Letters to The Tech

In defense

To the Editor:

In the April 26, 1966 issue of The Tech, a letter written by Harry Binswanger '65 appeared discussing my article on Ayn Rand. Mr. Binsw anger found two "major distortions" in the article. First, he considered the description of Miss Rand as "practical" and "rational" as "false" and "objectively vicious in tone."

Mr. Binswanger, most people agreed with you to some extent. I said so in my article. True, I don't share your vehemence and don't consider the description of Miss Rand in the article the way a domestic problem is biased.

I am not somebody who says the administration is prepared to discuss, seriously, student proposals for the lengthening and adjustment of future reading periods and finals weeks.

I have received many letters in support of the reading period and final exam proposal. In all of the correspondence, there were no constructive suggestions concerning the scheduling of reading period and final exams are urged to contact Binswanger through the Undergraduate Association Office.

In closing Mr. Binswanger, you imply that I am not guilty of your "vicious" charge.

I think you may not have read my letter, for I fully admit that Miss Rand said that she feels that rationalism is both practical and necessary, but I maintain that her presentation of it was definitely confused with much of what the general public (which includes my fellow students and your readers), currently terms "pangeism."

Miss Rand, herself, made this point in an interview with a syndicated newspaper by her speech by criticizing "Auntie Almatis," the typical adult pushed to an extreme, Mr. Binswanger.

Potential, however, something must be done to coerce the two dormitories currently outside the organization into participating in the affairs of the council. If the houses which are not presently members consider the position absolutely, this situation should not present no problem; the biggest argument used previously against a dorm's participating in Dormon that that Council's programs took a large part of the yearly cash allocation to each dorm without providing much service, has been removed.

The Council showed that it was willing to raise outside funds for its own projects by sponsoring the very successful Blood Drive last term.

With some luck in obtaining concert dates which will provide a firm financial basis, and some action from the President-elect and Bellus Hall, the dormitories may well be on their way to realizing their full potential in guiding the affairs of MIT under graduates.

SCEP

SCEP seeks student opinion on reading period proposals

By Frank March, UAP

SCEP has released a proposal to lengthen reading period, currently being sponsored by the Student Council Committee on Educational Policy and the Committee on Academic Performance. SCEP is in the process of finding student opinion concerning the proposal.

There are two alternative programs in both of which the three days of classes would be eliminated. In the first proposal, classes would be held from Saturday to Tuesday with exams on Wednesday. In the second, alternate days, i.e., Wednesday, Friday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Thursday.

The other proposal would have only a two day reading period but a two week exam period. In this case reading period would be Saturday and Sunday, with exams one day each Friday through Friday for two weeks.

SCEP has been published to inform all Tech students of details and consequences of these proposals; in addition, students have been invited to participate in constructive suggestions concerning the scheduling of reading period and final exams are urged to contact Binswanger through the Undergraduate Association Office.

Kibitzer

By Mark Bebowski

In the first place, declarer is left with clubs. The king of clubs is not the obvious winner of the club suit, because declarer has already played off the club. East's discard of the spade is the irregular play from declarer's point of view; the declarer should have led the spade both to unblock and to avoid an all-spade transfer.

East's discard of the king is not a wild play of the suit, but a move which could not have any other purpose than to unblock and to avoid an all-spade transfer.

West is the only one who is left and East has to make up his mind. By playing low, East is not able to win the heart, because declarer has already played off the heart. East is forced to concede the trick.

East's discard of the king is a wild play of the suit, which could not have any other purpose than to unblock and to avoid an all-spade transfer.