The action of the MIT Faculty on Tuesday deserves the support of the entire community and the faculty should be applauded for its sensible handling of the situation.

As a result of the formal suspension of classes during this past week many members of the community have become actively involved in activities directed towards ending the war. Several thousand letters have been sent to Congressmen, and as a result of the large telegraphing efforts Senator Brooke of Massachusetts sponsored a resolution calling for a war-peace withdrawal from Cambodia. The number of people canvassing and working with the Vietnam Moratorium Committee yesterday was over one thousand and the number is growing day by day. The number of other efforts from within the community is continually increasing.

The Tech feels that this effort continues, not just for the duration of the strike but on through the rest of the Spring and the Summer and into the Fall. Because it is so crucial that our efforts be organized and focused towards a common goal and because efforts are still needed to bring in new people and gain commitments for continued canvassing, we feel inappropriate to resume formal classes at this time.

Although we do not feel the suspension of classes is appropriate, we do support the idea of closing down the university for the rest of the year. There is no need to suspend the entire university’s functions once many of the writing and canvassing efforts are completed and running smoothly. The proc, of communicating with the members of the community and convincing them to oppose the war will be a continuing process and this MIT must show the same degree of commitment. To reason that closing down the university will give people this commitment is wrong—we must be more realistic.

When classes finally are resumed The Tech encourages a continuation of the already voted upon policy of maximum flexibility in dealing with the University’s functions once many of the writing and canvassing efforts are completed.

Letters to The Tech

Pennsylvania Aid

To the Editor:

The announcement on the front page of The Tech Thursday, May 8) concerning the scholarship/grant agreement required by Pennsylvania contains a misleading statement. It is the intention of the Financial Aid Office to "replace" lost Pennsylvania scholarship funds by the creation of a fund dedicated to one or a combination of policies of financial aid disbursement. Present holders of Pennsylvania scholarships should also recognize that several, at least, have more scholarship aid than the MIT would ordinarily award under our own ground-rules. We do not intend to use more gift aid than our resources allow, and Pennsylvania students will have to be satisfied with that limited aid package.

Financial loans obtained from Pennsylvania by undergraduates will not be replaced by MIT's "general loan funds." These loans will be replaced only if financial need is demonstrated, and then only if a special fund bearing these comparable to the Pennsylvania program.

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