LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rausten Vigil Has Therapeutic Value

Contrary to what Matthew H. Hersch implies (“Society Has to Blame for Raustein’s Death,” Oct. 6), I don’t think that the vigil and shows of solidarity following Yngve Raustein’s murder were meant to improve communications with local high schools. Rather, I feel that they were simply the start of a long recovery process for those of us who were touched by the sadness and tragedy.

The fact that Hersch finds “the most disturbing aspect” of the tragedy to be “conceits, tossy-festy-liberation” says a lot. If he speaks for others, it explains why “pretty soon, people will forget about Raustein all together.” Let me make it clear that Hersch does not speak for me.

Greg T. Huang '92

MIT Community Must Attend Sports Events

I am making a resolution starting next week, and I hope many MIT students will join me. I am going to stand as many MIT sports events as I can. This semester alone I have seen high school sports, my fraternity’s 15 events, and several MIT sporting events, football, field hockey, and football games. Of all three, the MIT spectators are the least in number and energy. How can it be that an IM soccer game can have more excited fans than the first home football game for a school of around 10,000 undergraduates?

I humbly ask The Tech to start giving the weekly sports schedules. I refuse to believe that with all of MIT, there can be no appearance at one event. Eric Beam '94

Columbus Anniversary Provides Warning for Future

Five hundred years ago, Christopher Columbus crashed on the shores of the Taino Indian Nation. He would have died had it not been for the hospitality of the native inhabitants. He observed the life of these “naked, beautiful” people. Unfortunately, Columbus, like his successors, was greedy. He sought fame and wealth, initiating the biggest holocaust in world history.

The quincentenary should teach us that the next five hundred years will not be like the last. What will the next five hundred years be?

Jody Clark '94

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