Vest Decrees Alleged Racial Slurs

The statement, from Page 1, released yesterday, President Charles M. Vest said, "Any formal complaint that may be forthcoming from this incident will be dealt with carefully and expeditiously."

"On a personal note, this hurts me very much. I have been proud but despite our human failings, the MIT community has had fewer instances of blatant racist behavior than at times been the case on many other campuses," Vest continued.

About 28 students, including LeFebvre, staged a demonstration outside PBE and in Lobby 3 yesterday to "bring awareness to this offense," according to a fler distributed during the demonstration.

LeFebvre characterized the demonstration as non-confrontational. "All we did was stand in front of the fraternity and hand out flyers," he said. The demonstrators were approached by PBE and in Lobby 3 yesterday to "bring awareness to this offense," according to a flyer distributed during the demonstration.

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