Reading period experiment planned to test new scheduling next term

By Jack Katz

An effort will be made to eliminate the "double header" experience of two final exams on one day during the exam period of this coming spring term. The faculty reached this decision December 20 when it accepted a proposal from the Committee on Academic Procedure to institute a selective-exam period on a temporary experimental basis.

The final form and effectiveness of the new exam period will not be seen until the computer works it out. In general there will be a period of about ten days approximately an eight day period planned for the maximum elimination of the "double header" situation.

The faculty was generally agreed that something should be done, for the opinion of a student having to take two exams is one thing differentiating a Professor Walter Rosenblith, Chairman of the Faculty, there was some debate among the faculty over how to accomplish such an objective.

One suggestion recommended that there be a selective exam period with only one set of exams scheduled. In this fashion, eliminating all possibility of double exam situations was suggested. The faculty were undecided due to the days it would subtract from actual class time that the term would be extended.

The proposal submitted due to the complications of plan to issue a selective exam period and the choice of alternatives to it, is still under submission.

The proposal to eliminate the "double header" experience, the decision to institute such an exam period was reached this December 20. The faculty was generally agreed that something should be done after this rule was extended further. The faculty over how to accomplish such an objective.

Two weeks required

The Army, Navy, and Air Force have instituted a new program to produce commissioned officers through ROTC. It is designed specifically for those undergraduates and graduate students with two academic years left in school.

Two years required

Features of the two-year program include an initial summer camp or cruise before the first academic year; a second summer camp or cruise between the first and second years; two academic years of ROTC course work; and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps Reserve or as an ensign in the Naval Reserve upon graduation.

Students enrolled in these programs are paid approximately $150 for the first camp or cruise, $300 for the second, and $50 per month during both school years.

Duty requirements

In all three services, active duty requirements satisfy minimums established by the federal Selective Service Act. The Army requires at least two years of active duty after commissioning, the Navy three years, and the Air Force four years; in addition, students enrolled in ROTC receive draft deferments while they are working towards degrees and commissions.

Opportunities exist for students receiving degrees to pursue further studies. Although no specific guarantees can be made, officers commissioned from MIT consistently have been allowed to pursue graduate degrees.

MIT officers

Those interested in one of the programs should contact Mr. David C. Rush, IFC Office. The fall semester's schedule will remain in effect until February 16.

The Buckinghams, recorders of the "Kind of a Drag," will be a featured part of Winter Weekend.
I won't go into business when I graduate because:

☐ a. I'd lose my individuality.
☐ b. It's graduate school for me.
☐ c. My mother wants me to be a doctor.

Can't argue with c), but before you check a) or b)—pencil up! There have been some changes. Drastic changes in the business scene. But changes in the way people attitude regarding business—especially on campus—just haven't kept pace.

Take the shallowest point that business turns you into a jellyfish. The men who run most of the nation's successful firms didn't arrive by nepotism, by trusting an Ouija board, or by agreeing with their bosses. Along the way, a well-modulated "No" was said. And backed up with the savvy and guts today's business demands.

In short, individuality is highly prized in much of the business world—the successful much. Even when the business is big. Like Western Electric, the manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell System.

We provide communications equipment for our Bell System teammates, the Bell telephone companies. This takes a lot of thought, decision, strong stands for our convictions, and sometimes some mistakes...we're human, every 160,000 of us.

Individuality pays off. Not only in raises, but in personal reward as well. Like an engineer who knew deep down that there was a better way to make a certain wire connector and did. Or a WE gal who steamied time-consuming office procedures, and saved us some $63,000 a year.

Another clever little trick to fix the year 1968 in your mind is to remember that 1968 spelled backwards is 8691. "Year" spelled backwards is "reye". "Persona" spelled backwards is "amevon". I mention Personna because I am paid to write this column by the makers of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades, and they are inclined to withhold my check if I omit to mention their product.

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"Perhaps the most beautiful movie in history." - Brendan Gill, The New Yorker. "Exquisite is the only word that surges in my mind as an appropriate description of this exceptional film. Its color is absolutely gorgeous. The use of music, equally essential of silences and sounds is beyond verbal description. The performers are perfect— that is the only word." - Bosley Crowther, New York Times. "I lay well he the most beautiful movie ever made" - Newsweek - Exeter Street Theatre

Photo by George Flynn
An exhibit on architecture in Helsinki, featuring work by Alvar Aalto, the designer of Baker House, will open tomorrow in Lobby of Building 7.
Of Weekends and Politics

By Michael Warren

128. Look Magazine will feature an article in the November issue, by MIT Professor Lucian W. Pye, of the Center for International Studies. Appearing in the January 23 issue, which goes on sale February 2, the article discusses the history of our colonial and imperial fou in the Vietnam War. 

129. Applications are already being accepted for the President's Second Annual Intercollegiate Writing Award. The deadline for submitting articles will be March 15, 1968. The rules state that any group on any campus can enter, if only three entries from any school will be accepted. Interested parties should contact Elaine Glaser, Husky Key Soci, Northeastern U., 360 Huntington Ave., Boston.

130. One Tech staffer, attempting to reach someone at the ZBT house, picked up the phone in our office and dialed the number. He was surprised to learn that it was answered by a person. He then dialed the phone again, this time using a different number. He was able to get through, and the person on the other end of the line thanked him for his concern.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the ZBT house, it is a very large house located near the MIT campus. It is known for its large parties, and it is often the site of some rather bizarre incidents. The ZBT house is currently under the leadership of a group of house officers, who are responsible for maintaining order and ensuring the safety of the residents. If you have any questions or concerns about the ZBT house, please feel free to contact us. We will do our best to provide you with the information you need.
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The non-involvement is the message

By Roy Forman

"The Incident" is more than another film. It is a daring powerful experience of an excrucition in hell. For two hours the viewer is the innocent messenger on the subway that transfigures itself into a medieval chamber of horrors. Scenography is impossible for all but the most callous of viewers. It is the City at 3:30 a.m., Monday, when a cop party is breaking up. There's a youth who is vainly attempting to take a few liberties with his date. On the train, Artie and Joe are seeking excitement. Artie finds a pigeon—a poor man they mock—and lisps it's been a bad night in the gay men's room to vomit; in quest of greater thrills Artie and Joe enter the subway car.

It would be great fun to give the bum a hot foot. Everyone pretends not to notice. Artie turns to the silent homosexual in the corner seat, comforting and enticing him. "Dirty fat!" he screams at Joe. He rushes up to the "Princess." Agathy is epitomized with "It's just a game." An old man is dropped down crying. "There are decent people here!" A soft-spoken Ohioan soldier with a broken arm suggests Artie and Joe go quiet. Joe easily tempts the elderly to fight. The vehemence of anti-white Negro man suits him complacent enjoyment at the suspending whites. "I'm with you, man," he tells Joe who retorts with "I have black!" "Touation-ride on the Negro is thoughtfully conveyed by threats to his wife. The sixteen people are oblivious to each incident not affecting them. United the passengers would be overwhelming—there are at least six able-bodied men but they won't get involved. The film's minor flaws are overshadowed by its social commentary. The acting of Martin Sween and Tony Manette as Artie and Joe instills the fear and tension of the situation in the entire audience. The grouped personalities reflect a part of every viewer. One questions his own actions if he were faced with a parallel situation. It is one's own life worth living if the lives of others mean absolutely nothing? The message is the thing and it is a compelling subject for self-display.

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The Double Helix begins in the January issue of The Atlantic and concludes in February. It is a great story not only for its scientific information but also for what it says about the way scientists work, a story to enthral all who care about the phenomenon of man.

Also in this issue

Unpleasant facts about:

- The March on Washington
- U.S. Treatment of Vietnamese Prisoners
Springfield downs men; divers make good showing

By Jeff Goodman

Tech swimmers found themselves on the short end of a decisive 56-49 split at the hands of a Springfield team, which showed considerable depth Saturday at Alumni Pool.

In the closest and perhaps hardest fought event of the meet, Lee Dilley '70 lost the 200 yard freestyle to Dave Hart, New England on a scoring spree that lifted the guests to victory.

In the 3-meter diving, Rorschach and Jesse HeInes '70 finished one-two behind Bates. Bates also scored a win in the 400 yard medley and the 400 yard freestyle relays. Dilley, Clare, Stage '69 taking third. McFarren and Dilley combined to slam three spots respectively.

McFarren wins 100, 100

Captain John McFarren '88 won the 50 yard freestyle with Bill Stage '70, but Stage and Dilley combined to claim the 100 yard freestyle as the engine for Tech, fining the diver, Bob Kozuchowski '70 won the one-meter diving event held before the start of the meet with Springfield's Donnelly and Goldberg second and third. In the two-meter, Tech scored only first place to give the engineers 13 points out of a possible 18 in both diving events.

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Bates tops Tech cagers

In a seeawave contest the varsity hoopers bumped into Bates. Having beaten this same squad by twenty-five points last season, Tech suffered from cold shooting and sloppy passing. As a result the game was slow until the final ten minutes when both teams caught fire, pouring in a total of 50 points through the hoop in that period.

Both Bates and MIT opened in a light rain to mass. After six minutes of play the score stood 6-6 with tech managing only a jumper by Burton A. H.K. and a few charity tosses. Dave Jonassen '69 then drove inside, marked by his man and his pointer and added a set from the side. Bates dropped three quick backcourt layups to take a 9-6 lead, but MIT on a scoring spree that lifted the visitors to a 24-9 advantage.

The Howard Alexander hit gave Technical a lead that was never again threatened in the second half of the game. Bates' biggest threat came in times of 6:39 and 4:42 as they outskated their opponents. A leap shot was the only damage to the visitors' center Tim Colby scored within a minute and a half. Bates went on to take the game 78-69.

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Skaters battle with WPI, 5-1

The MIT Hockey Team got its third win of the year Saturday, defeating WPI by a score of 5-1. The Tech players led the team in the first period and never looked back as they ran away with the game as most of the players, to raise their season record to 3-2.

Mike Talbo '89 opened the scoring with a 1:14 period on a rebound shot from about 8 feet in front of the WPI goal. Only three minutes later another Fake goal, this one from Scott Rhodes '86 and Talbot getting assists.

The second period saw MIT start out strongly, but goalie Steve Ericksen '88 made several key saves and even the skaters regulated their momentum. Three WPI penalties within three minutes gave Tech a five man on the ice, but MIT held off the WPI attack with Scott Rhodes '86 and Talbot getting assists.

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Talbo's goal with 10 seconds remaining in the second period was the only third period goal as Tech held WPI to one more goal in the final period.