enjoyment. The committee hopes to see more groups in sponsoring mixers, concerts, and other social activities. Currently, the Pollock Coffeehouse operates every Friday and Saturday night with free entertainment and refreshments in the Mezzanine Lounge. On March 2, Student Government Committee is bringing the Groove Tube, already a successful attraction in Boston, to the Student Center for one night at a reduced price. Possible for the future are free concerts featuring local rock groups. The committee is open to ideas from the MIT community and interested people should contact committee members at any time.

Forty people rallied in the Tech Coop Wednesday afternoon to protest Polaroid business dealing with the apartheid South African government. The demonstrators grouped near the camera department to insist that the store remove Polaroid products from its shelves.

American legal trend views sex as private

By Lee Giguere

The general trend in American law is to see sexuality, reproduction, and marriage as human rights, but also to have the right to make up their own minds without interference. The American Law Institute recently overruled in federal court, while being upheld in the state Supreme Court. The attorney general is now awaiting a clarification.

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Abortion

Only four states, however, have legalized their laws banning abortion: Alaska, Hawaii, New York, and Washington, where it was the subject of a referendum. Another thirteen states, she noted, had bills that failed to pass in cases where it is necessary to save the life of the mother, or to preserve the mother's health, or to avoid birth defects in cases of rape or incest. In only four states have laws been deemed unconstitutional on the grounds of privacy. The American Law Institute's Model Penal Code, she added, has been based on the premise that "any action between consenting adults in private is no concern of the law."

Birth control

A change in the law governing the dissemination of birth control began 2½ years ago when the Supreme Court overruled a Connecticut law banning their use in most states. Noted, is one of two states that prohibit their dissemination except to married persons on a prescription basis. This law, however, is currently overruled in federal court, while being upheld in the state Supreme Court. The attorney general is now awaiting a clarification.

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