LSC drops show; no "Deep Throat"

By John J. Ying

Under pressure from several groups, the Legislative Services Committee (LSC) decided to substitute "Star Wars" for "Deep Throat" as the registration day movie last night. "We want to emphasize that we don't plan to continue having traditional registration day movies," said Leo I. DiCosta '83, chairman of LSC, "but today we wanted to avoid a direct confrontation. We want to protect our right to show traditional registration day movies in the future. We felt that we might jeopardize this right by forcing MIT to make an instant decision. Today was a tactical retreat."

LSC and UA authorities said that the showing of the "Deep Throat" might be illegal in Massachusetts. The US Supreme Court ruled in the early 1970's that states could set "community standards" for pornographic materials. Massachusetts passed a vague statute which might include the movie. In March 1980, two Harvard students were arrested for showing "Deep Throat" to raise funds for the Harvard House, because two women from the house objected to the movie and called the police. Alan Dershowitz, a professor at Harvard Law School, defended the two projecctionists and the case against them was thrown out of court.

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In a letter sent to President Ronald Reagan last week, the Undergraduate Association (UA) to President Ronald W. Reagan said, "In the past, when Milly Dresselhaus wrote a letter, when women's groups wrote letters, when President Gray wrote a letter asking LSC to reconsider show the registration day movies, and when they continued to show them, nothing was done."

"We appreciate the responsible action LSC has taken in this matter."

Several students protest the cancellation of the registration day movie, "Deep Throat," in front of Kresge Auditorium last night. (Please turn to page 15)

MIT rejects loan program

By Sam Cable

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MIT agrees with the philosophy behind the loan program but will not participate because of its terms, according to Bursar Arthur R. Wagman. The Institute was initially enthusiastic about the program, believing it would make money available at low interest rates, Wagman said. The interest rate on the loans will be 11.25%, MCSLA announces.

MCSLA changed the program, Wagman said, producing a plan under which the MCSLA would buy loans from participating colleges. "We would make the loan, then the MCSLA would buy the paper from us. This was about 180 degrees from the way we envisioned the program," Wagman said. MIT financial administrators originally thought the program would lend money to the students to lend to students and their families, he said.

Another major problem with the program was its cost, Wagman said. There is a $30 application fee for students, participatations are required to contribute $40 for every $1000 loaned, and the loans are discounted to pay for MCSLA's operating costs, he said. A student borrowing $1000 would receive only $995, he noted.

Participating institutions would be required to adhere to MCSLA guidelines in making loans; these guidelines are much more stringent than Institute regulations, Wagman said.

Had MIT participated in the program, it would have probably used the funds to replace the Parent Loan Program, Wagman said. The MCSLA program will fund only up to 75% of educational costs, he said, while the Parent Loan Program has no such restriction.

The repayment period for the MCSLA loans is 15 years, compared to 7 years for the Parent Loan Program. (Please turn to page 15)

Dean's Office considers plan to stop "anti-rush"

By Joel Gluck

Residents of dormitories with extra rooms would buy high rents under a proposal presently before the Dean's Office. Each dormitory would be required to cover the costs of its empty rooms; presently, the cost is spread over all the residents of an entire dormitory system, according to Robert A. Sherwood, associate dean for student affairs.

The reason for the proposed change, according to Sherwood, is that certain dormitories have been deliberately dissuading students from choosing them every year by using such tactics as "anti-rush" and giving students misinformation concerning available rooms. "These dorms make their environment less attractive to students," Sherwood said.

As an example of anti-rush, Sherwood noted an incident occurring during Registration/Orientation Week. "The members of a certain dorm held a rather bizarre party involving drugs... They created an atmosphere less attractive to students than the others," he said.

"Anti-rush" tactics have various motives for such behavior on the part of the dormitories. "Students who have one room... They can have single rooms," Sherwood said. "Another especially strong motive for anti-rush behavior, according to Sherwood, is the practice of "ghosting," in which non-students are illegally housed in Institute dorms.

"I'm hoping that it won't have to happen," said Sherwood, "but if they continue this behavior, I will recommend that the policy be changed." Sherwood was not specific about which dorms would be most affected by such a policy change.

Senior House, Random Hall and Senior House were the only three undersubscribed dormitories this year.

Although the policy change is still under consideration, there have been reactions. "I've gotten a sense that people are now more warmly receiving new residents," Sherwood said.

UA invites Reagan to tuition riot

By Bart S. Kaliski

"Prohibitive tuition is robbing many Americans of (their) educational right. Many of us at MIT wonder whether we will be here next term," stated a letter sent from the Undergraduate Association (UA) to President Ronald W. Reagan last week.

"We, the students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are demanding that the MIT administration hold down the tuition level for the coming year," the letter stated. In December, the Committee sent a letter to MIT President Paul E. Gray '54, other members of the administration, and student organizations demanding that "the 1983-4 tuition increase be held to 5%, or one percent under the inflation rate, or we will riot."

Members of the self-styled Tuition Riot Committee of the UA and UA President Kenneth Segel '81 invited Reagan to attend the annual tuition riot. "Your attention is especially valuable for the good of this country," stated the letter, "since it will focus attention on the plight of our students."

The Committee also asked Reagan to set up a bipartisan panel to investigate the need for federal aid to students.

The riot will be held March 4 on the steps of the Julius A. Stratton Student Center and on Kresge Oval, and after a speech by a guest speaker, it will move to Gray's office, the Committee decided.

At a meeting Sunday night, the Committee decided to send out a flyer two weeks before the riot, including statements from Harvard, Tufts University, and Brandeis University concerning tuition at those schools, according to Richard Cowan '84, president of the junior class.

The Committee is working with Halt Increased Tuition, a group formed by the student government at the University of Pennsylvania in November. The group sent questionnaires to student governments at Ivy League colleges and MIT.

The Committee distributed six hundred posters yesterday at registration and at the registration day movie.

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