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OPINION

Columnist Reminisces Experiences at MIT and The Tech

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At the Alternative Commencement Day, held on April 11, there was a lot of excitement and enjoyment of the day's festivities of course; it's just that after four years of college I guess there are still a lot of things I don't understand about the world — like what Cheok Vest actually does for a living, or why, a week before graduation, I suddenly have lots of friends in the Alumni Association Office.

But I can't say I've gained nothing from my time at MIT, especially since I have no desire to have my degree revoked and burned. So instead of dwelling upon the negative in this, let me just mention all of the positive things that have come out of my MIT experience. For just as my new-found knowledge has made me a bit of a social gatherer, it is my MIT experience that I thank for transforming me in the gamin, sarcastic, well-rounded person I am today.

At MIT, I've had the opportunity to associate with men and women of piercing intellect, and in the chance to waste their time and ideas. No matter how much they may have underestimated me — from old, 1960ish problems like Yugoslavia, Russia, and North Korea to well... okay, bad example. But at least I have the chance to write a bunch of columns about bad cafeterias food and smart new ideas on lectures by really frightening guest speakers.

And it is at that, your not-so-humble political columnist, that I must now hang up my hat, at least for now. If there is anyone I'd like to acknowledge most for my undergraduate experience, (in addition to my parents, who paid for the whole deal) it's all of my classmates who took the time to read my columns, especially during class. My heart goes out to all of you, even the guy who later called me up at 10 o'clock at night and screamed at me in Cantor.

I have ways of finding you. Matthew H. Hersch, a senior in the Department of Political Science, wishes to speak with you. He is the guy who is standing with his hands in his pockets while you write. In the fall he will be attending law school, where he hopes to learn how to use people.

Mike Chung regrettably resigns from his position as Opinion Editor. He could write little forswells everyone he knows here, but has sprung plenty enough in his association with The Tech.