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The forum in the series will be on Viet Nam itself and will include a discussion by members of the United States Commission reently from Laos and North Viet Nam. The commission is composed of additional members from Steve Langdale about the student employment situation. Mr. Langdale is Assistant Director of Student Personnel.

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Students who received so- phisticated "job awards" in their aid packages should realize that these do not constitute a guaran- tee. A "job award" at MIT, and were never meant to. The "awards" were unfortun- ately mishandled as such, accord- ing to Langdale. They actually equalized the $400 difference between the Student Aid Office computation of students' needs and what MIT can afford to grant or loan. A "job award" actually represents only a com- mitment on the part of the Institute to help the student secure a term-time job or an educational loan. Freshmen may borrow directly from MIT, but to continue in this loan, the loan option must obtain state- wide acceptance. Loans from hometown banks or bor- row under MIT's government in- portant to the mixer situation; SACC feels an alternative can only exist when people of both sexes live together in an atmosphere of mutual respect. The mixer concept reinforces the idea of treating people as objects," according to Schwartz.

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