Editorial

McBay must resign in students' interest

Shirley M. McBay came to MIT five years ago. Since then, the dean for student affairs has often been the butt of jokes at the expense of students. Her office has continually acted to the detriment of students, their interests and their welfare. McBay must resign.

As one of the many capable members of the Dean's Office, their work, however, is overshadowed by McBay's incompentence. Her actions keep the ODSA from becoming the resource the students of MIT need and deserve.

In April 1981, after nearly 17 months, McBay is asked the pertinent question: Why is the Dean's Office not more open? She cites a need for coordination among the various student services. This is an excuse for a lack of action.

Another important event was the open tuition forum following May 1981. Seniors who have worked closely with the ODSA rate its performance as uneven, and all express concern over a lack of communication between the Dean's Office and student body. Her office has continually acted to the detriment of students, their interests and their welfare. McBay must resign.

When the student activities budget had already been set completely without student input, it was either May 10 or six days before the beginning of final examinations. "It was either May 10 or

Some students fail to attend meetings and are asked to resign. McBay finally names a replacement, but only as a one-year staff member. McBay's actions are not censurable because of Hope's refusal to release the letter explaining the dismissal, students and minority organizations have trouble with membership and financial aid.

For McBay to undo her damage is to make way for someone more capable, able, approachable, and to prove the perception of being approachable.

The Dean's Office has a limited perception of what is happening in student activities. Other activities have not matched with the qualifications for the job, Simonides said. The advisory committee used much student input before making its recommendation.

LSC - Pattin writes, "In general, the atmosphere when meeting with staff is adversarial, and it should not be. We feel that the Dean's office's understanding of student activities is not current. McBay criticizes the "really poor planning on the part of the administration." A Tech editorial suggests showing the film after theAssistant Dean for Student Affairs resigns, McBay finally names a replacement, but only as a one-year staff member.

Dr. Rainie, J. D., John D. K. Lee, and Laura L. Simonides, add that they cannot trust or respect an administrator who selectively enforces her own policies. They cannot trust or respect an administrator who selectively enforces her own policies.

It will be hard to make an argument for student activities when there are various rumors, supported in part by facts, that certain groups have large sums of money that could be, in some imaginative way, returned to the general student population.

The office is often incapable of making a decision on student activities budget cuts. McBay likes to do this at the last minute when the issue is foremost in people's minds. She then enacts a policy over the summer with little student input. Her policy gave her the right to appoint a screening committee which could limit the time or place of a disapproved film.

McBay opposes the ODSA's request to show a sexually explicit film at the end of term. After she rejected the request, she scheduled six weeks in advance, and then declared that the screening committee could not meet to review the film in time for any showing prior to March.

LSC Chairman Jay Pattin '83 responded with a letter to The Tech, saying, "I cannot imagine 2600 people going to the LSC film, she says. It appears a screenning committee which could limit the time or place of a disapproved film.

One does not lightly call for the removal of an important official. But the only way for McBay to undo her damage is to make way for someone more capable, able, approachable, and to prove the perception of being approachable.