Deans are taking away fun

To the Editor:

It is that special time of year when all the children are back in school, and Simon L. Garfunkel's flames are about to appear in the Tech for the third straight year. But this time I am going to try not to hate him to it and at least manage to offend as many people as only I can.

My first topic is rather serious. It's the progressive deterioration of social life at MIT. Oh, sure, you say, what social life? Half a campus doesn't give a damn. That's true, but what I am writing about is the continued effort of the Dean's Office to create a sterile campus.

Let's look at the dry TANK, dry rush, no violence, no XXX movies, no late developments of the recent months. I don't know about you, but to me, an idea of speed-roads drinking is ludicrous, be it soda or moonshine or whatever else they served last spring. Dry rush is a hyperbolic, false advertising — we do not run dry parties at MIT, not too many in the five years I have been here. Or is this a preview of the coming regulations? I think that we all know the importance of a social lubricant in the MIT environment.

Next for the administration's policy of no violence. (I might be going overhead on this track). As I understand it, a fight on campus could lead to an eviction of both parties from the Institute; I think that's going too far. I mean, how can people express frustration at the 'Tute? How can they express their pressures? Not by partying, not by drinking, not by just calling Nightline. (I am not offending Nightline here — it's what is needed sometimes). Would the administration rather find a student hanging from a hook in a closet or allow beer for TANK? Nobody in politics plays a straw game by the rules. Everybody interprets the rules with legal help.

And now for my favorite topic — pornography. We had no real protests when the rules with legal help.

I have some different statistics.

It looks as though we can find the separate effect of media on the minds of millions by comparing two societies: Soviet and American. In the West, we have sex, drugs, rock 'n roll, devil worship, violence, and alcohol abuse, etc. In the USSR, they have bash-bash statistics about crime in the "socialist heaven," no alcohol ads, no cigarette ads, no sex or violence on TV/movies — none. That's the party line. But they have higher rape, higher violent crime, definitely more alcohol abuse, less of a drug problem, etc.

So what does that mean, boys and girls? It means that a lot of people out there are offended now, thinking of lurid pleasures. I want porn and alcohol back on campus, where they belong.

How are we preparing for the real world by creating unrealistic microcosms on campus? If pornography is against porn, maybe they should take their protests to Hollywood, Detroit, New York. It's a world problem, not MIT's. Their problem starts there, porn is not a problem at MIT.

In conclusion, I would like to urge the Dean's Office to loosen up, Professors to cheer up and to remember Cindy's immortal words: "The girls wanna, they just wanna girls just want to have fun." And the boys too, want some fun, and what kind of fun can you have without sex, alcohol and X-rated to rock 'n roll? Smile everyone, now we'll have something to read in 26-100 for the rest of the year.

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