LSC Pornography Committee Considers Showing Erotic Films

By Frank Dabek

The Lecture Series Committee is currently considering restoring its former tradition of showing erotic and pornographic films.

This move comes after the expiration last year of a voluntary ban that LSC had accepted on the showing of erotic and pornographic films several years ago. To evaluate the possibility of starting to show such films again, the LSC Pornography Committee was reformed.

The current Porncom is "researching films, preferably of an artistic nature," to be shown at LSC events, said Chairman-elect of LSC Christopher C. Marchant '98.

Pornographic films have been extremely popular events in the past, with up to 2,000 people in attendance, Marchant said. However, such crowds were also not unusual for non-explicit films during that time, he said.

LSC has shown "very artish slightly racy films" that have all "done very well," said Joseph T. Foley '98, publicity director for LSC.

This term has not been as profitable as past terms for LSC. The "video market has hit us pretty hard," Foley said. "Pornography might do better at LSC." LSC might show a movie or two of an explicit nature next semester, Foley said. The films will be screened first by Porncom, which will then direct a few to the LSC Executive Committee, which will make the final decision on whether to show the films.

"We don't know if [pornography] is something the MIT community would be interested in," Marchant said.

"MIT's demographics have changed," he said. "If we're displaying a large portion of the MIT community, that's something we'd like to stay away from."

Marchant did not expect any opposition from the administration but said that LSC would have to take responsibility for any problems caused by the showing of such films.

As long as the film is legal in Massachusetts and the proper precautions are taken to ensure that viewers of the film are of age, there should be no legal problems, Foley said.

Erotic films have history with LSC.

The history of pornographic films at LSC goes back some 20 years when a film of a pornographic nature was shown each Registration Day, Marchant said.

In 1983, LSC decided not to show Deep Throat — an adult-x explicit film that might have been considered illegal under Massachusetts laws — on Registration Day after students submitted a petition and several women's groups threatened to protest. This event and the showing of other sexually explicit material led to an MIT policy in 1985 that restricted such films from being shown on Registration Day and required a committee to screen such films prior to their screening.

LSC later agreed to accept a temporary, voluntary ban on the showing of such films. That ban expired approximately one year ago.

The Undergraduate Association Finance Board held its spring budget meeting this week to allocate funds totaling $37,000 to student activities.

All except for one of the approximately 80 groups who requested spring allocations received funding, said Finboard Chair Jennifer Yang '97.

This term, however, a number of groups who usually request funding — including the MIT College Democrats, the MIT College Republicans, the National Society of Black Engineers, Rana, and The Course Evaluation Guide — did not submit budgets to Finboard for next term, Yang said.

Fondo received the largest allocation of any group ($2,400), followed by Sangam ($1,600), the Black Students Union ($1,500), the Chinese Students Club ($1,500), Guys, Lesbians, Transgenders, and their Friends at MIT ($1,500), and the South Asian American Students ($1,500).

"We usually give a lot of the big groups somewhere over $1,000," Yang said.

Finboard, which decides how to distribute a sum of about $40,000 given to the UA for each term to allocate to student activities, will likely allocate an additional $3,000 or so during funding appeals early next year, when groups who received no funds or are dissatisfied with the allocations ask for more money. The appeals will take place in early February.
Federal Judge to Rule Soon On California's Proposition 209

By John Schwartz (The Washington Post)

Washington, D.C.

David A. Kessler, who heads the regulatory ambit of the Food and Drug Administration, expressed alarm Tuesday over growing indications of a storm developing off the East Coast and a possible frontal system invading the region.

Today: Cold rain with temperatures slowly rising by afternoon.

Tomorrow: Skies clearing to mostly sunny. Chance of flurries with precipitation changing over from sleet to rain. Rainfall totals of between 1 and 1.5 inches (2.5 to 3.8 cm) can be expected. Gusty winds will rapidly shift northerly toward dusk, bringing a precipitous plunge in temperatures, bottoming out at somewhat below freezing by Wednesday morning.

Local Forecast (weather/high/low)

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San Diego

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Santa Barbara

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Q: How does HIPAA protect consumers?

A: HIPAA protects consumers by ensuring they have the right to access their own health information, understand how their information is used and disclosed, and request that health information not be used or disclosed for certain purposes.

Q: What are the consequences of violations of HIPAA?

A: Violations of HIPAA can result in civil and criminal penalties, including enforcement actions ranging from corrective actions to fines, and in some cases imprisonment.

Q: Are there any exceptions to HIPAA privacy protections?

A: Yes, there are some exceptions to HIPAA privacy protections, including situations where the disclosure of health information is necessary to prevent serious harm to a patient or others, to comply with law or judicial process, or when the patient has given consent.

Q: Is there anyone exempt from HIPAA privacy protections?

A: No, there are no exemptions from HIPAA privacy protections. All health care providers and health plans are subject to the requirements of HIPAA.
American Accused of Spying

By Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

An American held captive on spy charges for three months in North Korea will be released Tuesday, according to the U.S. embassy here. The man's father said payment demanded by the North Koreans had originally demanded $100,000.

Richmond's office has not commented on Richmond's assertions. Richardson, an unofficial White House emissary making the first high-level U.S. contact with North Korea since Hunziker's capture, is scheduled to meet reporters Tuesday night in Tokyo. The younger Hunziker was captured by North Korean soldiers in August when he crossed the Yalu River from China into North Korea. He was charged with spying for South Korea, which U.S. and South Korean officials dismissed as ridiculous.

According to family members, he is 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighs more than 200 pounds, speaks no Korean, and, in the tightly sealed North Korean countryside, could not blend in because he resembles his father, who is of Swedish descent, as much as his North Korean-born mother. A former fisherman and laborer, he recently had become an evangelical Christian and was attempting to enter commu

The case has strained tense relations between the United States and North Korea. Evan Hunziker's anticipated release comes as North Korea is heading into winter short of cash, food, and oil. Some analysts viewed the cash demand as a sign of how strapped for currency the country has become.

"Asking for money shows they are in a very, very desperate situation," said Chang In Moon, professor of political science at South Korea's Yonsei University.

Belarus President Gains Power; Widespread Voter Fraud Alleged

By Lee Hocksteiner
The Washington Post

Amid widespread allegations of voter fraud, voters in the former Soviet republic of Belarus overwhelmingly approved a new constitution on Monday to help "prevent the collapse of the country," said the official Belarusian television.

About 40 percent of the ballots that were cast in the referendum apparently did not arrive at the polling stations on time, and those that did were often not counted, according to reports from opposition groups and human rights organizations.

Foremost among the issues that were not addressed was the question of opposition lawmakers, in the tightly sealed North Korean capital of Pyongyang, where the defector was held, and was attempting to enter communist North Korea.

The vote, approved by more than 200 pounds, speaks no

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In the past, we have heuristically endowed a more inclusive Institute policy that involves both students and administrators in decisions that will affect them. We have supported town meetings and public forums, like those currently being sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs.

The variety of committees and groups that the Institute interacts with are nominally intended to obtain student input. But what does the term "student input" really mean? Like the proverbial "monkey with too many tools," it seems that the overwhelming number of advisory, steering, and planning committees have diluted the available student interest base and suffumigate interest.

Students, faculty, and administrators throw it around as if student interest (and the resulting input) is an inexhaustible resource. In reality, however, interest depends somewhat on a question or issue is framed to the community — and, more to the point, how many questions are framed.

Students will voice their opinions on issues that bear immedi-
Institute Should Stimulate Attendance at Sports Events

Column by Thomas R. Karlo

Institutes Technical Creativity Must Not Be Lost to Details

Why do MIT students not attend sporting events? It's not like our other events have big attendance problems. We've all seen full houses at a capella concerts, engineering competitions, LSC movies, and guest lectures. Obviously, finding the time to attend events is not the problem. We all enjoy going out on a nice day with our friends. Sports events are just as entertaining as any of the above; they're more relaxed, and there's obviously a lot more drama to what's going on.

Some would say that it's because MIT teams aren't good enough. That's a really lame thing to say. I'd be willing to bet that with Columbia University's football team had more people in the stands during their incredible multi-year losing streak than we do at our homecoming game. I've attended a lot of football game lately, just as entertaining as any of the above; the fact that they choose to do this without any financial incentive only makes their efforts more compelling to watch.

Not all of the blame for low attendance should fall on the students, though. MIT could do more to make sporting events interesting and comfortable to attend. The fact that the announcer at MIT basketball games sometimes introduces the Rockwell Cage as "the coldest arena in the NCAA" should be a tip off that it's time to turn up the heat. A cold arena might be acceptable for the players as they run back and forth, but not many casual fans want to sit bundled for two hours watching their breath condense. Keeping scoreboard and public announcement systems maintained should also be kept in mind. It's a lot more exciting to watch a game when you know who's winning.

As we head into the winter sports season, keep in mind that MIT athletes are the folks you live and work with every day. They're your friends and your classmates. Take some time to go to a game and cheer for our team. They'll play better, and you might just have a good time. If you don't go to at least a few games while you're here at MIT, it will be your loss.

Institute’s Technical Creativity Must Not Be Lost to Details

rewire the lights in 10-250 if they burn out, but it wouldn't be a stretch to assign such stu-
dents a project design a more effective con-
trol system for its chalkboards. By linking the
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Boston’s Rent lives up to expectations

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Tuesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m.; and Sunday and Saturday at 3 p.m.
By Joel M. Rosenberg

Go see Rent. It’s incredible. The first rock opera that successfully fuses music with the show, Rent starts out strong and just keeps getting stronger during its 35-song look at a year in the life of struggling artists in Manhattan’s Greenwich Village. It’s got everything — it’s funny yet heartbreaking, extremely engrossing, and the energy is tremendous from a young, unknown cast. Even with all of the hype surrounding this show, it surpasses expectations.

There are two stories to Rent. The first is the show itself, which won the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for drama and four 1996 Tony awards, including best musical. Rent portrays Mark, a filmmaker, living with his roommate Roger, an ex-jukebox musician recovering from his girlfriend’s suicide after she found out they had AIDS. Their ex-roommate, Benny, who now owns the building, wants to evict them in order to build a studio complex. That is, unless they help Benny by stopping Mark’s ex-girlfriend, Maureen, now a lesbian involved with Angel, whose AIDS have AIDS — gives them a more mainstream acceptance with a more diverse audience, as opposed to other attempts like Angels in America. The performances are all strong, especially Stephen Alexander as Angel, whose solo number “Today 4 U” could have gotten a standing ovation on its own. This show even has references to MIT, where Tom Collins sings, “They expelled me for my theory of actual reality which I’ll soon impart to the couch potatoes at New York/University.”

Collins later becomes an ATM machine. The Harvard Law grad, on the other hand, can’t fix a broken microwave.

The second story of Rent involves composer and playwright Jonathan Larson, who obsessed over this play for seven years, only to find his health failing due to stress, and his wallet as empty as those of his characters. The day of the final dress rehearsal, Larson died in his kitchen of an aortic aneurysm. It led to tremendous press and speculation, and makes some of the songs incredibly eerie — “One Song Glory,” Roger’s solo about writing, “one song before I go/glory/one song to leave behind,” and “Seasons of Love,” which talks about the length of a year, “five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes how do you figure’s last year on earth?” The speculation has been realized, and it just adds to the legend of the show that is lauded as the harbinger for the future of Broadway.

I’ve read other reviews of this show, and they make it seem only pretty good, with lines like “at once overwhelms and disappoints.” They criticize it by comparing it to the play’s inspiration, Puccini’s La Boheme. They complain that the lack of criticism is due to the dramatic story of the playwright, and that nobody would dare suggest improvements. They complain that the hype isn’t justified. They’re full of crap. This show is one of the most entertaining things I’ve ever seen, theater or otherwise, and is easily the best thing to do in Boston right now.

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IS Now Structured by Processes

By David D. Hsu

A result of re-engineering, Information Systems has changed from a structure organized by func-
tions and technology to one organized around teams and processes.

"Re-engineering provided an opportunity for MIT to rethink the way information technology is used to support academic, research, and administrative work," said Vice President for Information Systems James D. Bruce ScD '60.

The five processes of IS that are in charge of specific areas. Academic computing services, communications systems, personnel and systems, and discrete, he said. "The Iff discovery process group, the Iff delivery process group, and the Iff integration process group are defining a competency model to find out what priorities should be," Hoffer said.

In the old organization, there were some meaningless integrations and divisions that prevented IS from using resources well, Kumar said. In the new IS structure, there won't be unnecessary duplication, Kumar said. The MIT community will be able to get services more efficiently.

The goal of re-engineering was to contain the growth in information technology costs while demand increased due to telephones, to PC repair - runs efficiently. The Iff discovery process group, as the "first in the chain" of groups, defines the information technology requirements of the MIT community, Bruce said. "If people have an idea about providing a service of a type, they can start a discovery process to find out about the service," said Erin Rae Hoffer, a member of IS.

Products and services that are "discovered" move on to the Iff delivery process group, Bruce said. This group works to implement rapidly these new products and services.

The delivered products will be maintained and upgraded by the next group, the Iff service process, Bruce said. The service process also ensures that MIT's entire information technology infrastructure - including software from Athena, to telephones, to PC repair - runs efficiently.

The Iff support process is charged with effectively delivering those products and services into the existing environment, Hoffer said.

One question that the integration process might ask is how Kerberos, the authentication and encryption system used to protect certain information on Athena, would work with new operating environments, said Director of Academic Computing M. S. Vijay Kumar.

The five processes work in close partnership, Bruce said. While projects move through the various processes, some will also move along with the project, Kumar said. In this manner, there will be memory and continuity, and processes will not be separate and discrete, he said.

Practices focus on customers

The second large category in IS is the practices, which focus on customers, Hoffer said.

The office computing practice, the mathematics practice, and the voice, data, and image networking practice work to ensure that information technology systems are available to support academic, research, and administrative efforts, Bruce said.

For example, students are tuned to translating the academic computing services, the academic computing services has two main focuses, Kumar said. On one end, the practice strives to understand people's needs and to translate them to IS processes. The practice also tries to explain IS to the academic community so that the process will make it easy for our customers to interact with us.

IS is the IS competency groups. The competency groups ensure that people with the appropriate skills are available to staff the processes and projects IS undertakes, Bruce said. The ability of the staff to learn is the most critical aspect for the competency groups, said Hoffer, the director of the IS competency groups. The groups need to make sure that the staff have the best skills and competency to deliver to customers.

To this end, the competency groups seek to ensure training is available to the IS staff, Hoffer said. Currently, the competency groups are defining a competency model to find out what priorities should be, Hoffer said.

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One thing the competency groups will look at is the turnover rate of employees in IS, Hoffer said. "Information Systems staff are highly skilled, and their skill sets are very much in demand in the hyper-charged information technology market," Bruce said. "As we know, salaries in higher education cannot compete with salaries today's marketplace."

IS will need to try to stay competitive in this setting, Hoffer said. Despite several recent senior management departures, IS has not seen a larger than average staff turnover since the redesign, Bruce said. Hoffer and Kumar both came to IS after the redesign.

IS to move out of Building 11

Also because of re-engineering, IS will move from its current location in Building 11, to Building N42, the former home of Graphic Arts, Bruce said. Replacing IS in Building 11 will be the new Student Services Center, which needs to stay close to MIT student activity, he said.

An IS client design team is working with architects, the Planning Office, and Physical Plant to create a new home for parts of IS in Building N43. Some of IS will still remain in the main campus, Bruce said. "We are completely making it easy for our customers to interact with us.

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The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between Nov 15 and 21:

Nov. 15: Blvd. NW62, suspicious activity; Blvd. 6, 37, 45, E39, annoying phone calls; Student Center, 1 suspicious package; 2 suspicious activity; Du Pont Gymnasium bicycle rack, bicycle stolen, $200.

Nov. 16: Kappa Sigma, coat and sweater stolen, $350; Alpha Tau Omega, coat and wallet stolen, $230.

Nov. 18: Blvd. 10, malicious destruction to vending machines; Blvd. 56, construction tools stolen, $1,500; Blvd. E38, suspicious activity; Blvd. 26, suspicious activity; Blvd. E25, malicious damage to vending machines; Blvd. 11, annoying phone call; Du Pont, disturbance; Walker Memorial, bicycle stolen, $300; Blvd. E52, compact disc stolen, $420; Herman garage, car vandalized.

Nov. 19: Blvd. 5, suspicious activity; Blvd. 54, annoying phone call; Hayden Memorial Library, disorderly person, Blvd. 2, unauthorized use of a computer; Alumni Pool, leather jacket and wallet stolen, $356.

Nov. 20: Blvd. 12, wallet stolen, $60; MIT Museum, bicycle stolen, $250.

Nov. 21: Blvd. 20, suspicious activity; Kappa Sigma, coat and wallet stolen, $245; Blvd. 48, suspicious person, Blvd. E15, scaffolding stolen, $4,500.

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Students Can Enjoy Outdoor Activities Near Talbot House

Talbot, from Page 1
board will be helpful," Tuitt said.
Talbot House currently falls
under the control of RCA, but re-
engineering efforts are currently
under way to study whether or not
the current arrangement is best uni-
ted to Talbot House and MIT, Tuitt
said.
Talbot House is currently mana-
ged in the same Student Center
office at the UA. However, the
Talbot House office is slated to
move out of the UA office and per-
haps move to the RCA office, Lee
said.
Outdoor activities, skiing nearby
Talbot House, built in 1891, is
located in South Pomfret,
Vermont, approximately five min-
utes from downtown Woodstock
and about 2.5 hours driving from
MIT.
In 1967, the house was donated
to MIT by Laurence Rockefeller.
During the past two decades, signifi-
cant changes were made by increas-
ing bathroom and shower capacity
and increasing the numbers of bed-
rooms.

The alterations enabled groups
of over 20 people to visit the house
at any one time.

Members of the MIT community
take advantage of Talbot House as a
place to enjoy outdoor activities that
Vermont has to offer. Many student
groups go during the winter season
to enjoy skiing at places like Killington, Pico, Okemo and
Suicide Six.

The scheduling for groups who
want to visit Talbot House is done
by straight lottery, especially during
the popular skiing season in January
and February. Student groups are
given priority over non-student
groups of alumni or staff.

The deadline for January appli-
cations has passed. However, some
weekdays are still available for the
MIT community. The deadline for
February applications is Dec. 13.
In addition, there are still a few week-
ends available in December.
Vacancy scheduling is done on a
first come, first served basis.
By Robert Lenz

The go-ahead for the NFL's Draft is right around the corner, bringing the possibility of each team improving their team's overall strength. The 2000 Draft promises to be one of the most competitive and challenging yet, as teams vie for the top prospects.

The NFL Draft is an annual event that brings together the best college football players from across the country and offers them the opportunity to showcase their talents to NFL teams. The draft is a crucial part of the NFL's annual calendar, and over the years, it has become a highly anticipated event for football fans around the world.

The NFL Draft consists of seven rounds, with each team having a chance to select a player from the pool of available prospects. The draft order is determined by the team's performance in the previous season, with the team with the worst record selecting first. The order then continues, with the team with the next-worst record selecting second, and so on.

For teams like the NFL's New England Patriots, who are looking to improve their team's performance and compete at the highest level, the draft is a critical opportunity. The Patriots have a long history of success, having won six Super Bowls in the past. However, they also have a tradition of drafting players who have the potential to bring a new level of competitiveness and skill to the team.

One of the key aspects of the NFL Draft is the opportunity it offers for teams to improve their team's overall strength. The draft is a chance for teams to fill in holes in their roster, add depth to their team, and improve their chances of success in the upcoming season.

The NFL Draft is also a critical event for college football players, who hope to be selected by an NFL team and start their professional careers. The draft is the ultimate reward for their hard work and dedication, and it is a day that they and their families will never forget.

In conclusion, the NFL Draft is a crucial event for both teams and players alike. It is an opportunity for teams to improve their roster and bring new talent to the league, and for players to showcase their skills and take the next step in their football careers.