MIT students, faculty, and administrators are grappling with the issue of divestment, which has been polarizing the community. The MIT Coalition Against Apartheid (CAA) has been at the center of this controversy, but the student viewpoint is often not heard. The MIT Coalition Against Apartheid (CAA) refrains from criticizing the MIT view student protest as ineffective, wanting a better idea of student what we stand for, while trying to establish a new conservative voice in our area of these students has become the dinner about divestment. We go talk to the activists. Beginning for their perspective and energy.

In my role as student representative, I ask the community to remove their blinders about the CAA and go talk to the activists. Begin next week, the CAA will send representatives to the divestment and other living groups to talk to students during dinner about divestment. We want to inform students about what is going on and also get a better idea of student opinion.

I think that many students at MIT are not aware of the activities and concerns of the CAA. This is partly because the CAA does not actively seek out the community. However, the CAA is trying to change this. They have held meetings and discussions with students to hear their concerns and ideas. I encourage all students to attend these meetings and share their thoughts.

Changes of this magnitude should take place without student awareness. It is critically important that students understand the undergraduate reforms currently being proposed. For it is in the formation stages that student input is most effective. Once these proposals are enacted, they will have a huge effort to have them repealed. Thus, students must speak out now, while proposals are still being formulated. I encourage all MIT representatives to the Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP) to press for their views into the debate.

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Universities are vulnerable to SDI funds

To the Editor:

Universities looking for re- search funding are finding that the Pentagon offers "the only game in town." According to a recent report by the Council on Economic Priorities, funds earmarked for SDI "innovative" research, funded primarily to universities, will quadruple in fiscal year 1986 to $100 million.

The majority of SDI research is expected to fall into this classified category. What this means is that universities, traditionally a major source of unbiased scientific research, are becoming more and more dependent on the DOD. The Pentagon is supplying more than half of all federal funds for mathematics and computer science, effectively putting it in charge of those disciplines which are key in the development of weapons systems. In the past, the Pentagon's spotty record on quality and cost control, this will ultimately hurt US technological growth and competitiveness.

More than 2500 faculty members have already signed a petition calling the Star Wars project "illegally, and dangerous," including Hans Bethe of Cornell University and Philip Morrison of MIT. Opposition to the "invasion of academia" by the Pentagon is growing nationwide. Students, faculty and the public everywhere should join in the protest against the Pentagon's encroachment.

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