Opinion

Scientists should take stand on South Africa

To the Editor:

There has been no progress toward the destruction of apartheid since we left their respective universities for the summer. I do not believe opponents of apartheid should become too confident about the shallow and hypocritical efforts being made by the Reagan administration and the Pretorian government. Opponents of apartheid must be devoted by gradualism and form. The establishment of one man, one vote in all of South Africa is a nonnegotiable objective, and it must be achieved now, not "trucked down with deliberate speed."

The Pretorian government will refuse and delay voting rights as long as companies from the United States and other countries are there. To seek changes while these companies remain in South Africa is nonstrategic. The only leverage is the withdrawal of these companies until full voting rights are established countrywide.

I believe a real opportunity falls on the shoulders of science in the major research universities throughout the country. If a company refuses to withdraw from South Africa, science is engaged in research and development (R&D) for them should discontinue further research in their behalf.

Just as this country selectively employs economic sanctions against certain countries, individual sanctions should be employed against companies that continue to operate in South Africa. R&D is the lifeblood of the major industrial company that seeks to be competitive and remain in the forefront, without an R&D compass failer.

Instead, faculty disassociation has at least two attractive compo-

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AIDS is a common concern

To the Editor:

I went today to the funeral of a friend. And I was very angry. I knew that there were people for whom this man's death was good news. Not because they knew him, but because they knew what he was, and not because he had done anything to them. But because he had AIDS.

For most people AIDS is a topic of academic concern. It frightens them. Of course. It frightens me too. And it justifies this overt and hatred of people like me. But for my friend, for his family, for my friends, it meant much more. So very much more.

I am sure people are hearing now that heterosexuals should be concerned about AIDS because they too are in danger of the disease. They may be concerned now because although they knew they were safe before, now they may not be.

As we think of ourselves, we are being consumed not be people have been suffering from it, not that we should think of ourselves, we are being consumed by people who really suffering from it, but because they themselves might suffer from it.

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TO THE EDITOR

Morgan encourages students to participate in apartheid program

To the Editor:

As chairman of the Institute Colloquium Committee, I am writing to invite you to participate in our activities. The colloquium scheduled for Nov. 6th and 7th, will be devoted to the issue of apartheid. This colloquium will feature a major address by South African Black activist Ntshadi Modiano, as well as an afternoon workshop on apartheid living groups.

If the topic of this or any future colloquium is of interest to the members of your group, we strongly encourage your participation in its planning or in the colloquium itself. For the November-March calendar, there are still opportunities for participation. So you may how, you may know, you may think of something to discuss in your group's interest.

If you think you might be interested, please let me know by Nov. 5th.

Frank Morgan

Professor of Mathematics

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Tech received this letter from Professor Morgan addressed to All MIT Organizations and Living Groups.)