Words fail to match our horror as we consider the latest development at Kent State University. That a grand jury could find the National Guard blameless and turn instead to indict only students serves to demonstrate the breadth of the gap between the liberal and conservative elements of our society.

The grand jury report must not be construed as just another facet of some Washington repression. Indeed, putting the shooting itself in a proper perspective requires the admission that the federal government had no direct link with the killing. Both these events resulted from decisions made at the grass roots level, by the grass roots people.

What factors may have influenced their decisions? The effect of Agnew's rhetoric (separating bad apples, etc.) cannot be denied. And community elements may have felt compelled to step in and provide order when the school administration proved weak. But students must consider their own actions another of the prominent factors. Last spring's violence was not the first disruption for the Ohio campus; disorders in April, 1969, culminated in the arrest of 58 persons. And the students' own belligerent attitude may have provoked both the guardians and the jurors.

Physical Education

Three weeks ago The Tech offered the following observation on a crucial need in reform:

"When the MIT Commission report is released in November, it will undoubtedly cover a wide range of issues. But there is one minor point that will probably be ignored, as all other committees and study groups have ignored it in the past. We speak of that episcope of classical educational rigidity, the object of hatred for hundreds of tools - the physical education requirement. From out of the misty past, this dogma has sur- vived to harry and worry undergraduates. Like Montezuma's curse, it threatens the physical and emotional well-being of those who venture on to the campus.

"During summer vacation, hundreds of letters went out to hundreds of students, warning them that they were ineligible for a degree unless they satisfied completely four quarters of physical education.

"What kind of justice is that? A student can spend four years at MIT, willingly putting aside dozens of problems, striving for a lower tuition, and still be denied a degree for failing to work up a little sweat. In this modern, enlightened age, such anti-intellectualism cannot be tolerated.

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Isn't anyone out there listening? Dunbar, members of our own editorial board may be barred from the degree list for not putting out a little sweat twice a week. Our own informal survey (using the latest techniques), we picked out a typical member of the student body) proved conclusively that the time for change must be now. Relying on our Faculty and students to end this repression of MIT students and remove "units of physical education" from the list of requirements.

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