Editorial
COD decision on X-rated film policy necessary and fair

The Committee on Discipline's ruling on the case of Adam L. Dershowitz '89 is both laudable and long overdue. The MIT Policy on Sexually Explicit Films was forced on the community by the courts under the provisions of Student Affairs Act of 1964. That policy, in the words of COD Chairman Paul C. Joss, "constitutes an excessive restraint on freedom of expression at MIT." The COD made a bold and appropriate decision; this unworkable policy must be discarded.

Neither the presence nor the absence of the policy will affect intellectual and personal freedoms of people in the community. The COD made a bold and appropriate decision; this unworkable policy, in the words of COD Chairman Paul C. Joss, "constitutes an excessive restraint on freedom of expression at MIT."

The MIT should never have a policy that arbitrarily restricts the rights of individuals to come to understand the concerns of others, not for showing of sexually explicit films. But the solution is for individuals to work towards a campus on which all people respect the rights of others.

The lack of freedom which allowed such a policy to be created has led to unenforceable and possibly illegal restrictions of students' rights. MIT should rescind the policy and begin to work towards a campus on which all people respect the rights and opinions of their fellows.

Column/Thomas T. Huang
Evil twin to run for president

Every so often, when my brain has become grandiose, I turn this space over to my evil twin, Bradyard, who's right now in Western Africa hunting bush pigs or something. Here's a letter got from yesterday:

Hey dude,

What's up? I've been reading some of your columns and just plain poking up green baked beans, if you really want to know. Who do you think you are ... Ingram Bergman? Lighted up. Got a life, you liberal wienie.

I just got the latest news on Doug Ginsburg, and I was wondering if you could in your readers know how I feel about it. I think Hart, Biden, and Ginsburg deserved what they got. Yeah they had it coming. Anyone who expects to be a bigwig in America has got to realize that he or she can't go around acting like some oversexed, overdrugged motherfucker, if you really want to know. So get your eyes out, just so that you're never caught looking at a member of the opposite sex. Sell your dirty magazines to the Salvation Army. And, goddammit, stop lying with yourselves.

Since to plagiarism and lies, basically, don't ask a classmate for any help in your school work, because that could be construed as cheating, and it could haunt you for the rest of your life. Stay in your room and pray you won't commit a sin.

No exaggerate, either. Be precise about the size of your anatomical parts. And always tell people the truth. If someone has bad breath, go ahead and tell them: "Your breath smells like the crotch of a street bum." You'll be praised for being honest and straightforward.

But you can say "yes" to pre-washing. It's a helluva sport. It's simple, primal, yet colorful, just like politics.

Hugs and kisses,
Bertrand

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feedback
Spend funds on students, not rooms

To The Editor:

MIT administrators have talked and written at great length about educational reform. Other than imposing more restrictive humanitarians requirements on undergraduates and preparing to eliminate IAP, nothing has been done.

Now the Planning Office has revealed a $10 million plan to renovate classrooms ["Campus renovations proposed," Nov. 11]. This plan is another sad example of how time and money are spent on very unimportant aspects of a difficult problem. The physical size, shape and contents of classrooms are almost completely irrelevant to the educational process.

The most important factors in formal education are the ability and desire of the students to make the considerable effort which is required to learn, and the ability and attitude of the teacher.

The $10 million earmarked for new plastic chairs and artificial lighting would be far better spent on financial aid ($10 million represents about 1.7 million student-hours wasted on cafeteria lines) or on endowed professorships for a few good teachers at MIT.

There is certainly nothing wrong with improving classrooms, but it is difficult to see how these existing classrooms can be improved in any meaningful way. In view of MIT's self-proclaimed shortage of funds, it is foolish to spend money in ways which do not address the important issues which MIT faces.

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