

## LEGISLATION

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Many University administrators and professors think Mannix is proposing a bill that is not only technically infeasible, but also morally misguided.

Andrzej Proskurowski, a professor in the department of Computer and Information Science at the University, said "obscene information" is a societal problem, not a technology-related problem.

"If kids can stay up late and watch a pornographic show on TV, that is no worse than them downloading that kind of information from the Internet," Proskurowski said.

Pornography should be dealt with by society as a whole, and not by targeting a certain outlet, he said.

Proskurowski also said "technically, trying to stop obscene materials from being carried on the Internet would be like building an inch-high speed bump."

Joanne Hugi, director of the University Computing Center, said it is possible to block access to certain newsgroups that are known to carry pornographic materials, but "there's always a way around that."

Obscene materials could be carried on newsgroups that are not blocked or on File Transport Protocol (FTP) sites. FTP sites are collections of files that are usually anonymous.

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Hugi said she opposes most censorship of the Internet.

"I'm a fairly strong supporter of the First Amendment," she said.

Jan Cuny, an associate professor of computer science, said attempts at censoring the Internet would require judgmental decisions on whether materials are obscene.

"It means we would have to, for instance, get someone at the University to decide what is right and wrong," she said. "There is an incredible amount of information on the net that would need to be examined."

Proskurowski also foresees the difficulties in trying to censor the vast information networks of the Internet.

"You would have to have a body of censors with a student advisory committee; on and on," he said. "In the end they wouldn't be doing anything because you can still get pornographic materials out there. All you need to do is pick up a Playboy."

Mike Godwin wrote in *Wired* magazine in February that universities that offer free access to newsgroups do not need to fear legal liability.

According to Godwin, Usenet, a popular Internet service, is too large for anyone to presume to have knowledge of all the information it carries. The Supreme Court said that without that knowledge, there is no li-

bility.

Godwin's editorial criticized recent efforts at Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to ban some newsgroups believed to carry pornographic materials.

Mannix has also proposed a bill that would require operators of computer networks to keep records of network users and people who access personal information about others.

According to Maureen Kuhlman, Mannix's legislative assistant, House Bill 2319 would create more accountability in network information services.

"You would have to identify yourself when you access someone's personal records," she said. "Currently there are wholesale public records that anyone can use for any reason."

Mannix said this bill would also be revised. "I intend for it to focus on private corporations mostly," he said. "It would ensure that people cannot access personal information that companies hold."

Lauradel Collins, an assistant administrator for the computer science department, said Mannix does not realize the technical difficulties of instituting such a bill.

"Network operators would end up storing useless data no one would ever look at," Collins said. "Think of a phone company trying to compile a list on anyone who calls a number."

## RETURN

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electronic mail, daily Federal Express packages and video teleconferencing, Shine said. This allowed him to maintain seamless communications as well as a smooth transition for his return.

With the outlook on his daughter's health brightening and budget activities heating up at the state Capitol, Frohnmayer has returned to a very full agenda.

Frohnmayer will spend the next week in Salem for legislative hearings to address the state's proposed budget for higher education. He will be addressing the Ways and Means Committee and will meet with individual legislators to stress the importance of continued state support for higher education.

Frohnmayer will return periodically to Minnesota as his daughter's health dictates.



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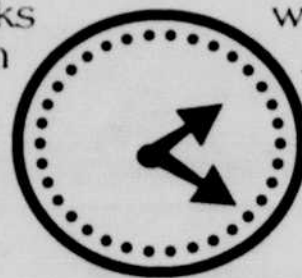
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