Letters to the Tech

Cuban authority

To the Editor:

Who is responsible for the story in The Tech today (February 18), in which Luis Manariti, a famous anti-Communist, anti-Castro Cuban exile leader, is described as "the most knowledgeable person in the United States on the Castro system"?

The story amounts to a piece of propaganda. It should have had the word "advertisement" at the bottom to separate it from the normal news.

Andrew Hawley
Department of History

(Eid, note: The story was written by one of our regular staff writers. As such, it obviously should not have been titled as "advertisement" at the top.)

We would, in addition to these factual statements, like to add one further point. Mr. Hawley's charges may be new to the political left, but in the United States on the Castro system. We know it all the midnight showings at the Kenmore Cinema are bad, but we certainly will not risk two hours of our time again.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Berra
Course XIII

(Eid, note: The "Underground Films" being shown are not for rent. They are also not particularly enjoyed.)

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Choice '68

As we have stated in the past, we feel a responsibility to the MIT community to take stands on relevant issues. One of these is the UAP race. This year, the undergraduate body is being confronted with a slate of four very good candidates, each with much to offer. As such, any person who casts his vote without carefully considering the alternatives involved is acting in a manner which is absolutely indefensible. This is one of the few issues that the Board of Directors actually votes on in the course of a year.

It has been our opinion for several years that what the job of UAP really needed was someone with a dynamic personality, who could generate ideas rather than merely carry through decisions made by other ideas. Along with this, he should have a strong will, yet remain flexible enough to recognize an idea that is better than his. While we do not feel that extensive experience in student government is a necessary prerequisite to holding the office of UAP, some experience, or at least a working knowledge of the system is required.

It is for this last reason that we nar- row our field of candidates to Bruce Enders and Jim Smith. While Ed Sokoyta and Mark Kivisild would undoubtedly make good UAP's, the characteristics of their platforms to the office, it would take them some time to become adjusted to the workings of government. The new UAP, whoever he is, must have the ability to generate his own ideas, the means by which the system now operates so that he can operate from within to change it.

Therefore, we are left with a choice between Smith and Enders. Before coming to a decision, consider some of the other qualifications presented above. Must he have a clear idea of the direction he wants student government to go in the coming year? He must possess a sense of organization and the ability to delegate his authority, which will be one of the problems of the office. Finally, he must have a clear sense of personality and his role in UAP so that he be able to navigate through the multifarious plans for reorganization which will be paraded before him.

Both these men have the requisite qualifications presented above. Smith, only one of them has formulated his ideas into anything concrete, as nearly as we have been able to determine. That man is Bruce Enders.

Enders has already shown that he knows the system inside out. He has a strong ability to generate his own ideas, and therefore, presumably, to work for its change from within. After extensive talks with him on a period of several weeks, we have a clear idea of what he will bring to the office the type of personal- ity needed by the job. His training in the Undergraduate Systems Program should give him a broadened capability as far as organizational techniques as far as organizing the proposed schemes for accomplishing these ends. There is some doubt that Smith could operate so effectively with the other members of the board.

However, we would post one warning about the direction of the election, whoever be it. The other three candidates have shown themselves to be in possession of many good ideas. We would encourage all interested to overlook these, along with the talent that each one producing them, would be a disastrous mistake.

Kibitzer

By Philip Selwyn

North

East

West

South

West-East Vulnerable

Leader: Mark M. Silverstein '68
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Most people get a warm inner glow whenever an expert in any endeavor makes a mistake, re- minds us that he, too, is mortal. It is in this vast majority of people that this column is dedi- cated.

The diagrammed hand appeared recently in Mr. Bridge's nationally syndicated newspaper column, "Bridge on the Brink." We have seen, Green overlooked the best available lead.

The bidding was straightforward.

North would have done better by doubling West's bid and collecting an 80 point penalty, by winning two tricks in each black suit and one dia- mond trick. Even so, the 5 Spade contract was odd enough. In his usual manner, Green first described the poor line of play. "Select one of your more knowledgeable declarers and then suggested the "correct" line of play. After the opening lead of the K of hearts is ruffed in dummy, one would like to be able to lead a second heart and ruff that ace in the center. However, the rules do not sanction such a play and declarer must find an alternative solution.

The mythical declarer chooses a 3 no-trump line of play. Since there was no convenient entry to the South suit, the second heart ruff and a dummy's last trump to his hand and cover the opponent's re- maining trumps. He then shifted everything on finding West with the Q of clubs, by leading the Q. Since he could not ruff the Q, all the clubs were over off. Unfortunately for him, the trick was won by East. The defense then cashed a trick in each red suit for down three tricks.

Gorman's Line of Play

Gorman suggested a superior line of play which requires only that the clubs break 3-2, a two- three in those for successes. After- ruffing the opening lead, he sug- gests a line of play which is rather familiar.

The lead to the dummy, West ruf- fes to the K of clubs, by leading the Q. If East-Had the Q of clubs, he would have made all 13 tricks. Unfortunately for him, the trick was won by East. The defense then cashed a trick in each red suit for down three tricks.

The Correct approach

At trick two, declarer should proceed just as the mythical declarer did; he should play a club against the opponents' diamonds. Next he should lead his singleton diamond towards dummy's K. If West has the A and takes the trick, all he can do is either ruff with good heart trick; dummy's K of diamonds is in the third club later on. If he comes, the South most can lose is a heart. If, however, East has the Aces, the play of dummy will go as follows: then the declarer has good heart trick and pre- viously led a third of the suit which declarer took in his hand. His hand would then lead a club to the Ace and if the Q does not fall, he would ruff a dis- covered in his hand to take the club and line of play is better than 75% because in success whenever West holds either the A of diamonds or the Q of clubs, whenever East holds the single- ton diamond, declarer can even lose three tricks before he is preferred to Gorman's line of play.

Clear - both declarers should realize that under circumstances like these when the opening lead is a singleton, declarer has 90% of the time, regardless of the condition of the suit, to make 7 tricks.

On the opening lead of the Q of hearts, declarer has a 60-40 chance of making 7 tricks if the suit breaks 3-2. For declarer to get an extra trick, he would have to ruff against the opponents' diamonds with the A of diamonds, which is not always possible, and the chances of getting a singleton diamond are too low, as declarer would have ruffed tricks with East's K of diamonds.

Moriah, Mass.

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