LSC to follow ODSA policy on sexually explicit films

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Lecture Series Committee (LSC) chairman Timothy L. Huckelbery..."Yesterday only the pornography policy statement released by the Office of the Dean for Student Affairs (ODSA) last month "a compromise between the IFC and frats) to show [pornographic film] at all and being able to show them any time."

Under the policy, MIT will not restrict the showing of sexually explicit films by categories denying space, but will set down guidelines for their showing. LSC members' reactions to the policy ranged from "confused to angry, depending on who you ask," Huckelbery said.

The policy calls for a review committee of approximately 12 individuals appointed by McBay to set guidelines for sexually explicit films that may be shown on campus and review all X-rated and uncensored sexually explicit films before these films are shown on campus to determine whether they meet the criteria.

"We're going to be pretty active on this committee," said Huckelbery. "We hope to get nice, clear-cut guidelines set down."

Films the review committee deems unacceptable may not be shown in Kresge Auditorium, according to the policy. It also calls for groups planning to show such films to notify the ODSA at least six weeks in advance so alternative activities may be planned.

"We hope to find films acceptable to the committee so we won't have to deal with guidelines for unacceptable films: we hope to get movies everyone can come see," Huckelbery said.

He criticized the requirement for alternative activities, saying, "It seems silly, especially when we have Boston and Cambridge around us, to say people will do nothing or go to a triple-X-rated movie. It's sort of demeaning to students. (LSC has never assumed that."

"At one staff we have been doing or are thinking of doing... for instance, the bunch in the policy above maintaining decorum at sexually explicit events is obviously lacking," Huckelbery noted.

Over 1500 people attended The Dancers, a triple-X-rated movie.