any other way, against any student that stands on his or her right to have Federal Amendment rights and refuse to be searched.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-Life Argument Is About Downfall Of Society

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