Rushdie Lecture Should Have Been Publicized

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community about what was going on. Even after the lecture had begun, an official emerging from the room showed no qualms about being quickly, and spontaneously, to those outside who inquired about the identity of the “visiting dignitary” rumored to be in attendance. “I’m not privy to that information,” he answered. Instead, he could have declared in absentia, which would still have been an exercise in decorum, though honorable, response.

Rushdie’s visit to campus scored more like a sideshow for media consumption than an MIT event. The press was among those warned about his reading ahead of time. Those among us at the Tech who were around that day were advised to attend, though students walking or attending classes were left in the dark. Most faculty members were similarly uninformed. To further compound the hypocrisy of the whole event, Rushdie was appointed our first honorary visiting professor, probably making him MIT’s most inaccessible faculty member.

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to any allegation that a woman makes, MIT has fostered an environment where no male is protected from the charge of sexual harassment. He called sexual harassment a problem, and threatened with arbitrary expulsion from the campus housing system. All of this was based on the claims of a woman who said that she was too loud. What did this have to do with sexual harassment? Nothing. Who first disputed the claims of a woman complaint? Nothing. Who first disputed the claims of a woman who disagreed. She appealed to a higher woman complaining. The dean who was from MIT, regardless of the circumstances, anyone who now expects the MIT community to cry for his plight. Well, if one finds my eyes dry and my heart full of joy at the situation he has brought upon himself, I apologize. I am happy that allegations of sexual wrongdoing should be investigated thoroughly, and dealt with appropriately if proved to be true. I do not support James Tewhey. His departure from MIT, regardless of the circumstances, will certainly ensure a healthier environment for the MIT community.

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