This semester's tragic incidents of crime have highlighted a continually worsening problem for the Institute: MIT remains unprepared to deal with the consequences of its location near a relatively dangerous area of Cambridge. This time has come for Institute officials to take decisive action to increase the safety of the community, particularly students.

We urge MIT to install automatic locking devices with card readers programmed to read MIT identification cards on every main entry door on campus. These card readers should be active from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. every day. Secondary entries should be completely locked by the Campus Police during these hours. The reasons are simple, and the potential benefits are obvious.

Card-reading locks will first and foremost make the corridors of MIT safer. Despite the efforts of the Campus Police, suspicious people continue to roam MIT's halls and courtyards, lingering and sleeping in unlocked rooms. With card readers, these people will find it more difficult to enter the Institute.

Harassment Protests Improper

Professor of Management Gabriel R. Bitran has been through enough torture already this year. But it is disheartening that after realizing his lawsuit and having his reputation challenged he should be confronted by provocateurs in his own home and at his home, with shouts from the Street Scene Protest Out of a Sexual Harassment Trial [Nov. 17].

Bitran was found not guilty in a court of law. Despite this fact, Krya Repachilis '94, one of the plaintiffs, still insists that he needs to be "punished.

Disrupting the classes of fellow schoolmates because of his view is inexcusable, and it is truly amazing that the culprits involved in the disturbance were not arrested.

Restore the Health Resource Center

We are writing to express our extreme dissatisfaction with the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs for taking the Student Health Resource Center on the fifth floor of the Student Center away from the students of MIT.

The Student Health Resource Center provided a crucial service to students. It was a place where students could pick up information and learn about health issues such as sexually transmitted diseases, dietetics, nutrition or spouses. The Health Education on campus. Instead of providing these valuable health services to students, the Resource Center is now being converted to an axed dean's office and a conference room for deans.

It has been suggested that the Registrar's Satellite Office in the Infinite Corridor be shared with the Student Health Resource Center or that the reading room on the fifth floor houses the health pamphlets. Neither of these locations would be appropriate, because they are too public and may deter students from using the Resource Center.

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Proponents for Practice Tests

Last year, many professors have given out practice exams. Some are sets of exam-type problems and others are just photocopied sets of previous exams. Releasing these sample problems is a good practice, and should be made mandatory in all classes.

For people without bibles, publicly available practice exams make classmates feel, and allow all students to study more efficiently. Providing these resources creates little burden for professors, since photocopying old exams requires very little time, and making extra problems is not exactly time-consuming.

Some will argue that practice exams cause students to study only for the test and therefore not learn the material as well. Well-written questions can easily avoid this situation. Some will argue that practice tests might not improve performance in the class. I think that if the questions are anything like the ones on the real exam, they will be helpful. I do not see anything wrong with knowing what to expect come test-time.

I think most people will agree that practice exams are a good idea. It is time we see them in all classes.

Computer Pornography Offensive

You recently published a complaint regarding the inappropriate homosexual activities in the public bathrooms at MIT ("Sexual Offense on Campus").

It is disgusting that after enduring a suspension, some people are still not satisfied. It is not only a problem for the female students, but for the male students as well. I would like to register my complaint against similar activities in the public computer terminals.

I don't understand why certain guys don't enjoy pornography in the privacy of their own room. If all MIT students are not going to be kept out of their VOD turn-ons, I'm not even specifically referring to the male students. It is not a problem at the bathrooms, but the displays of oral copulation that I observed on a computer screen this morning at the Athena center in ESI. Please guys, have a little common courtesy.

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