**Feminists oppose referendum**

By Harold A. Stient

Analysis

Third in a series on proposed Cambridge pornography legislation

Feminists are not unanimous in their support of the Cambridge anti-pornography referendum. Many of the speakers at the recent MIT/Harvard symposium on sex and pornography attested to the measure; sentiments ranged from those who believed the measure was needed to help the situation to those who thought the referendum would actually result in less to the women's movement as a whole.

Many feminists, according to Marsha Pally, a freelance feminist author, believe that every instance of women is a subset of pornography. She said this view is inaccurate, and speculated that the women's movement would suffer a major loss of prestige if the removal of pornography from society did not lead to a decrease in rape statistics.

Pornographic material is not meant to be taken as true, and is unlike "instruction sets." It is intended only to be fantasies, she explained. In addition, she said, the vast percentage of pornography is non-violent.

Pornographers argue that the family structure is in danger of being destroyed by pornography, and add that the psychology of sex fuel behind misogyny. Mothers, she said, are "the sole reminder of infantile trauma ... implicated in every childhood disappointment." They warned that anti-pornography argument feel so right?" Pally said. The answer, she claimed, was easy to identify: "It carries the flavor of men — see is easy."

Court upheals nerve gas ban

By Earl C. Yee

The two-year controversy over Arthur D. Little's testing of nerve gas since this summer when the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) upheld a Cambridge ban on the testing of nerve and blister agents.

Little, a research and development firm, had been conducting nerve gas tests at its Levering Laboratory Complex for Safe Handling of Toxic Materials, a multi-million dollar chemical testing installation in West Cambridge.

The court also upheld the law against the use of "beer balls" and "beer balls" at any social gathering. Alcohol is prohibited at any Newton or Upper Campus location and is subject to confiscation. No BC students under the legal drinking age may consume or possess alcohol.

Area colleges establish new alcohol policies

By Suzanne J. Sandor

Five major Boston-area colleges have reacted to varying degrees to the June 1 ruling of the Commonwealth's drinking age from 20 to 21.

Boston College (BC), Boston University (BU), Tufts University, Brandeis University, and Harvard University are among several institutions that have adopted policies to limit drinking by underage students. Most of the institutions have partnered with local police to ensure that their students are not violating the law.

The alcohol policies at BC have become more strict this year, according to The Heights, a BC college newspaper. The school's Policies and Procedures Manual prohibits the use of "beer balls" at any social gathering. Alcohol is prohibited at any Newton or Upper Campus location and is subject to confiscation. No BC students under the legal drinking age may consume or possess alcohol.

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"We have to think, what is the price of this?" he said. "If you go to four years, you can put a terminal defense over [selected sites]."

Abrahamson said that with SDI, Reagan wants to end America's "fear of nuclear war." He said that SDI was chosen because of the failure of other military protocols, including negotiations, according to Abrahamson.

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Industry slumps leave graduate hiring unhurt

By David Joddinsky

Last year's slumping of the computer industry had little effect on the numbers of interviews and job offers for MIT graduates, according to the Placement Office's annual report to the president.

On the contrary, a record number of companies requested the resume book, which lists about 1000 resumes of students looking for jobs, the report stated.

Salary offers remained the same in most fields, the only indication of a recession. Graduates in architecture, however, received salary offers as high as 30% percent above those of last year.

There were 9012 interviews this year, down from a high of 10,904 in 1982. 431 companies conducted interviews, also down slightly from the record of 439 set in 1982, the report said.

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news roundup

World

Jordan arms sale is postponed — President Ronald W. Reagan endorsed a Senate resolution barring sales to Jordan until March, unless Jordan and Israel begin "direct and meaningful peace negotiations" before then. The move by Senate leaders helped to avoid an immediate defeat of the proposed $1.3 billion agreement without having a negative vote in the middle of this, which would be discouraging to all parties involved.

Atkins rebuffs Israeli prime minister's offer to negotiate — King Hussein of Jordan welcomed Peres' peace proposal, but said that the plan did not "meet the needs of the moment." Peres offered to visit Jordan before the end of the year in order to participate in a Middle East peace conference.

White House says Star Wars not negotiable — White House spokesman Larry Speakes denied a report that the US would negotiate any future deployment of a missile defense system. Speakes said the Post report was "made up out of thin air."

US accuses Soviets of violating SALT II — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger announced that Soviet deployments of the new SS-25 missile is "an unquestionable violation" of a treaty governing testing or deploying more than one "new type" of ICBM. Weinberger's statement was part of a push criticizing the Soviets' position on arms control.

Cromson claims China is exporting nuclear data — China is releasing nuclear information to foreign states with the most dangerous nuclear programs," according to Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA). This contempt for the words of Peking's pledge not to help other countries develop nuclear weapons.

Nation

Nation remains low — The Labor Department announced that consumer prices rose by 0.2 percent last month. Consumer price index is the basis of the government's calculation of the annual cost of living adjustment for Social Security benefits. The government announced that benefits would rise 3.5 percent in January, down from the 3.5 percent increase of the past two years.

Judge uphold precedent of national defense over local interests — A New York State Supreme Court justice rejected a referendum opposing plans for a Staten Island naval base for warships capable of carrying nuclear weapons. Justice Charles Kuffner Jr. noted that the measure removed from the Ballot when it "would infringe upon the government's power to provide for the common defense of the nation."

Tentative accord reached at Chrysler — The United Automobile Workers and Chrysler Corporation reached a tentative agreement following a 42-hour bargaining session. The agreement provides for a 25 percent increase of the past two years.

Rebuff of Lindbergh murder is innocent, says widow — Recently released documents prove that the Lindbergh stones were a "man with no future".

Campus

Modigliani improbable — Nobel Prize-winner Franco Modigliani did not paint the Sistine Chapel — assertions by White House spokesman Larry Speakes nonwithstanding. Speakes, when asked about Modigliani's recent criticism of Reagan-supported balanced-budget policies, replied, "I thought he was the fellow who painted the Sistine Chapel." Modigliani instead stated that it was "an ignorant slur" that "had an ethnic connotation." Italian-Americans have criticized the remark as "an ignorant slur" that "had an ethnic connotation."

Speakes comments inappropriate — Rep. Chester Atkins (D-MA) sent a letter to the White House spokesman Larry Speakes criticizing Monday's remarks. "I guess it isn't surprising," he wrote, "for an administration that missed its target for balancing the budget by $200 billion could confuse the competition.

Sports

Prime-crop clipping of Cardinal's wings — Kansas City had their backs to the fences at Royals Stadium last night, making the best of their seven games to a 6-1. Led by starting pitcher Dan Dier, they shut down the St. Louis offense, extending their season by at least one more game with a 6-1.

Weather

Sky looks cloudy — The string of sunshine ends today, with a 60 percent chance of showers. Highs range in the mid 60s.

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Globe misleads on South Africa death

"South Africa Election Post," shouted the Globe headline.

My gosh, I thought, now they're not only imprisoning dissident writers, they're executing them. What trumped-up charge did they pin on him? Espionage? Sedition? Slandering the state? This sounds bad.

The next few paragraphs seemed to confirm my impression — there were protests all over the world, and officials from a large number of governments, including the United States and the Soviet Union, condemned the South African government's denial of the death.

At last, the article revealed that the "post" was a revolutionary, a member of the African National Congress (ANC), which is dedicated to the overthrow of the apartheid regime in South Africa. He had penned some verses, but that is supremely irrelevant to the issue of his trial and execution. The Globe, along with many other newspapers, had been irresponsible and misleading.

Although he was a revolutionary and a poet, Molemo earned his daily bread as an upholsterer. Can you imagine a headline: "South Africa Executes a Revolutionary, Upholsterer?"

Some people have called Molemo a terrorist. I think the term "revolutionary" is more accurate. I am not passing judgment on whether the ANC should use violent means to achieve its ends, although I do agree with those ends. But from the point of view of the South African government, Molemo was a murderer.

Why are we wasting our energy-condemning the execution of a killer? It may be correct to view Molemo as a revolutionary, but we have no business telling South Africa they can't execute murderers. After all, many states in this country enforce the death penalty for the murder of a police officer.

Telling South Africa they must not execute Molemo was like telling a country at war not to defend themselves. Even if we feel the country is in the wrong we would not do that:

There is enough to condemn in Pretoria's unjust laws. Condemning South Africa for carrying out the just ones is as wrong as the wrong we would not do.

Some groups, like Frankie Goes to Hollywood, have been and are talented interpreters of classical music, so to call them "revolutionary" is an attempt to link them to political violence. I feel the country is in the right and that South Africa has the right to defend itself.

Molemo was executed for murder. "Daily Bread" is a daily newspaper. They can't hold him up as a martyr, but they can, and should, call attention to the violence of the South African police.
Altruism, capitalism not exclusive

Mark Hunter's letter in last Friday Tech ("Morality should precede the law.") Oct. 19 disappointed me. I was hoping for a more valid criticism of my column "Of your human rights have been created by society," Tang, Oct. 6. He resorted to maligning me rather than presenting a coherent counterargument.Hunter also quoted me out of context, adding false ideas to me.

My column attempted to describe why an individual should want to help others. I do not wish, as Hunter claims, to make the individual "a pawn of the state." In fact, I would argue that any system in which the few make decisions for the many be "impose an obligation" as Hunter used it in my columns is not a contradiction in terms. An obligation is a legal or moral duty or responsibility. Obligations are not only contractual in nature. Mr. Hunter. The word obligation also means (at least according to the Random House Dictionary) a debt of gratitude. Altruism and capitalism are not mutually exclusive concepts, despite what Hunter claims. A member of capitalist's society may be altruistic if he so wishes. In my columns I was providing reasons why the individual obligation should take the rest of the world into account when making important decisions. Important decisions are those which have a capacity to hurt or help others. This includes one's choice of profession.

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Opinion
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Feedback
Respect other opinions

To the Editor:

I am dismayed by the response I have seen in recent weeks in MIT. I have seen stories asking, "Need a career? Protest protecting at MIT." I have been amazed by MIT system messages demanding that the whole student body withdraw from the class. I have heard stories of Professor - "it wouldn't be a problem if they didn't draw so much attention to it," or "the students are so shy from social conscience, that is your right, but you must respect the opinions of others." - David Flanagan '89

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Public trust is an informal bind

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observation of what actually happens in the world. US citizens who do not pay their taxes are imprisoned. Criminals are imprisoned and may even lose their lives. These are examples of human beings whose rights (to freedom, to life) have been removed. If the State has the power to violate the rights of specific members, as it apparently does, then such rights effectively do not exist except as a result of society's restraining the State.

As I said in my column, a solitary man has relatively little power over his fellow members of society. A society of a hundred million people, however, has the cumulative power of its hundred million members. A society can use this power to establish rights and responsibilities for its members. Through the State, society enforces these rights.

The public trust is an informal obligation imposed by society on its members and institutions of power. Society expects its members to act responsibly toward other members.

Hunter states that a "person has the moral right to his own life." A moral right, however, is a right which is in accordance with principles of right and wrong. But who defines these principles? God? The community? The individual? This is an undecidable issue.

Nevertheless, in voluntarily becoming a member of society, the individual agrees to abide by its rules and regulations (its definition of right and wrong) until he decides to withdraw his membership. As a member of society you share in both the benefits and obligations of the community.

The basic tenet of Ayn Rand's philosophy is that the individual is the only thing that matters. To a pure Randian, the rest of society is of no concern. The Randian might graciously consider the needs of society, but only if it's worth his while.

Mr. Hunter, if insalvable moral rights exist, then these rights must apply not only to you, but to the rest of humanity as well. It would be immoral for you to think only of yourself when making decisions that affect other people.

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Rich Cowan
Much To Do with Everything

Much Ado About Nothing, presented by the MIT Shakespeare Ensemble, through Tuesday in the Sala de Puerto Rico. Tickets $3, $4 students. Performances begin at 8pm.

Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's more moving comedies. The plot takes rapid shifts from the light, to the serious, to the opening. It has all the elements of a good story: a romance, a villain out to ruin everyone's happiness, a lively cast of characters, a couple of unhappy (and unluckily) conscientious, but important of all, it has a happy ending. Lively acting, excellent direction and competent technical crew made this evening's performance a very enjoyable experience.

Before I start praising the acting — and the acting was very deserving of praise — let me first compliment Stephen O'Donnell for a marvelous set design. The set considers the limitations of the Sala de Puerto Rico as a performance space. The lighting design of Randy Hertman till had some dramatic moments, achieving the required atmosphere when needed, subtly complementing the performance throughout.

Anyone familiar with the Ensemble's past performances doesn't need to be told that all its members are talented actors. In Aids, under Derek Campbell's direction, their performances were especially powerful. Andrew Birdwell-Lessie, a veteran of the company, was consistent as always in his portrayal of Don Pedro. David Brackman gave an equally convincing performance as Don Pedro's misanthropic, bawdy brother, Don John.

Andrew McGlown '87 and Alexandra Dunn, in their roles of Beatrice and Hero respectively, echoed the duality of values displayed by their eventual husbands, Benedick (Brian Rague G) and Claudio (Tom Darni '87). All four gave stirring performances, as they became entangled in Don John's disastrous scheme to prevent the marriage of Claudio and Hero.

This performance of Much Ado About Nothing is an engaging rendition of the famous Shakespearean play. It will be worth your while to make time to see this weekend.

Stephen F. Bercovici
Curroda Glassboard

Friday October

At the ICA, 950 Boylston Street, Proceeded by the co-directors of the Video Data Bank in Chicago, Lyv Bluemont and Kate Hinzelt. The Science Fiction/Fiction of Science, is a three hour presentation of vintage television, commercial, paid political announcements and contemporary video art. Program will run from 8pm. Admission is $5 at the door, $4 for ICA members. For more info call 266-5122.

Saturday, October

The Boston Film/Video Foundation presents the New England Premiere of Robert Blachford's The Egyptian Series, and Maggie Fisher's Standard Gauge, plus Paul Shatner's 1965 Film Degree. Blachford is one of the world's preeminent experimental filmmakers. His films have always included a critical visual interrogation of the nature of film perception. Standard Gauge, is Fisher's cinematic analysis of the difference between 16mm and 35mm. In Paul Shatner's film a young woman is being aggressively questioned by an off-screen voice while the strip of film itself is being threatened by fire. Yet another instance of visual questioning of the fragility and vulnerability of the film medium. At 156 Boylston Street. Admission is $4 for the general public. Performance starts at 7pm.
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Members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center will join the Boston Chamber Music Society for a special gala concert of works by Doppler, Dvorak and Mendelssohn.
Sanderson Theatre, October 27, 8pm.
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COLLAGE
MIT goes contemporary
MIT Professor John Harbison conducts Collage, the contemporary music ensemble, in 1985 Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Albert's Into Eclipse and works by Christopher Rouse, Robert Seelig and MIT senior lecturer Edward Cohen. Edward Pickman Hall, Long School of Music.
November 4, 8pm. MIT price: $4.

Tickets for all four events are on sale courtesy of the Technology Community Association. Call 253-4885 to check on availability.

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Brilliant Brigadoon
Brigadoon, presented by The Musical Theatre Guild, October 24-27, in Kresge Little Theatre.

Brigadoon is a musical about two men from New York who travel to Scotland and find themselves in unusual circumstances. They lose their way and end up in a town where a miracle had occurred 200 years earlier. The story of Brigadoon tells how these two men relate this miracle to their own lives.

The Musical Theatre Guild renewed the "Theater" aspect of their name with highly commendable acting. Jeff Douglas, (played by Jonathan Glickman) performed extraordinarily well. His character is a man who only believes in what he sees, feels and drinks. The sarcastic wit of Douglas provides much of the humor throughout the play.

Another fine performance was given by Mr. Luskle, (played by Neil Heard) the scholar of the town. Heard magnificently portrayed the sage-like demeanor of his character. At the turning point of the plot, Mr. Luskle reveals the secret of Brigadoon and thereafter provides a father-like, guiding authority for the characters in the second act.

The dramatic element of the show was equalled by the musical talent of the actors, as well as that of the orchestra. The lead characters had consistently strong voices; only a couple seemed to have trouble at the extreme edges of their ranges.

Wendy Hauser, who played Fiona MacLaren, had a wonderful voice that carried well and blended with the chorus of her supporting singers. In her duet with Richard French, (who plays Tommy Allbright) The Heather on the Hill, their voices reached a emotional, pleasing the audience's ear. Another singer was Robyn Allsopp Bradford (Witch who played Meg Buchan). In her songs, The Love of my Life and My Mother's Wedding Day, Ms. Bradford's voice radiated the hardness that was crucial to her gypsy character.

The orchestra added a very professional touch to the production. It was never too powerful to drown out the performers yet was sufficiently assertive when the curtain was closed. The set was well designed and effective. They were especially well executed considering that the size of the stage was so restricting. The choreography was also impressive considering that Kresge Little Theatre stage is only slightly larger than a Baker spool.

Brigadoon is an amusing musical. It is full of humor, romance, and entertainment. Should you have not seen this play, I urge you to attend, before it disappears, like Brigadoon.

Ezra Polisch

Galileo still moves
Galileo The MIT Community Players, October 19, 1985
This reviewer is sorry that he did not get to his job sooner. Had he done so, he could have told you to go see an excellent performance by MIT's community players.

Galileo is Bertolt Brecht's restaging of Galileo's confrontation with the Catholic Church. His play conjures up the ignorance that ruled Galileo's era, in the guise of learned thought.

The control exerted by the church in the 1600's was based on the belief that the church was the sole judge of the truth. Brecht's Galileo runs afoul of the church when he decides that it is the human mind that is the sole judge.

As the play opens, we see the interaction between Galileo and one of his students, Michael Goodson. The former is sure footed in the part of Galileo. He carries Galileo's desire to know and to make known. The play starts on a momentous day in history, the day Galileo learns of the telescope. From there we follow through thirty years of astronomy, discovery and ecclesiastical turmoil. William Saunders and Jomo deserve note for their

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Schools limit student drinking in response to new state law

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Alcohol abuse creates a big problem for those who are under the legal drinking age. The problem is not limited to a few students, which raises it for the responsible drinkers.

BC Dean of Students Edward J. Hanrahan, defending the policy, said that the university has been extremely consistent in stressing the responsible element in drinking.

Wellesley parties have separate drinking rooms, and campus police monitor parties. Similar policies exist at MIT and Tufts parties.

Harvard University has made the latest modifications. No major changes have been planned, although tentative policies have been discussed.

Liquor may be served only at in-house parties and is banned at university-wide parties, according to The Harvard Crimson. Harvard students also must purchase a Massachusetts Liquor Identification Card from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Freshmen are still served liquor even with these restrictions.

"Many parents" open houses still serve liquor under the legal age of 18, according to BU Assistant Dean Christopher Queen.

"BU does not allow alcohol at undergraduate parties," Queen said. "Three warnings for attempting to use false identification result in a loss of housing for the student in question. Our BU fraternity was disbanded under a deferred suspension during the school's dry rush this year, Queen continued.

BU is currently sponsoring an Alcohol Education Week this week to draw attention to the issue of alcohol. Queen said, "BU wants to be drug-free and alcohol-free."

Tufts University permits alcohol to be served at university-sponsored parties, according to Kathy Baker, Tufts director of student affairs. The university changed two elements of its alcohol policy this year: a separate drinking room must exist at parties with alcohol, and food is required where alcohol is being served.

Alcohol education has been getting attention at Tufts. Baker continued. Ten students sit on the ad hoc Committee for Alcohol Education formed to address the alcohol issue on campus. The school is sponsoring Health Work in conjunction with Alcohol Awareness Week beginning Thursday, she said.

Wellesley College's Alcohol Policy Committee (APC) altered the school's alcohol policy this year, according to The Wellesley News. Students are no longer required to report drinking under the age of 21, the article reported.

Dean of Students Molly Campbell, founder of the APC, said that students are responsible for their own drinking behavior under the new policy, according to The Wellesley News.

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(Comment from page 11) and men are dangerous. The Justices have been known to be "unbelievably violent and sexist," she continued, in the 16th century.

Sex and violence are the problem—sex, Fullly assertive women are often described as sex objects, family, and politics, she said. "Women were strung up in the 16th century."

"Saudi Arabia and Iran have pornography," said Carol Vance, a social scientist at Colby University and member of the Feminist Anti-Censorship Al, those societies are characterized by extreme sex, discrimination against women, and violence toward women.

"This is what the people think they are voting for," Vance said. The definitions of pornography include several clauses which refer to objectification, but not sex. They may be offensive to women, but they should not be outlawed, she said.

The targeting of sex as itself is a crime, Vance said. Feminists are focusing on the anti-pornography struggle, while services to protect women, such as shelters for victims of violence, are overlooked, she added.

Anne Snitow, a member of Women against Censorship, said that why excessive surveillance and viewing anything is itself bad.

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Sterns throughout the day, and leaves the possibility that the measure could be harmful in the future. The laws entered on the scene of the referendum as a means to support women who are working in prostitution or as actresses in sexually explicit magazines and films.

I. Larry Pierce, former member of the Prostitution Union of Massachusetts, warned that the anti-pornography section is "the heart of the referendum which concerns itself with trafficking. That section is "the heart of the ordi-

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Abrahamson delivers his own view of SDI

"They modernize and we feel we have to modernize."

Reagan's announcement of the SDI plan in March, 1983, included a proposal that the United States would share the "Star Wars" technology with the Soviet Union. After its design, the technology may actually be shared with the Soviets as a bargaining measure at the negotiation table, Abrahamson said. In the meantime, "a very large amount of this effort is indeed available for the public."

Abrahamson said an umbrella defense is impossible, but the SDI system "doesn't have to be perfect." He discussed the concept of "layer defense," which will theoretically make the "Star Wars" technology effective.

The first layer of defense will destroy missiles shortly after they are launched. The second layer will destroy missiles which have gone far above the ground, but which are still restorable (not separated). The third and fourth layers will pick off separated warheads and straighteners respectively. Abrahamson said each layer would be 60 to 70 percent effective, making the entire system approximately 95 percent effective.

Abrahamson responded to questions about the inability to test the system before it is put into use. Again he made an analogy with the Space Shuttle. Components of the Shuttle were tested separately in simulators, although no complete test of the Shuttle was made prior to its launch.

The five million lines of code in the Shuttle software was error tolerant, allowing small errors in the program to go by, he said. The SDI system will be fault tolerant in both hardware and software.

"We do test our offensive systems today," Abrahamson added.

Abrahamson said that the economic tradeoff of developing such a system would be a Congressional decision. It's a lot of money, but it is a good investment if it works out, he said.

MIT processors present

Approximately 20 processers from the MIT Students Against the Strategic Defense Initiative demonstrated in front of Faneuil Hall before the discussion. Ron Newman '79 expressed concern that certain projects at MIT will become classified.

A pamphlet distributed by the demonstrators stated, "As MIT students and alumni, we are embarrassed that the head of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization...is a fellow alumnu.

The pamphlet also stated that 37.6 percent of all research dollars going to MIT research come from the Department of Defense.

Abrahamson expressed his pleasure at the debate process going on in the United States. He addressed the students directly during his talk saying, "I am not ashamed of you."

Abrahamson's talk was sponsored by the Ford Hall Forum and was moderated by Cofitinued from page 1) Abrahamson, Special Education editor for The Beacon.

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Scientists disagree over SDI

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Weizenbaum, professor in the Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering and member of the LCS, supported Parnas' argument.

The opposition was not just with Weizenbaum. The Soviet Union can always change its weapon systems; therefore, it will not work when it is needed because it cannot be fully tested.

Weizenbaum also opposed the political aspects of the system. It would, he said, "add a technological fix of the grandest possible order to a social, economic and cultural problem, in other words, a human problem." The arms race and threat of nuclear destruction is not a technical problem, Weizenbaum said.

The first panelist to defend the feasibility of the SDI was Seitz, professor of computer science at Caltech. Seitz's specialties include Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) architecture and design.

The current objective of SDI is to conduct the vigorous research necessary to build a defense system, according to Seitz. He argued that such a system can be written using conventional software techniques coupled with radical hardware architecture. This will greatly aid in the teaching, simulation and modification of SDI, he said.

Seitz said the EASTPORT panel, the computer advising wing of the SDIO, is examining a present system whose components are able to function at least partially on their own if necessary.

The final panelist to speak was Cohen, director of the Systems Division at the USC/Information Sciences Institute. He has worked with the computer science department of Harvard, Tuition of Laurel and Caltech.

Cohen addressed specific points of both Parnas' and Weizenbaum's speeches. He explained that one really knows the specifications of SDI and the research must lead them. Develoipers of the software is not rendered impossible by difficulties in writing it, he said.

Everything that works now has bugs. Cohen said in response to Weizenbaum's statement about the lack of specifications. Computer architecture still has a very significant impact on making the entire system work, he concluded.

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