**Imperfection plaguing SDI is very dangerous**

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in is too bad SDI. They will not. They still surely develop countermeasures. The most obvious one is simply to build more missiles. Suppose that after twenty years and a trillion dollars the United States deploys a missile defense that is 75 percent effective. The Soviets could, at a lower cost, double the size of their offensive arsenal. The final result? The United States is no safer, the Soviets have spent less than us, and there are more nuclear weapons in the world. Other options include switching from ICBMs to submarine-launched missiles, building insensitive decay warheads, hardening existing missiles or dedicating anti-missile weapons. Scientists at Livermore are clearly discussing how to protect SDI satellites (anti-anti-missile systems, presumably).

The preceding points are frequently countered with arguments that technical innovations will make SDI effective. But shooting down warheads is not much different from shooting down solid cone stations. Unforeseeable technical advances that might make SDI feasible will also make it a strategic duck. In desperation, SDI proponents assert that while it will not protect us from the Soviets, it will defend against terrorist attacks. Terrors will be too dumb to deliver a hoax in a truck with an SDI, and SDI will protect us from terrorists.

In short, we can't have a perfect shield, and we don't want an imperfect one. The sooner we abandon the Star Wars fantasy, the safer we will be.

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- Robotics
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- Computer Graphics

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**When and Where?**

Thursday, October 24th, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Bldg. 4, Rm. 149

**What else?**

Informal mixer with various GE technical recruiters. Refreshments served.

**When and Where?**

Immediately following recent MIT graduate's presentations 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Same location.

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**Opinion**

**Column/Steven H. Wheatman**

**Meeting a Mensan** — who is also a Playboy model

Many of us know how hard it is to interest people in the topic of Mensa. Many of you may even know how hard it is to get lucky enough to meet a Mensan. Join The Tech.

The Tech provided yours truly with the opportunity to interview a Mensan recently. Joanne Selig, publicist, told us that she knew a Mensan who would be interested in our feature. Without question we exclaimed, "We would love to do something with a Mensan!" Joanne replied, "Well, it's easy: Join The Tech."

We met Joanne at her hotel in Kendall Square. Out of all the places to meet a Mensan, we decided to meet at the Allison, an old favorite of ours. As Joanne was to meet us, she gave our staff members some wonderful relief. They claimed that they would be there any day. A woman attractive enough for a photo at Playboy, and sure to make for a meeting at The Allison. As offer not to refuse if I've been here once.

As photo editor, it was my responsibility to cover this interview. I am a fair person and I would never ask one of my staff members to do anything that I would not do myself. A staff member and I scheduled the event for Friday evening.

Leaving MIT, we wondered, "How will we recognize her when we get to the hotel?" The solution - we stepped into Kendall Plaza and purchased a copy of Playboy. On Friday, inside the 7-station, we waited. A garbled voice mentioned something about delays. At this stage we would never make our meeting on time. We dashed out of the station, searching frantically for a cab. But there is just too hard a price to pay around when you need one, is there? Out of breath, sweating, we finally caught a cab in front of Lobby 7, told the driver our destination and rode off into a huge traffic jam.

We pulled up to the lobby of the Marriott. The doorman met our cab dressed somewhat like a major-general in the Austrian army and offered assistance. The place has style. We were to meet them in Singletons, a coffee shop that rates two dollar signs in Bos-

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**Feedback**

**Rights are independent**

To the Editor:

"Do human rights exist indepen-

dent of human society?" No. Is Mark Kastrower's column in the October 15 Tech a valid representation of human rights? Our community is not one in which the force of society can be separated from the force of the force. Societies are created by human beings, in an effort to satisfy man's needs and desires. The many power's societies have are given to them by man. This means that "power to grant right" comes from man not society. Therefore man, by his very nature, must have certain rights.

Societies are formed, out of altruism, but out of the self-interest of man. One man may have a rough struggle to get some, while many together have a sure survival. But living together poses many problems. The same visible barriers to let one know if he is in another's societies, and the same invisible - which form the line to help ensure the already existing rights of the individual. This then should be the starting point of any discussion of societies. How many independent of societies and societies were created to serve man, not the other way around.

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