Editorial

Porn policy must be enforced fairly

Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBey created a double standard when she allowed the Women's Studies Program to show Not a Love Story, an unrated sexually explicit film, without prior review by the Ad Hoc Pornography Screening Committee.

McBey forbade the showing of The Opening of Misty Beethoven, even though the Lecture Series Committee (LSC) invited to requirements listed in the MIT Policy Statement on Sexually Explicit Film. However, the LSC invited to the Deans Office six weeks in advance, as required.

Yet McBey reasoned that the screening committee had not reviewed the film within a six-week limit. The policy does not require the screening be held six weeks in advance of its proposed presentation.

There is no doubt that Not a Love Story is an anti-pornography film. There is also no doubt that it is sexually explicit. McBey's policy requires the screening committee to review all sexually explicit films proposed for showing at MIT.

McBey's errors concerning the Not a Love Story screening typify and demonstrate the disregard she has for students, their activities, and her own office. She used the policy as a tool to delay the showing of Misty Beethoven — a film she disapproves of — and chose not to use the policy to require the review of Not a Love Story.

The Women's Studies Program was not at fault. McBey was responsible for creating a poorly worded and unclear policy open to endless misinterpretation by student groups and endless reinterpretation by McBey.

Some people are upset by sexually explicit or pornographic films at MIT. A problem exists, and the Deans Office is the proper place to address it. The MIT policy's goal is reasonable.

"Look at it from my point of view for a minute. Let's say I go and get waxed. Then I can't have my hair cut anymore. No more needs, right? All my problems are solved. I don't need more money, no more fucking, right? Okay, you say I've gotten popped, shot in the spine and paralyzed for the rest of my life — I could have played soccer, you know. Then I won't need the whole list of money because I won't be able to go to no place and do no mixin', right?"

"So I'll be on welfare, and the welfare check is all the money I'll need, right? Now I've just leaked and end up in the joint pullin'a dime and a nickel, like I am, then I don't have to worry about no-looking, no clothes. I go free rent and three squares a day. So you see, Mr. Brown, I really can't lose."

"As a young man of New York's inner city interviewed by Claude Brown, author of Manchild in the Promised Land."

All of the police, guns, and jails in the world cannot solve the problem of urban violent crime.

Ever since Bernhard Goetz pumped four youths full of lead in the New York subway, much has been written about violent crime. The majority centers on the gut-level reactions of those victimized.

So-called law and order politicians rally around popular themes of zero tolerance, more prisons, and the death penalty.

"It's true that our society faces a crime problem that requires immediate solutions. But rather than being comprehensive, long-term solutions, what these people suggest is analogous to treating the symptom instead of the disease."

"In order to combat street crime, we must take action to eliminate its root causes instead of reacting to its consequences. It's not enough to try to deter crime by punishing criminals. That alone will not eliminate the factors in our society that produce criminal behavior."

"Much of today's urban crime is connected to youth, you know. The problem of urban violent crime must be attacked at its societal origins."

The problems are solved. I don't need go to any school, I don't need to work, I don't need to pay taxes, I don't need to wear clothes, I don't need to eat.

"I am on welfare, and the welfare check is all the money I need, right?"

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