Editorial

Protest admirable despite flaws

"Alexandra Township" is a striking reminder to MIT students and administration members of the horrors and excesses of the South African government. The construction of the shantytown is a demonstration of the involved students' commitment to end apartheid and their desire to see the MIT Corporation take steps to bring this end about. The protest is admirable and deserves the full support of the community. The Coalition Against Apartheid is working hard to bring the issue of divestment before the Executive Committee. However, their statement would have been stronger had distinguishing elements been removed from the list of demands presented to President Gray.

Although MIT minority enrollment and the fate of the dining service workers are important issues, there is at best a tenuous connection between these issues and the construction of shanties. Since a unified front is necessary for success, these two demands should be deferred for later discussion.

There should be a concerted effort to enroll the support of large and dispersed minority members. The presence of non-MIT activists such as the Marxist-Leninist Party (MLP) in the protest reduces the effectiveness of the protesters' claim against the MIT corporation. MLP involvement blurs the focus towards outside socialist agitation rather than legitimate MIT community protest.

The determination of community members occupying the shanties in the cold of winter is praiseworthy. Organized community protest has proven effective in the past, and can be effective now. The Executive Committee should recommend that the Corporation sell all stocks in companies supporting the apartheid regime by doing business in or providing loans to South Africa. MIT must divest.

Column/Daniel W. Pugh

A gap separates frats and dorms

When new students come to MIT during Rush week, they usually visit one fraternity, sorority, or independent living group. Some of them have applied to graduate schools or are professionally and socially anxious waiting notification of acceptance or rejection. Some seniors see this process as "interview suits." In a 60 minute interview, you have one friend who is thinking of being the Peace Corps. I'm scared to graduate. In another year and pick up a second undergraduate degree. It's a simpler decision to make, at least in the short run.

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Column/Simson L. Garfinkel

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Feedback

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