Group should review religious films at MIT

To the Editor:

I applaud The Institute's effort for monitoring the screening of explicitly sexual films on campus, since these indeed can show women in dehumanizing guises. I believe, however, that there is another category that deserves our attention: religiously-oriented films. Who among us will deny the role that religious notions played in making the Crusades, the Inquisition, and the Minerb Trial part of our history? I am not suggesting that movies glorify religion should be banned from campus; that would constitute censorship. But such films should be subject to the six-week notice rule too. That would allow those of us who find these films offensive an opportunity to offer alternative secular themes. For example, if LSC were to present "The Ten Commandments" or "The Greatest Story ever Told," then we could counter with "You Can't Take It With You." It's a Wonderful World, or even "Inherit the Wind." To single out pornography as the sole category for the responsible monitoring of which films we ought to see seems arbitrary and narrow-minded.

Michael D. Riley

Opening of explicit film broke the MIT policy statement rules

Opening of Misty Beethoven in the same category... you are wrong. They may be opposite sides, but they are of the same coin.

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