The proposal calling for abolition of all Institute requirements, which will be voted upon at the faculty meeting, offers an idealized vision of what an education should be. But this is not what is envisioned by those who prepared the proposal is something of an academic never-never land. A student comes to the Institute and should be encouraged to realize the full potential of himself. The proposal concerns about the student's future. The advisor endeavors to assist the student in setting up a personalized educational program that fits his interests. In order to do so, the student, of course, must take the sequence of courses until 1969.

In either case, because he is taking a program of his own choice, the student will not need the carrot-and-stick motivation of the grading system in an Institute setting. The grading system has been made part of the curriculum, and the grades do not change, so there will not be a system of grades that are consistent with the faculty's standards, of course, remain contingent upon the student's completing a required number of courses in that area.

We must confess that we are bewildered by the long delay in deciding to deploy a "thin" Sentinel ABM system around some of our ICBM sites. It is a difficult thing to make a case for a thick system to protect our deterrent from the Soviets; it is even more difficult for a system that is distributed, population centers to protect against the Chinese. However, a thin system around missile sites as proposed by Nixon is neither large enough to protect the deterrent from the Soviets or placed properly to protect our cities from the Chinese.

If we are defending against an attack by the Chinese (or any other small nuclear power) with a "thin" system, we could defend the cities to prevent massive loss of life. If the Chinese choose to attack some of our missiles, they will gain nothing; we will create no terror and they cannot possibly destroy our defense. It is not all nuclear retaliation force to prevent their own destruction.

On the other hand, if we are trying to defend against the Russians, we must protect our cities, thin "shield" system of the magnitude proposed by Nixon will be far too small to have any major effect against a Russian attack. Besides, most of our deterrent is trusting on submarines, effectively out of danger from ICBM attack.

Thus, the system proposed by Nixon is even less defendable than either of the previous ABM plans we have seen, which are none too convincing. Even assuming that Sentinel works at all (which is ques- tionable), an anti-Chinese force around cities enough to be cinematically by a low-trajectory missile launched from a submarine offshore or a bomb brought into a harbor on board a merchant ship. A "thin" anti-Russian system around our missile sites could be overwhelmed by decays and would be enormously expensive. If the anti-Russian system were deployed around cities as well, it would cause the Russians to doubt their ability to inflict an effective second strike and wonder whether we might be planning a first strike. Another round of the arms race would ensue.

But, we do not seem to be effectively, protect- ing ourselves from anything. What is more likely is that Nixon is protecting himself from the pressures of the military, the Defense Department, and the aerospace industry with $6 billion of the taxpayers' money.

Advisory System

A Professor

To the Editor:

We were recently asked on our two excellent editorials on the Advisory System about a year ago. It is still too early to predict what the effects of Peace-Fall will be, it is becoming apparent that one of them will be a healthy overbuilding of the Freshman Advisory System. At present, the majority of our Freshman Advisors do a job that may be considered satisfactory by present standards and standards that we should be required to meet in the future.

Our most pressing problem now is how to improve the quality and simultaneously broaden the number of Freshman Advisors next Fall, and this letter is a cry for help to the MIT community. Before I proceed to the formal request to Department Heads for delivery of their quota of advisors next Fall, and this letter is a cry for help to the MIT community. Before I proceed to the formal request to Department Heads for delivery of their quota of advisors next Fall, and this letter is a cry for help to the MIT community. Before I proceed to the formal request to Department Heads for delivery of their quota of advisors next Fall, and this letter is a cry for help to the MIT community. Before I proceed to the formal request to Department Heads for delivery of their quota of advisors next Fall, and this letter is a cry for help to the MIT community.