

The Alternative News Collective announces it's
Grand Prize Giveaway!

You, fill-in-your-name, have won *The Thistle's Grand Prize Giveaway!* *The Thistle*, MIT's oldest existing (and only) alternative newspaper, is proud to announce it's first annual Reader's Contest. We are also proud to announce that you have won! In addition to receiving this complimentary issue of *The Thistle*, MIT's leading publication, you, fill-in-your-name, have already been selected to win one of the following prizes:

1. The BMW automobile of your choice!
2. A secure job, 2.2 children, and a home in the suburbs with a white picket fence!
3. A brand new, hot off the line, B-2 "stealth" bomber! That's right, you too can be the proud owner of the most expensive airplane ever built! Ideal for home defence. Don't be left out. Be the first one on your block to own one. Courtesy US Air Force (we have low friends in high places).
4. A Condominium in the repulsive, disgustingly oppulent, TRUMP TOWERS!! That's right, you and a friend can be guests of *The Thistle* for one fabulous, fun-filled weekend in that wonderful city, New York. And you'll get to stay with that swellest of swell guys, Donald Trump. (we provide the lockpicks, and we promise that the real owners will be out of town.)
5. Toscannini's ice cream and a free, life-time (or as long as we are around), subscription to *The Thistle*! Screw those other prizes, this is what you really want!

To pick up the wonderful prize that you have already won, simply stop by *The Thistle's* office in the student center during R/O week and answer the following simple questions. We'll see you there!

1. What is the coolest newspaper at MIT? (Hint: It's not *The Tech*.)
2. Is *The Thistle* 3 years old? 13? 69? or just a figment of your imagination?
3. How many members of the Alternative News Collective voted for Mr. Bush?
4. Can you say "Thistle" ten times fast?
5. Did MIT choose *Rachel and Her Children* to send to frosh because of its concern for the homeless?
6. How many caviar and wine and cheese socials did *The Thistle* sponsor last year?
7. Is MIT really concerned about your education?
8. When is the election for the next President of MIT?
9. Is it true that all members of the Alternative News Collective are long-haired, dope-smoking, terrorist-radical-extremists?
10. Who's president of the Alternative News Collective?

Contest Rules:

1. No one will be excluded from winning if you come by during R/O week.
2. Get out a mirror to read the answers at the bottom of the page.
3. Everyone wins by reading *The Thistle*.

So come by our office during R/O week to collect your prize.

We're located in the fourth floor of the Student Center.

Contact Steve Penn (617-253-1521), Penn Loh (617-253-2200), or Archon Fung (547-7783) for more information.

give orders than others. We try to divide up all tasks evenly, and everyone contributes as much as she wants.

10. We don't have a president, or a vice president, or any officers at all. We don't believe that some are more qualified to lead than others. We believe that everyone has a stake in running the paper.

9. In a word? Yes. Just kidding. We range from long haired radicals to field hockey player activists to fraternity presidents.

8. Never. We don't get to vote. Troubled waters ahead. Read Steve's article on Presidential Selection.

7. No, but we are. So read *The Thistle* (esp. Penn's Research University article) regularly, and stop by various other newspaper, community fun activities.

6. Uh... Not very many. But we do have a blast. Late night parties to lay out the paper, Toscanini's free ice cream, and policies in this issue of *The Thistle*.

5. MIT's Compassionate? Yeah, sure, and my prophet is Karl Marx. Read Steve and Caroline's article about MIT's homeless.

4. Oh Get serious. Whenever we see it. We also provide readers with an alternative outlook on events and policies.

3. policy. Since then, we have broadened our scope to include many issues. We expose injustice at MIT and in the world.

2. The *Thistle* was started in 1987 by a group of students who were angry at MIT's support of South Africa's Apartheid. The stories other papers are afraid of.

1. The *Thistle*, of course. We're not like those other stuffy papers around, we're vibrant and alive. We're radical, and we print

Answers: