COD overrules MIT's porn policy

Policy likely to be repealed

Analysis

By Ben Z. Stanger

The MIT Policy on Sexually Explicit Films seems likely to collapse in light of the Committee on Discipline's ruling this week, which stated that the policy "constitutes an excessive restraint on freedom of expression at MIT." The COD's ruling to dismiss charges against Adam L. Dershowitz '89 sends an ambiguous message to the policy that should be repealed; so far both Dean Shirley M. McIay and Dean James R. Tewhey have refused to comment on the future of the policy.

Dershowitz showed the film Deep Throat to a Registration Day audience in early November, violating a condition of the policy which prohibits unapproved sexually explicit films from being shown on Registration Day. He showed the movie without all attention to the policies which in his eyes represented an abrogation of his First Amendment rights. Debate over the pornography policy, which exploded last spring and flared for almost two years following the release of That Anarchist Show, has dwindled for a year before Dershowitz's violations.

The pornography policy has drawn fire from student groups and individual students several times in the past, but this week's COD ruling was the first standing committee of the faculty to openly challenge MIT's executive officers. The COD ruling was the first time a standing committee of the faculty has made a judgment about the policy. It seems likely that charges will never be filed against the East Campus house government members who showed the film. "I have looked at the outcome of Dershowitz's hearing before filing charges against the East Campus students," the COD's resolution reads.

Past history of explicit film policy

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By Thomas H. Haugen

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