It is ironic that the recent draft decision shows that the policy of respectable opposition to it is based on spurious claims of draftengers, that opposition activities supposedly endanger.

Many MIT students were afraid to participate in the draft and antiwar demonstrations simply because their local boards might discover these "un-American" activities, and thus jeopardize the favorable shield behind a II-S deferment. Surely General Hershey should be condemned for using the draft to suppress opposition, but those of us who hope that he will not be tried and closed mouth would keep us out of the draft. If students have looked at the manner in which the Johnson Administration has dealt with the American people in the past, they will understand and oppose that which is counter to our beliefs (for moral or personal) usually will not lead to worse moral consequences than those brought on by the policy of head-shrinking. And, of course, is always the chance, however small, that courage will lead to a better situation.

However, there are only a few million students, of which only a small percentage has had a chance to resist. Certainly President Johnson is not afraid of student vote. There are organizations, like the one of which we here belonged, which the draft will not touch, and a closed mouth would keep us out of the draft. If students have looked at the manner in which the Johnson Administration has dealt with the American people in the past, they will understand and oppose that which is counter to our beliefs (for moral or personal) usually will not lead to worse moral consequences than those brought on by the policy of head-shrinking. And, of course, is always the chance, however small, that courage will lead to a better situation.

A few weeks ago, the MIT faculty joined most other major universities in the country in passing a resolution stating, in effect, that all graduate students should be deferred on an equal basis, with no preference being given to any field of study. The intent of this statement seems obvious-defer all graduates.

However, in a way which was shown quite dramatically, there is another meaning to the resolution. It could be interpreted to say that no graduate students be called to active service. But this contrasts so markedly with the statements of the MIT and other faculties.

That hindsight is easier than foresight is obvious. Here in America, we are facing a war which is a warning—perhaps the final one—to the world that those who are passing resolutions and signing petitions. They should all be written in such a manner as to subject to absolutely no misinterpre-

If our faculties, in an example, had said that all graduate students should be deferred, but that the other faculties had taken an equally strong stand, perhaps the message would have been clear through the Johnson administration that people felt that brains were more important than brawn.

As things now stand, this country is caught in a curious paradox. Graduate deferments are gone—but occupational deferments are in place, and maintained. To us, this appears to be the exact opposite of the Johnson Administration's stated goal of a "Great Society." We are not sure what the Johnson Administration has in mind, but it would seem that the right action would have been more in keeping with the Johnson administration's often-stated goal of a "Great Society."

Congratulations

An you all know, Maria Kivislit '69 won the UAP election in an upset vic-
tory. During the campaign she presented the most creative ideas on communica-
tion between the students and the admin-
istration, as well as on organizational reform. We hope she has the drive to im-
plement these changes.

We would also like to reiterate what we said when Buddhist Peace En-
dersers. Many very competent people ran against Maria. If she should choose to ig-

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To the Editor:

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...and the faculty

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it in its great government wealth and refused to allow that activist public stand against the war, in the hope that this stand would be the issue that would potentially lead to great set-

12. During a recent 1.000 lecture, Professor Rent, an Engineering Orientation, said that it was guilty of more than one fraud. She noted that the class, which included several Wellesley girls, a computer would add two numbers, Ross inadvertently picked figures whose sum equalled 14. If he seemed to notice that the lecturer, apparently more con-

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