

The Alternative News Collective is a non-profit student organization dedicated to maintaining and developing a newspaper wherein progressive and creating minds of MIT and elsewhere can share their work. We would like to explore the large amount undiscussed and unjustified decision-making in MIT and in the world. We would also like to discuss our goal of a peaceful world, one without injustice or oppression.

In our articles and commentary we hope to challenge various expressions, on both a personal and institutionalized level, of sexism, racism, heterosexism, and all exploitative action of one person or group against another person or group.

The ANC is structured without formal hierarchy in an attempt to promote individual participation and responsibility of its members. Formal decisions are made by a consensus of all members present.

Bias

Like all publications of thought, *the Thistle* is biased. Although this is often held to be a bad thing, we contend that bias is the natural human state. Our past experiences shape how we view the world. The words and euphemisms we use, the values we regard as important, and the events we regard as "newsworthy" are expressions of our perspective. Often the perspective of the "mainstream" is labeled "unbiased," implying that "biased" views outside the mainstream are somehow less accurate or credible. In this way, the *unstated* biases of the mainstream remain unchallenged and exert the greatest influence on the readership.

We hope that although our bias may be more apparent, the reader, with a critical eye, will be informed by our newspaper.

Submissions

We welcome your submissions of investigative reporting, commentary, letters, creative writing, artwork, or any other interesting material. Send hardcopy via U.S. or interdepartmental mail to:

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