The Tech Drops Bricks on People

During the last two weeks I have had my belief in freedom of the press tested and re-tested, but nothing has stilled me more than hearing that one of your staff called my ILI in order to confirm reports of the number of pledges and spaces available, with the intent to publish such information despite a direct request, on my house's part, not to do so. I refused to disclose such information regarding my house and those under my investigation even to my peers, other hall-walls investigations.

Your publication lacks discretion, self-restraint, and sensitivity. You wield your freedom and the power of free press as if it were a brick, dropping it even upon the heads of your supporters. And you wonder why persons think so little of your newspaper as to discard it as trash. I call on you to aid others in supporting responsible, free press.

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Hersch Column

On Target

I completely agree with the column by Matthew H. Hersch '94 about ARA food services ['Freshmen Beware: Look Before You Eat,' Aug. 30]. I don't find it surprising that he was writing his column in agony — what I find amazing is that he had the strength to do it after he had eaten some of the food provided at the ARA services.

Can a student who needs to have a good and balanced meal eat there? Can an athlete or a person who requires a healthy diet eat there and meet all of his or her nutritional requirements? No!

If MIT is really concerned about keeping the high academic standards that characterize this institution then it should think about the good nutrition of the student population. President Charles M. Vest said in his welcome speech that students at MIT are among the best in the world. But, can we be among the best eating bad food?

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