Non-registerant loan aid is wise

Following the lead of Yale University and other top schools, MIT President Paul E. Gray '84 wisely recommended MIT provide loans to students who are denied federal financial aid for reasons of non-filing. Gray and the Financial Aid Office must now follow up the recommendation to see the plan implemented.

Providing non-registerants with loans is a better system than making grants outright. MIT can not afford to subsidize through grant money those who forfeit federal funds. Financial aid greatly strains the resources of the Institute. Providing grant money to students who are denied federal money would be unfair to other needy students.

The second reason is the danger of not allowing students who become ineligible. The Institute has made a strong commitment to meeting the full need of each student it admits. Eliminating loans from the package would be a tactic that could not be justified — but perhaps MIT is not as keen on admitting students who will not support MIT.

It is appropriate for the Institute to provide loans to non-registerants to replace federal loan and money. The loan programs will not place an undue burden on MIT resources. The added cost to the non-registerant loan will neither prevent the non-registerant from attending MIT, nor will it encourage him to break the law. The program will simply allow those who are eligible for financial assistance to support to attend MIT.

Each student accepted to MIT is entitled to his education based on his work, gender, financial status, or participation in the MIT community. The regulations requiring a statement of registration for all on-campus activities. Most activities can continue without a chief engineer. Before anything else they must expand the station's...