Perhaps it strains the credibility of our role as watchdog of the administration, but we must enthusiastically welcome Jerome Weiner and Paul Gray to their new posts as the twin pillars of MIT's leadership. Both men should prove well qualified to manage and direct the Institute during the next few years.

Particularly because we are a student newspaper, The Tech can appreciate the emphasis on education the two appointees demonstrate. As professors, Weiner was responsible for charting much of the Institute's educational reform efforts, and Gray offered conclusive proof of his own understanding when he presented, during the January IAP, an outline for improving undergraduate engineering education. We would encourage both men to insist that the individual departments take a hard look at their own undergraduate curricula and teaching.

Of course, the two executives' abilities extend beyond education to other important facts of university management. Weiner, for example, has contacts in Washington that could attract federal support during the financially trying times sure to come. Gray worked with the programs for black and other minority students since their inception while Weisner's liberal political record should make him attractive to a large segment of the students and faculty. Both men are experienced administrators familiar with the problems of day-to-day operational control; professors whose work on the Freshmen Advisory Council extends back several years may remember that Gray was instrumental in turning it into a functioning body.

The Tech hopes that the division of responsibilities between the two appointees may leave both more time to communicate with the campus. A low-profile presidency is inappropriate for MIT—but both executives must act in an active, visible role both within departmental councils and among students in their living groups as well. Much of the pair's credibility will depend on their success in reaching MIT students and faculty.

UAP election

The Tech congratulates Bob Schulte and John Krzywicki for their recent election to the posts of UAP and UAPV. Both men bring to their new office experience involving undergraduates with formal and informal student projects. Schulte long headed the Athletic Association, directing both IM and intercollegiate sports. Krzywicki's association with the General Assembly demonstrated his own ability to draw students to work within the government. The low turnout for Wednesday's vote underlines the crucial need for interested students in their government. We would also note the good-sized number of 'No UAP' votes registered in that same election. Since the only campaigning was The Tech's editoril and some flyers distributed the morning of the election, the 20% total bespeaks a widespread dissatisfaction with the present government structure. The two new officers should feel obligated to investigate such possible reforms as substituting a student president's house meetings for the current GA.

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McGovern campaign

For the past year our general editorial policy has been to avoid commenting on events not centered on the MIT campus. We felt it somehow inappropriate for us to take a stand on such external matters as the GI anti strike or President Nixon's war policy, since we could be more effective discussing educational issues or the Institute's judicial policy.

Support for McGovern candidates represents a somewhat different case, since both MIT faculty and students are in some semblance of a position to effect change. With this in mind, The Tech urges the community to lend support, especially financial support, to Senator George McGovern's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. We seek a continuous public discussion of American war policy, and McGovern's candidacy offers a useful vehicle. Long an outspoken opponent of American policy in Indochina, has neglected to keep the liberal political establishment from regarding him as an "MIT more balanced and inspiring educational program".

Letters to The Tech

To the Editor:

In your February 12 issue, Bruce Schwartz ("Another rally on the Common") mentions that "while it is true, at least according to the polls, that a majority of Americans now oppose the war, it is not true that they understand how Nixon's strategy will work. The price, the necessity for unilateral withdrawal, etc." I find it regrettag that the liberal political establishment, at universities across the nation, has neglected to keep the general public informed of correct opinions. Such lack of communication is widespread, manifesting itself even at MIT where, to the surprise of most, a few have failed complete understanding of proper political theories. I for instance cannot claim absolute certainty in the matter of the necessity for unilateral withdrawal. It is, indeed, unfortunate that issues whose solutions are clear and obvious have been mistaken for vastly complex and deeply-rooted problems. Such lack of simple solutions, lacking simple solutions. Perhaps Mr. Schwartz would be kind enough to go into more detail, so as to clear up the issue..."