**Lecture Series Comm.: will show X-rated film**

By Thomas Huang

The MIT Lecture Series Committee did not approve a team's 'triple-X' film on registration day, Monday, despite objections yesterday by a group of students.

LSC Chairman Leo J. DeCata '70, who has been given [LSC's] charter to present a diversified entertainment program to the community, will be showing a triple-X rated film on Monday, September 12.

He made the statement in a letter to the office of the Dean for Student Affairs and The Tech.

The Deans' Office had earlier suggested that LSC inform the group once it decided whether or not to show a pornographic registration day movie.

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBay expressed disappointment with the decision, but was pleased that LSC informed her office of its decision.

"They did what we asked them to do," she said, but I'm disappointed about their reasons for showing the film.

"I guess we'll have to wait for the community's reaction to it."

"We're not going to tell a group what to do," McBay said. "It would be easy for us to say what we think, but forcing that position on LSC just wouldn't be right at MIT."

"There obviously are differences in opinion on this issue of the community," McBay stated. "The administration is not in the business of censoring.

Elizabeth J. Salkind '85, president of the Association for Women Students, had said that if the group put on a show, the A.W.S. would not attend.

"We're disappointed that LSC did not show more sensitivity to those who object to the special interest community who expressed their feelings last semester.

Last spring, under pressure from several groups, including AWS, LSC decided to show "Star Wars" instead of the scheduled "Deep Throat" as its registration day movie.

LSC chose to make a "tactical retreat" to avoid a confrontation with the administration at that time, DeCasta explained in February.

"There was much reaction to the decision last year, in the community, in the media," McBay said. She said the wanted LSC to acknowledge it had heard the community discussion of the issue.

Last spring, LSC received a petition signed by 59 students and members of MIT protesting the planned showing of "Deep Throat.

Many women's groups threatened to demonstrate at Krenn Auditorium if the movie was shown.

"Adult films represent a legitimate genre of movie-making and should be shown as such as a place in our movie program," according to DeCasta. He also said LSC does not expect people to come to the minors in support of sexually explicit film, the president.

The scheduled film, which LSC obtained today, is "not degrading to either women or men," DeCasta said. The film is not as controversial as "Deep Throat," he added.

DeCasta declined further comment on LSC's statement, saying it was "self-explanatory."

Salkind said: "A significant number of people, not only women, made it known at the open forum on pornography that they find it degrading and offensive.

LSC's Association for Women Students does not think showing of a pornographic film registration day is appropriate, she said.

"We don't want to infringe on any people's right to freedom of speech," said Arlene F. Roane, '83, an AWS member, "but we would hope that the recognizability to the community is taken more seriously in the future."

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**MIT group seeks $33,000 prize for successful man-powered aircraft**

By Janice Davis

A team associated with MIT's Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics is attempting to win an award of approximately $33,000 by achieving a speed of 20 mph in a man-powered aircraft.

"It looks good, and we're hopeful, but not confident," said John Langford, G the leader of the team.

The aircraft, called the Monarch, is a light-flying apparatus constructed of aluminum, styrofoam, graphite, piano wire, and kevlar, a flexible, clear plastic.

The inside resembles a bicycle. The pilot's pedaling powers energy which is stored in a battery to run the motor which operates the propeller. The group declined to release further details about the craft for fear of duplication by other teams.

The Kremer World Speed Competition, administered by England's Royal Aeronautical Society, requires the aircraft to fly a triangular course of one mile in three minutes or less. The rules of the competition allow the pilot to spend up to 10 minutes warming before beginning the timed flight. After successful completion of the required time, he must then fly the plane in the opposite direction with no limit, and the first prize of 20,000 pounds Sterling is awarded for this portion of the competition. The Royal Society will award further prizes of 5,000 pounds each, about $14,000, to the test pilots and Scarcino, the test pilots seen.

On May 25, over 200 students have looked over the plane and posed for post-flight photos.

Langford, a graduate student in the Aeronautics and Astronautics Department, conceived of the project after hearing an announcement of the competition late in April of this year. He then began to recruit others, and construction of the aircraft began on May 25. Over 5000 man-hours of work have been required, he commented.

Other interested members of the team are Juno J. Foo '83, Frank P. Scarcino '72, Mark Draga, G Scott Clifton G. and Frank P. Scarabino '72, Mark Draga, G Scott Clifton G. and Frank P. Scarabino '72, Mark Draga, G Scott Clifton G. and Frank P. Scarabino '72.

Sherwood said that he hoped that crowds would grow to as many as 300 and 800 for the next few weeks due to an increase in attendance. Sherwood had expected approximately 350 new people to attend each week. The new people are being housed, Sherwood added.

On Friday morning, according to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Robert J. Sherwood, approximately 450 students are expected to be affected by the crowding, representing "a very high percentage of dormitory-housed freshmen" to be crowded, Sherwood noted.

The severe crowding of the dormitory system resulted from several factors, Sherwood said. To date, only freshmen have registered, 11 more than the Administration Office predicted. Normally, about 10 freshmen will live and commute from the Boston area. Sherwood added, but this fall only three students are doing so. This fall 444 upperclassmen are returning to the dormitory system, 12 more than the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) projected, Sherwood said.

As of Thursday morning, 365 freshmen, 8 transfer students, and 2 upperclassmen, for a total of 375 students, had pledged fraternity and sorority membership. Sherwood added, that the number of overcrowded rooms is not returning, freshmen pledging fraternity and independent living groups, Sherwood said.

The severe level of crowding required an additional 150 rooms to be crowded over the past several days, in addition to the 94 crowded rooms the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) planned, Sherwood said. These figures do not include the "permanent" crowds added to East Campus and the 11 to Senior House during the past several weeks due to upperclassmen moving to the dormitory system.

Sherwood said that he believed that crowds would drop to around 150 rooms by the end of the first week.

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