To the Editor:

Missile treaty would hurt NATO, US

In his column "Germans need nuclear shield," Sept. 29, K. J. Singer makes several questionable assumptions and omissions. First, he believes NATO must achieve a conventional force strength roughly equal to that of the Warsaw Pact if it is to deter an attack by conventional means alone. As I recall, it takes many more men and materials to successfully wage an attack than to successfully deter one.

Singer also ignores the fact that most of our battle-hardened nuclear weapons are placed so close to the East German frontier that in the first hours of a conventional attack they will either be used or quickly overrun. Since current NATO policy dictates the formation of West Central Europe will never be "countered" by the shorter-range weapons, regardless of the presence of the intermediate range weapons.

Lastly, the deployment of intermediate range nuclear forces was largely a tit-for-tat response to the deployment of Soviet armed forces aimed at Europe, such as the Reagan buildup. Singer's argument ignores this.

To the Editor:

Protesters were disruptive and rude

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, a group of about 30 protesters marched to Building 20 to protest US involvement in Central America. They stopped up the halls and chanted a variety of slogans including anti-ROTC ones.

While I respect your right to free speech, I am very upset that they disrupted our class. I was even more disturbed to hear that they felt they had a right to interrupt my class because it was a ROTC class and they disagreed with what was being taught.

Contrary to the protesters' voiced opinions, the Reserve Officer Training Corps is not a political organization. ROTC merely trains cadets to become future officers in the armed forces of the United States.

I believe the protesters were trying to influence US foreign policy, I suggest that they write to the congressmen who represent them and formulate that policy. On the other hand, if the protesters were trying to influence cadets into being conscientious objectors, they would be more effective if they presented their views rationally rather than heckling the cadets as they go about their day.

More seriously, just as I would not try to dissuade a student from joining any activity such as the Committee on Central America or Axis at MIT, I would ex-}

clines other to respect my individual rights and opinions. I am distressed by the protesters' lack of respect for my rights. By disrupting my class, they frustrated my right to a choice of education.

How would you feel if some protesters marched into your class because they disagreed with what was being taught? Perhaps if you do not find the arguments against ROTC to be personally offensive, you will, indeed, and whether or not you do, why do you continue to blame racial prejudice for your troubles? Why do you persist in separating minority and majority worlds? Why do you refuse to face the fact that you are the ones who have created the system of segregation which separates minority and majorities? Why do you still persist in seeing yourselves and yet expect total social equality?

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