Arsonists and Thieves  
Destroy Sense of MIT Community

Recent events have brought up a lot of questions in my mind. MIT is a really nice place to study. In fact, it's a really great place to study. Even though I don't always like my homework, I love it here at MIT. Maybe I want to study. Even though I don't always like my environment here is like no other. The Internet is at our fingertips, just waiting to be explored. The labs at MIT allow us to do real research - in effect, giving us a chance to take a real hand in technology innovators, business pioneers and industry-shaking deal makers. Our RDBMS software, suite of tools and services are undisputed world leaders. Of course, the fun is keeping it that way.

The main problem with this crime is that it hurts everyone, because MIT (and everyone else who is a victim of crime) unfortunately has to replace things that get stolen, repair things that get damaged, and live in an environment that is no longer safe. For MIT, this means raising tuition. I don't know about you, but my tuition is already too high, and I don't like it increasing like it is. Unfortunately, if things like this keep continuing, our tuition will just go up and up to cover costs of replacement and repair.

Even worse now is the arson attempts that have been made recently in Burton House and MacGregor House. Damaging or stealing property is one thing, but endangering the lives of others just for attention is not only foolish, it's pointless. Maybe they were accidents. Whoever is responsible just does not belong here at MIT, and I didn't come here to have to deal with other people trying to burn down dormitories and stealing things. It really depresses me that we live in such a great community at MIT, where we get access to the Internet, free medical care, somewhat decent housing, and great labs and research leaders, and all some people can do is just ruin it for all. I hope all those who are involved will consider this and for all our sakes try to be more considerate of everyone at MIT.

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