

LSC drops show; no "Deep Throat"

By John J. Ying

Under pressure from several groups, the Lecture Series 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 discontinue having traditional registration day movies," said Leo J. DaCosta '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's immediate concern was that the showing of "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 anti-obscenity law that might include the movie.

In May of 1980, two Harvard students were arrested for showing "Deep Throat" to raise funds for their dormitory, Quincy 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 projectionists and the case against them was thrown out of district court.

LSC received a petition with 59 signatures from students and members of the MIT community stating, "We . . . demand that a movie which portrays a degrading image of women and an industry which profits by it not be given the benefit of MIT facilities and funds. We demand that you refrain from showing this movie."

Several women's groups threatened to picket and to demonstrate at the showing of the movie.

"We have received many more complaints about not showing the movie than about showing it. We received maybe half a dozen calls — tops — against the movie," DaCosta said.

Declining to predict what MIT's decision would have been if LSC had decided to show "Deep Throat," Mary P. Rowe, special assistant to the President, noted, "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 showing registration day movies, and when they continued to show them, no action was taken."

"We appreciate the responsible action LSC has taken in this mat-

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Tech photo by Omar S. Valerio

Several students protest the cancellation of the registration day movie, "Deep Throat," in front of Kresge Auditorium last night.

MIT rejects loan program

By Sam Cable

MIT has decided not to participate in an educational loan program sponsored by the Massachusetts College Student Loan Authority (MCSLA), according to Director of Student Financial Aid Leonard V. Gallagher '54.

This decision will not result in a shortage of loans to students and their families, Gallagher said.

The program was not as satisfactory as other sources of capital, he said. "This is not something we have foolishly turned our backs on. We felt that there were better deals elsewhere."

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 announced.

MCSLA changed the program, Wagman said, producing a plan under which the MCSLA would buy loans from participating colleges. "We would make the loans, 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 Institute to lend to students and their families, he said.

Another major problem with the program was its cost, Wagman said. There is a \$30 applica-

tion fee for students, participating institutions 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 \$935, 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

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

By Joel Gluck

Residents of dormitories with empty rooms would pay higher rent 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 distributed over the 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."

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 as offensive an atmosphere as they could."

Sherwood suspects various motives for such behavior on the part of the dormitories. "Students don't like crowded dorms. . . . They can have single rooms."

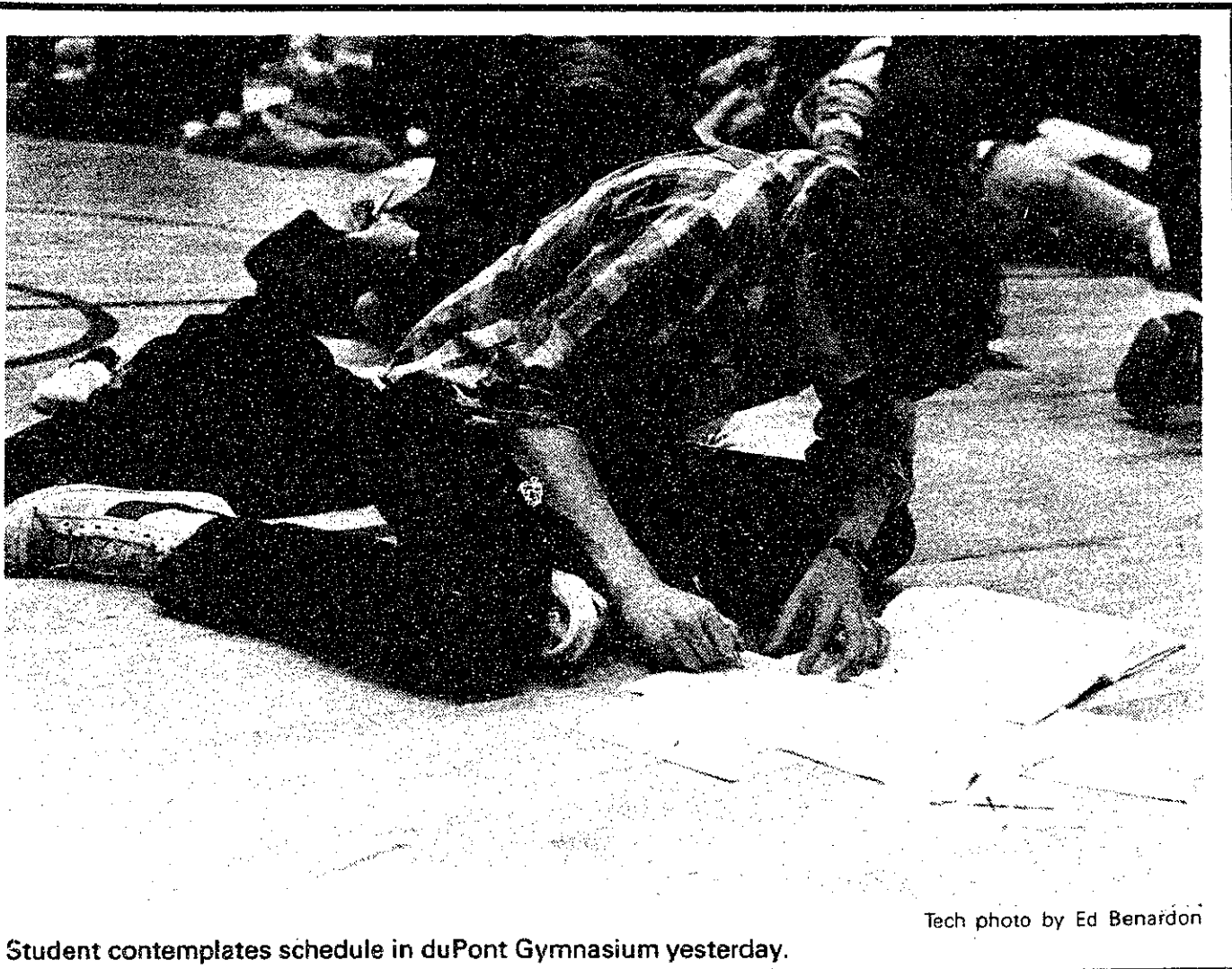
Another especially strong motive for anti-rush behavior, according to Sherwood, is the practice of "ghosting," in which non-students are illegally housed in Institute dorms.

"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.

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

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



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Student contemplates schedule in duPont Gymnasium yesterday.

UA invites Reagan to tuition riot

By Burt 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, fed up with exorbitant tuition increases, 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 '83 invited Reagan to attend the annual tuition riot. "Your attendance will be for the good of this country," stated the letter, "since it will focus attention on the plight of our nation's 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 University, 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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