OPINION

No Excuse for Intolerance

We have previously written in this space about the destruction of campus publications and posters by vandals who apparently do not agree with the content of those publications. Unfortunately, our past outrage seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

Last week, members of the Alternative News Collective reported that they had received a letter, which was written in English and Pig Latin, threatening to destroy the Alternative News Collective's newspaper, The Thistle.

The Destruction of Campus Publications

The destruction of campus publications and posters by vandals is not a new phenomenon. In fact, it has been occurring for many years. The Tech, the student newspaper of MIT, has been targeted by vandals in the past, and the university has taken steps to address the problem.

The Importance of Free Speech

Free speech is a fundamental right in the United States, and it is protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. The right to express oneself and to have one's views heard is essential to the functioning of a democracy.

The Role of the Media

The media play a crucial role in the democratic process. They are responsible for informing the public about the actions of government and for holding those in power accountable. It is therefore imperative that the media be able to operate freely and without interference.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we urge the MIT community to stand up against the destruction of campus publications and posters. We must work together to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all students.

Column by Douglas D. Keller

Chairman
Josh Hartmann '93
Editor in Chief
Brian Rosenberg '93
Business Manager
Judene M. Burgess '93
Managing Editor
David A. Maltz '93
Executive Editor
Karen Kaplan '93

EDITORS


PRODUCTION STAFF

Editor: Daniel L. Silassy '94, Marvin Konovsky '95, Gatos C. Leung '95, Associate News Editor: Chris Council '96, TEN DIRECTOR: Reuven M. Lerner '92.

ADVERTISING STAFF

Sales Manager: Dan Wilens '94, Mike Purucker '94.

BUSINESS STAFF

Advertising Manager: Joanne C. Stone '92, Chris Reberger '93, Staff: Mark Weinstar '93, Marcy Abreu '93, Thakur '93, Michelle S. Perry '91, Sandy Chen '92, William Chang '92, David Hsu '92, Allison M. Maron '92, Rich Ross '92, Roy Curtas '93, Brian Ross '93, Nick Liu '94, David Hsu '94, Elaine McCormick, Chris Wayang.

PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF


FEATURES STAFF

Christopher Dean '93, Jan Owne '93, Pavan Sirya '93, Mark Hsu '94, Cherry G. Ogure '94.

EDITORIAL STAFF

Advertising Manager: Harold A. Harnett '91, Associate Advertising Manager: Kate Schmitt '90, Circulation Manager: Pradeep Sreekumar '91, Staff: Thomas Marquart '91, Dean Yu '95.

COORDINATION CENTER

Vipul Kishor '95, Michael J. Franklin '88, Maria E. Cepeda '90, Deborah Levy '90, Lisa F. Eaton '92, Mea B. Hammond '92, Benjamin A. Tao '93, Jeremy Nihle '94.

ART DIRECTORS

V. Michael Boor '93, Jon Wray '93, Jowally '93, Bill Conklin '95, Robert S. Mendenhall '93, Thomas T. Haung '93, Jonathan Richmond '81.

OP/ED EDITORS AND EDITORS

Night Editor: Carolee C. Leung '95; Staff: Reuven M. Lerner '92, Josh Hartmann '93, Douglas D. Keller '95.

LETTERS POLICY

Letters, written in a distinctive format, are the official opinion of The Tech. They are written by the editorial board, which consists of the chairman, editor in chief, managing editor, executive editor, news editors and opinion editors. Briefs, written as such in a distinctive format, are the opinions of the members of the editorial board, and are written in a unique style.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are welcome. They must be typed, double-spaced and addressed to The Tech, PO Box 29, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139, or by interdepartmental mail to Room W20-443. Electronic submissions in plain text format may be mailed to letters@tech-mit.edu. All submissions are due by 4 p.m. two days before the issue date.

Letters and comments must bear the author's signatures, addresses, and phone numbers. Unsigned letters will not be accepted. No letter or cartoon will be published anonymously without the express prior approval of The Tech. The Tech reserves the right to edit or condense letters. Shorter letters will be given higher priority. We regret we cannot publish all of the letters we receive.