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Over 200 people gathered at Baker Auditorium on Friday afternoon to pay tribute to Yngve K. Raustein '94. The 45-minute memorial service contained reminiscences of Raustein and calls for a more peaceful society. Many Baker residents were black ribbons in their memory.

Baker Housemaster and Associate Professor of History William B. Watson recalled the compassion he experienced at the hands of his Norwegian hosts when he attended Raustein's funeral in Oslo, Norway, the previous week. He spoke of the "understanding, sympathy, compassion for the distress we ourselves at MIT were suffering" and their lack of hostility toward Americans.

He attended Raustein's funeral in Oslo and called for increased efforts to decrease violence in society. He echoed the sentiments of a young man "with a short but rich life," who to them was a "perfect son, brother, and friend."

Fellow transfer student and friend Naved A. Khan '94 praised Raustein as one who made "the best of life," and thanked him as "a source of motivation and inspiration."

Assistant Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics Hugh L. McManus '69 remembered Raustein's love of space exploration. He praised Raustein as a bright student who got straight A's in the department's Unification Engineering courses in spite of having transferred to MIT as a sophomore and having to work in what was for him a foreign language.

As his recitation instructor for the course, McManus lauded Raustein's "seriousness and his purpose." Raustein was "one of the bright, high students who make few demands when they are here, but go out to do great things," McManus said.

McManus called on attendees "to carry on the work that Yngve found so inspiring, both by exploring the air and the stars, and by conveying the excitement of that task to the public, especially the young."

McManus announced the establishment of the Yngve Raustein Memorial Award, to be awarded every year to the student in the Aeronautics and Astronautics Unified Engineering courses "who through outstanding achievement, but as importantly, personal improvement in overcoming of difficulties, best exemplifies the spirit that Yngve brought to us."

MIT President Charles M. Vest described Raustein as "a visitor among us... an explorer of new lands and new ideas." He voiced the "anger and bewilderment at his death, at this act of ultimate theft" felt by many. "For many of us," he said, "the deepest wounds have been to our sense of community, to our faith in civility and in basic human decency."

"My freedom has been stolen," Vest quoted an MIT student as saying. "Vest called for increased security, but more than anything else a "seeking out and holding on to the threads of common humanity."

Yngve's father, Elmer Raustein, thanked MIT faculty, students, and staff, as well as families in the Cambridge and Boston area, for the "great relief and help" his family had experienced in receiving numerous expressions of sympathy and support.

He voiced his family's hope that "this disaster will contribute to increased efforts" to decrease violence in society.

Volunteer Opportunities

Blade for AIDS
For all you rollerbladers, the Hope Lodge at Mass. H.S is sponsoring "Blade for AIDS," a 4 mile in-line skate funding raiser on October 24 at 9:00 am. This hospital is the only HMH certified organization for patients with AIDS. Show off your rollerblading skills, get some exercise, and fight AIDS. To register come to the Public Service Center at 3-123 or call 3-0743.

Project Bread
Project Bread, a non-profit organization devoted to helping the hungry in Massachusetts, is currently seeking interns to help in several areas. This is an opportunity to organize Project Bread event for 1993. Interns provide great training experience as well as a chance to help the hungry. For more information call Eileen Boyle at 723-5000.

4-H Youth Program
Do you know how to cultivate a garden, repair a car engine, or use a camera? The U-Mass Cooperative Extension is looking for volunteers to teach kids these skills through the 4-H Club. If you are interested in passing on your skills and experiences to young people in the Greater Boston area, please call Carol Halewood at 863-3080.

City Year Serve-A-Thon
The City Year Organization, a group dedicated to improving Boston and Cambridge, is sponsoring Serve-A-Thon, a one-day public service extravaganza. Join 7,000 other volunteers for a day of community service, fundraising, and fun. On Saturday, October 24, 1992 choose from a variety of projects ranging from raking and painting to making donation forms and soliciting money. For more information call Mike McCrystal 451-0549.

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