JAPAN MUST NOT FORGET ITS HISTORY

To the Editor:

After rewriting its history textbooks to diminish the role of China during the Second World War, the Japanese government is now releasing abridged versions of the movie The Last Emperor, with the elimination of the half-minute newsreel footage of the brutal massacre that the Japanese soldiers committed against the Chinese in Nanking and Harbin. According to a New York Times article on Jan. 21, the film director Bernard Bertolucci said that he had thought that the Japanese distributors agreed on cutting out the 350,000 Chinese so savagely tortured and murdered within two weeks after the Japanese invasion of Nanking on December 13, 1937. Each Japanese soldier saw exactly how each person died, just as in the Nazi concentration camps. With Yich'en's energy, commitment and charisma IAP's Cafe 13 success would be given to Yichen Mao '89, the cafe manager for this past IAP. It was her publicity that brought more people, participated students, to the cafe. Narrowly she organized an impressive series of nocturnal concerts by MIT performers. With Yich'en's energy, commitment and charisma IAP's Cafe 13 would never have become a catalyst for the establishment of a permanent gathering place. We hope the entire MIT community will join us in thanking Yichen for this outstanding contribution.

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Mao played vital role in IAP's Cafe 13 success

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We are elated by the growing success of expansion of Cafe 13 from an independent Activities Period-subsidized function to a year-round facility, as reported in the Feb. 12 issue of The Tech. Credit for the success of Cafe 13 should be given to Yichen Mao '89, the cafe manager for this past IAP. It was her publicity that brought more people, participants students, to the cafe. Singularly she organized an impressive series of nocturnal concerts by MIT performers. With Yichen's energy, commitment and charisma IAP's Cafe 13 would never have become a catalyst for the establishment of a permanent gathering place. We hope the entire MIT community will join us in thanking Yichen for this outstanding contribution.

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Porn policy is inappropriate for MIT

(Continued from page 4) more worry than the censorship of something concrete.

The EECD is under no obligations to propose any review guidelines because the past guidelines, and any definitions of pornography, are purely subjective. The Supreme Court has not even defined obscenity, which is even more specific than pornography. Former Justice Potter Stewart, after admitting that he could not define it said, "I know when I see it." Terms like "normality in sexuality," and "no sexuality being obscene," are often used, whatever they mean. The only real definition of pornography is "voluntary sex or sexuality in a graphic way and offensive to the individual who looks at it." We do not want a board of censorship ruling on "normal" sexual practices and imposing its personal morality on all of us! A policy were proposed in which scientific discoveries could only be published if a board of censorship ruled that the ideas "re-

be believable reality or normalcy," there would be a mass outcry. In the report, the FCC raises the question of whether this censorship will hold up in court, MIT is an academic institution whose purpose is the exchange of ideas among students, professors, researchers, and other members of the greater community. Some of these ideas might be "bad" or wrong, but they should not be outlawed. The question should not be how much censorship can MIT get away with. As an institute of higher education, it should be held out to the limits of legal standards of freedom set for the government, but to a much higher standard to encourage all ideas to be expressed. Ideas should not be reviewed and outlawed if they offend someone. They should be allowed out in the free marketplace of ideas where they can be judged by each individual and accepted or rejected based on their own personal beliefs, not on the beliefs and moinds of the members of a board of censorship. This proposal and any other attempt at censorship should be rejected.

Adam Dershowitz '89

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