To the Editor:

"If you can't trust Paul Gray, who can you trust?" Such were my thoughts when I sent a letter to President Paul E. Gray expressing my concerns about the Solomon amendment linking draft registration to financial aid. I have before me now his reply, which says, in part:

"MIT intends to press, by itself and/or in concert with other institutions, arguments to the Supreme Court." If Gray does so, I will not impress. According to the most recent academic defense contractors, he has been asked to consider the implications of the development for the future of the nation's higher education. The law tying draft registration to financial aid was passed by an overwhelming majority of the Senate, but it has been assented to house arrest for the past five years.

MIT's recent wholehearted opposition to the Nuclear Free Cambridge initiative, a position which caused much dismay towards our school. MIT has done the minimum of what any major university to assist students whose consciences prevent them from registering for the draft, refusing even to pay a voluntary funded scholarship, yet all the while saying that they oppose the war. What are words without action?

By taking this stand, the MIT administration has shown itself to be more concerned about the integrity of its corporate public relations department and further reinforces its image as an integral part of the "Military-Industrial" complex, serving those needs above all. MIT's name will be overshadowed on the brief by an academic giant such as the University of Minnesota.

Gray's claim that the appeal is unlikely to succeed is hardly an excuse not to try, either, it is a more reason why MIT should aid in this effort. The loss of draft registration is a matter of principle. This move leaves me wondering if MIT has any principles at all, or whether it just gives lip service to them for the sake of its image.

The "general public has no understanding of the subject involved" and that "there is definitely an element of risk in being misunderstood" — besides showing a general contempt for the general public — falls flat in light of MIT's recent wholehearted opposition to the Nuclear Free Cambridge Initiative, a position which caused much dismay towards our school. By taking this stand, the MIT administration has shown itself to be more concerned about the integrity of its corporate public relations department and further reinforces its image as an integral part of the "Military-Industrial" complex, serving those needs above all.

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