Students warn against rash action

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Comparing the pressure to act on the measure to the pressure to launch the ill-fated space shuttle Challenger, Romm warned that a decision could occur if MIT did not deliberate carefully enough. Students might become alienated, he warned.

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Speaker criticizes Reagan Doctrine

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Central America in the image of Nicaragua, talked about the origins of the Reagan Doctrine, and the problem the U.S. faces in Central America.

Though he acknowledged that liberal publishers are quite willing to condemn Reagan's policy in Central America, Dinkin said, that they are not willing to advo- cate the "alternative." This "alternative" would be a policy that would bring an end to all the bloodshed.

Dinkin urged people to march in Washington. "Hopefully the 25th of April will be lesson one in educating the Reagan Admin- istration."

O'Neill, a member of Linguists for the Americas, talked about the Indians living in the Atlantic coastal region of Central America, with whom he worked on bi- lingual education. "There was a great deal of opposition in Nicaragua against the Mosquito Indians, as well as in Honduras," he said.

Pastor, a native Honduran, spoke on the "war" in Honduras. The country has 12,000 and 16,000 displaced refugees in Honduras, she said. "When you have that number of displaced people it is a matter of millions people, there is a war." The war is not a military one; it is an econ- omic one. Honduras has a 19 percent unemployment rate, and people die of hunger every day, Pastor noted. Pastor doubted that the dam- age to Reagan's credibility from the political scandal would end the war in Central America.

The admissions process is one area in which the drive for diver- sity has hurt academic quality, Shney- book said. The new admissions criteria allow students with weak academic backgrounds to be ad- mitted, he charged. As a result, more than one-third of the class is struggling.

MacVicar rebutted Shneybok's argument, claiming that this year's freshman class has outper- formed the previous four classes. If one-third are struggling, then one-third probably were struggling in previous years. If there is difficulty, "it's not because of a problem in admissions."

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The liberals in Congress now have something concrete that al- lows them to cut direct US aid to the contras, but there is no rea- son to believe that aid will not go to the contras secretly, she said. "Reagan is not going to give up," Brown discussed the last 10 months of events in South Afri- ca, presenting recent UJS Iegisla- tion, and the problem, MacVicar said. She asked students to remember HASS reform is only part of a general movement toward educa- tional reform at MIT.

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