OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Sports Reporting Misses Mark

Editor's Note: The problems with this article were due to the editing process, not to the writer.

I read the Sept. 30 issue of The Tech and was confused by an article in the sports page. The article “MIT Slides by Essex United” was completely devoid of information. There was a verbiage description of the game, but no mention of what sport was being played. For the first couple of paragraphs, it was a toss-up between soccer and rugby.

Eventually, the truth fought its way out, but (due primarily to my ignorance of rugby) I wasn’t completely sure until directed to turn to “Soccer, page 19.” But the closest that author Josh Elliot ever came to revealing the secret was the tantalizing phrase “the MIT graduate student club.”

Let me also applaud your decision to publish accounts submitted by the athletes on MIT’s teams. While I realize that it is difficult to edit submitted articles by team members without accidentally violating existing information, I’ve seen that an express editorial can do tremendous damage in the name of readability, in this case I honestly do not think you could have made it any worse.

Of course, if the omission is actually due to the staff of The Tech, feel free to re-interpret this letter.

James P. Sarvis ’94

Was That Really a Rat?

In response to Alberto Castillo’s letter about the rat in Lobdell Court (“Rat Was a Surprise,” Sept. 30): I was in Lobdell a few days ago and saw a mouse running around the corner and said, “Hey, look! There’s a mouse!”

Unless his rat incident was separate from my sighting of the mouse, I believe that Lobdell has a mouse, not a rat running around.

Then again, if Lobdell has a mouse, rat, or both, that says something about the wonderfully sterile, pest-free environment that our campus food is prepared in.

It may also serve to explain why the hamburger patties are so small at Burger King.

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