Editors

Reject amendment to rights ordinance

The proposed amendment to the Cambridge Human Rights Ordinance to define pornography as sexual discrimination is another example of the good intentions of the proposal. The amendment has sections that would make restitution easier for women who are harmed in the production of pornography, either because they were coerced through threat of violence, or because coercion was a part of the production. Suits by individuals who have pornography on them would likewise be facilitated.

The section allowing recovery of damages from those who "produce, sell, exhibit, or distribute pornography," however, under any of the conditions presented as a whole. This section would permit the censorship of materials that should not be censored and cannot be censored constitutionally.

The referendum defines "pornography" as "the graphic sexually explicit subordination of women through pictures and/or verbal material or the written word that casts that group in a negative light."

This trafficking clause requires neither proof that the material is indeed sexually explicit, nor that it is offensive to anyone. The language that condones the massacre of women is not defined as pornography, while the language that subordinates them is. The referendum therefore presents a genuine threat to First Amendment rights.

At the very least, the referendum should be rejected. Reform committees: act on student input

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Pornography bill dangerous

Among the questions of the Cambridge ballot Tuesday is an amendment to the city's Human Rights Ordinance that would de- fine pornography as sex discrimination and permit victims to recover actual and punitive civil damages from those responsible for producers, directors and consumers.

The referendum defines "pornography" essentially to be "the graphic sexually explicit subordination of women through pictures and/or words." This definition clearly includes all sex-related pornography. Of course, in the eye of the beholder. The bill's drafters have employed a subjective, arbitrary, subjective view.

That view is neither good nor bad by itself; what the drafters do with it is another matter. The referendum lists four areas that constitute sex discrimination: pornography.

- Coercion into pornography: The law should and does protect people from being coerced into sexual activity, pornography or otherwise, in which they do not wish to engage.

- Forcing pornography on a person: The amendment would make it illegal to permit or engage in sexual representations that should have recourse in law.

- Assault or physical attack due to specific pornography: This would be difficult to prove a direct causal link between viewing pornography and committing violence. Should such a link be established in a specific case, however, recovery against the seller of pornography might be constitutional.

Courts have allowed claims against, for instance, artists who sold images of nudes that were sold by intoxicated patrons. A defendant who sold a painting of a woman naked in the bath, for instance, would be liable if the buyer of a handbag liable to the plaintiff's room was stoned with it in a robbery.

The Constitution does not protect pornography. The amendment addresses that in a ratio definition, obscenity.

The amendment's problem, however, would not be solved by the insertion of a sentence in the effect that pornography is not a definition, obscenity.

The First Amendment has a twofold purpose regarding speech: to prevent government from interfering with the right to communicate; to prevent individuals from censoring themselves. When one has the right to express, people will be discouraged from expressing themselves for fear that they might violate the laws. Even a law prohibiting obscenity has no positive "stifling" effect on creators of expression. The cost to permitting "obscenity" speech is much smaller than the constitutional protection of prohibited speech.

Pornography represents an expression of an idea that others want to make or censure. Under the First Amendment, it is the rights of the public to associate with those people or their ideas, the government that should be in the last line of defense.

If one would censor pornography, then one must be satisfied that the speech is speech as is the constitutional protection of protected speech.

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An outsider's view of MIT

I wonder how your basic MIT student would feel to know the opinions of an outsider who has been very familiar with MIT since 1966. This outsider fill all the basic ingredients of an MIT student's personality and interests, but she lacks certain social and psychological skills and has brain damage which will not be an inconvenience but an ec- ok now that the way an MIT student would need.

This has not yet and still has not and will never stop this unique person from continuing to come and socialize and be with people as she has the moziest of for, and if you're interested in knowing why she's not going to tell you, so read on, because you know you really enjoy hearing what she's about to say. And so on and so on and so on.

I first knew MIT in 1966 when first really existed still was with an honest-to-goodness graduate student. He was okay for the most part, except he was heavy into the new sexual freedom and I wasn't. As soon as he found out that I preferred to remain as I was, he left. That was about how any MIT student's man's relationship can best be described. MIT is very close to me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus- band. The prom was a three-day weekend event. Friday, he took me to a French restaurant and then to the actual pub which took place in a number of different rooms in the Senate. In six different ways, ranging from half-stroking to a rock and roll party to how best to find sex in the Salam de Posey Room. That night I remember we were smoking pot not using a hash pipe in my room's dace. The door was unlocked and the man who resisted in a room way was down the hall without saying "And that was when we claimed it was. "There she is, an all-male group that met me in an MIT Dance social. He was really sweet and the type who would've made a really good hus-