Former MIT student arrested in Nashua

By William Lasser

A former MIT student was one of six persons arrested while circulating petitions against the Seabrook nuclear power plant Monday afternoon in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Wayne Christian '73 and five other members of Boston Clamshell, an organization which opposes the construction of the Seabrook plant, were charged with criminal trespass when they refused to leave the area outside a New Hampshire State Liquor store after being ordered to do so by police.

A person is guilty of criminal trespass, as defined by New Hampshire statute, "if, knowing he is not lawfully privileged to do so, he enters or remains in any place in defiance of an order to leave or not to enter which was personally communicated to him by the owner or other authorized person."

The six were arrested in Nashua and transferred to Hillsborough County Jail in Manchester. They were released Tuesday afternoon on $200 bail each.

The group traveled to the Nashua store to protest the placement of petitions favorable to the controversial power plant in State Liquor stores. Christian and co-conspirators continued the ensuing events as follows: the group asked the manager for permission to display their petition. After he refused their request they began to collect signatures outside the store. The police arrived soon after, and the group did not resist arrest, Christian said.

"I am outraged by the flagrant violation of our First Amendment rights," Thompson said in placing his petitions in State liquor stores and in intimidating employees into soliciting signatures," said Christian.

"I am further outraged," he added, "that the Nashua City Police had the audacity to arrest people peacefully soliciting signatures and to keep them as political prisoners for 24 hours."

A spokesperson for Governor Thompson told The Tech that the governor had informed State Liquor store employees in a statement that "there is no coercion involved in my request (to solicit signatures in favor of the Seabrook plant) and you don't have to solicit signatures if you disagree with me."

The spokesperson explained that the governor had nothing to do with the arrests, terming the incident a "local matter."

A Nashua police official refused to comment on the case as it is pending in the court.

By Stephen Bosen

The question of whether humanities courses should be increased across the board from nine to twelve units is currently being considered by the faculty.

Representatives of several committees and departments expressed an interest in the issue, but they indicated uncertainty as to who would make the final decision.

The Committee on Curriculum (COC) usually deals with all requests to increase the credit given for current courses and assigns the units for new courses. In the last year many humanities and social science professors have requested that more units be given for their courses.

Professor Eugene Covert, chairman of the COC, said he feels that the increasing number of requests to change subjects from nine to twelve units presents problems. "If all humanities courses were upgraded, it could influence the effective liberal education," he said.

Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Donald Blackmer said that the criteria for changing the credit value of courses is "highly arbitrary" at present.

Professor Lee Trilling, Chairman of the Committee on the Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Requirement (HASS), terms the present situation an "artificial" issue stating that the real issue may be "what minimum exposure to humanities ought to be."

President Jerome B. Wiesner said that the problem is a "faculty matter" that "falls within the area of responsibility of existing committees." Covert, whose committee currently is dealing with the situation said that the COC is an "overreaching rather than problem solving" committee whose job is to "set guidelines."

Trilling said that the HASS was asked to recommend action on the credit change requests. The committee has yet agreed to do so, but if they find it appropriate the department will try to "keep things orderly until a new committee can report to the faculty," according to Trilling.

"I insisted that his committee would not be involved in the formation of a new long-term solution," he said.

According to Blackmer, the best solution for his department may be to eliminate MIT's present unit system and replace it with a simpler system which would give credit for "full courses" or "half courses."

He feels that humanities and social science professors are at a disadvantage in dealing with the present system, because it is harder to assign a numerical value for work done in humanities or social science courses than in an engineering or science course.

Although there is no official moratorium on the upgrading of credit units in humanities and social sciences, the HASS and COC are discounting new requests. Covert stated that there are "no imminent changes of great nature." However, Wiesner stated that it is "not a healthy matter," it is an emotional issue which needs a solution.
**Police Blotter**

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON**

Workers and residents of the East Campus area are advised of the recent presence in their area of a man described as a "janitor's assistant." He was described as tall, slender build, short hair, wearing brown pants and a blue jacket with a "U-Haul" emblem on the front. Any information this subject is requested to contact Headquarters, extension 1212. Officers will promptly respond.

**STOLEN INTERCOM RECOVERED**

In an incident possibly related to the one outlined above, another unit was reported stolen from an apartment building.

**IBM SELECTRIC VANISHES**

An unsecured, unattended IBM Selectric typewriter was reported stolen from an East Side building overnight early this week. The machine, valued at over $500,000, disappeared from an area which is always kept locked.

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Cambridge City Councillor David Clem has been involved with a problem of controlling recombinant DNA research since the council voted its moratorium last fall. He is now reviewing an emergency board that would allow the research to proceed.

Clem: At the time, I was not aware that the NIH had gone through such an extraordinary process in developing guidelines. I was also not aware [of what was] an unprecedented move by the scientists themselves to call for a voluntary moratorium in order to develop NIH guidelines — I simply had no knowledge of that.

However, it became clear after I received several letters, copies of articles, and phone calls from a variety of members within the scientific community that the issue was not completely resolved scientifically, that they did not want to regulate it. So I felt it important at the time that we commit them to the guideline process, and that that independent view be that of a lay citizen as opposed to . . . [Please turn to page 5]

Cambridge City Councillor David Clem.

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The MIT Community is invited to an orientation party starting at 8pm on Saturday, February 5, in the Walker Memorial. The event is sponsored by the Graduate Student Council, is the kickoff of the Spring '77 graduate student orientation activities. Admission is free; live entertainment will be provided by "Eastern Reunion". Refreshments will be available at nominal cost. Please call e-21185 for further information.

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Opinion

Freedom of speech: at times a bitter pill

By William Lasser

The bachelor in Don Quixote remarked that "there is no book to read but something good has been found in it." Conversely, Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that "Books are the best things, well used, abused, among the worst." These two conflicting sentiments are at the core of a current situation which has arisen for the first time in the history of Northwestern University and around the world.

The Battle for Freedom of Speech at Northwestern

At Northwestern, the issue of academic freedom has been tested in the case of Professor Arthur R. Butz. The University's Board of Trustees has upheld the University's position that Butz's statements are protected by the First Amendment and cannot be punished. This decision has been praised by many as a victory for academic freedom. However, it has also been criticized by some as a violation of the University's mission statement.

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Here and Now

The First Amendment does not and never did offer a blanket right to every citizen to say whatever he would like. Congress shall make no law..." The First Amendment does not apply to private universities. Therefore, the University is free to decide what it wants to allow on its campus.

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The Boston city charter reform

By Tim Bucher

Next Wednesday, the Local Affairs Committee will take up the Boston city charter revision as proposed by Mayor White. The charter is a key issue for the city council. The council has been divided on the issue for the past two weeks at the council meetings. The charter proposes changes that would give the mayor more power and reduce the role of the city council.

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Federal DNA law needed

(Continued from page 3) a scientist doing.

The Tech: About the Laboratory Experimentation Review Board (CLEARB), do you feel that they accomplished their task or actually determined the safety of the research or have they just added on a machinery for control of it in their regular work?

Clem: Well, I don't believe that the Laboratory Experimentation Review Board accomplished more than the NIH did in being able to quantify what the health hazard is ... I don't believe that they have decided conclusively that no health hazards exist. What they have done from their perspective as citizens of Cambridge is to satisfy themselves that a great many scientists and individuals have worked very hard to safeguard against any potential risk, and they have agreed in effect to share in the decision-making.

The Cambridge community at large, I believe, has a right to be informed of the types of research going on within its environs, and I think they ought to be involved in a decision-making process to determine whether they are willing to accept certain risks. I think the Laboratory Experimentation Review Board by its very intensive work came to grips with a tough issue, admitted that it could not definitely cite specific health hazards or predict necessarily what would happen in a P3 laboratory, but they were sufficiently satisfied that safeguards had been promulgated and that protection could be afforded to the Cambridge citizen for the majority of all risks with additional guidelines. I think that [their] additional guidelines actually improve the NIH guidelines substantially.

They also concurred in my earlier belief that regulation had to be apart from the NIH and that it needed to be at the federal level as opposed to the local level. They recognized they had no power to implement that, and I suggested that the City Council involve themselves in a substantial lobbying effort to reek that the federal government live up to their responsibilities, and I think I certainly intend to do that, and others on the Council do as well.

(To be continued)
Laser musical Lovelight
interesting despite flaws

By David B. Koretz

Lovelight is billed as producers say, as the world's first laser musical and as "an unique entertainment experience. While it is both of these and an amazing technical achievement as well, it is simply not very good.

Lovelight is a forty-minute production combining graphics, visuals and a musical score. The images are drawn with laser beams in a light show at the Hayden Planetarium on Boston's Museum of Science. It is a commercial production by Interscan of San Francisco. Interscan's previous "laser musical", the "Starship side of Pthagoras's triangle. Here the high point comes to mind immediately as a fortv-minute production titled "Lovelight."

By Robert St. James

Pink Floyd is by no means the most prolific rock group in the recording industry. "Animals", their new album, proves again, however, that their work is almost without equal.

Animals. Pink Floyd's first new release since "Dark Side of the Moon" in almost a year and a half, is a super musical accomplishment. Combining all of the songs, the album is aesthetically and technically splendid. The instrumentation is excellent, exercising a good balance in the use of both acoustic and electric guitars. The vocal mix is consistently crisp and clear. Throughout the album there is also fine, but not overdose, utilization of animal sounds — both real and simulated by instruments.

Although the entire album is superior materially, the song "Sleepy", on the second side, stands out. The blending between the vocal and instrumental tracks is a truly magnificent achievement.

In keeping with its title, the album involves around animal-related themes. Serving as prelude and epilogue are parts I and II of "Pig on a Wing". This gave rise to the promotional campaign launched in Europe to publicize Animals' release. A 50 foot, pig, pig shaped balloon served as a "Pig on a Wing" in order to publicize the album's release. A picture of the balloon also appears on the cover of Animals.

The foundation of the animal theme is in the lyrics. "Dogs," which takes up all but a minute of the first side, likens the behavior of dogs with the occasional canine behavior of people. "Pigs (Three Different Ones)" makes a similar comparison.

Many of the guitar riffs on Animals are reminiscent of Pink Why Were Here, released in the fall of 1975, and the 1973 Dark Side of the Moon, especially in the longer, instrumental sections.

These albums are the only three Pink Floyd has recorded in the last five years, but considering the excellence of Animals, it is surely worth the wait.
Hockey hits January skid

By Tom Stagliano

The Hockey club enters Saturday's game against Bates posting a 7-4-1 record. This is the best midseason showing by the Beavers in several years, but is a let-down from pre-Christmas expectations. The skaters broke for vacation with a 4-1 record racking up wins against R.C. Law School, Tufts, Bunker Hill and Gordon and a lone defeat at the hands of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Then, with a late I.A.P practice schedule, delayed by the January snow storms, the Beavers went 3-3 during a sixteen day period, culminating in a 3-2 loss in a rematch against Tufts last Tuesday.

The I.A.P matches started with a wild 7-5 free-for-all victory over B.C. Law School, Tufts. The Beavers then entered a nine day break from their schedule, but are back in action against Clark University. The team has the sizzling 3.0 goals-against average, one of the best in Division III hockey. The team has the talent available as they prepare to face the meat of their schedule. The team has the talent available as they prepare to face the meat of their schedule, led by center Tohir with nine goals and seven assists, and goalie Dan Corta '78 stopped two power play goals, or write 10 MARLBORO STREET

The MIT Athletic Department has recently approved the formation of a Women's Rugby Football Club. All women staff and students who currently hold an MIT athletic card are eligible to participate. Anyone who is interested should come to any of the team's Thursday night practices (Rockwell Cage, 7:30pm). For further information, contact Robin Reesstra at 548-2754 (533-5649) or Connie Content at 523-4734.

The team will be playing against other Boston area women's teams this spring.
Amherst slips by cagers

By Glenn Brownstone

When a team has a good night and does everything right in the game, as MIT did against Amherst Wednesday night, it's usually true that the key player for the other team is not the guy you thought would give you the most trouble.

So it was with Amherst and senior forward David Protiva. Protiva's 32 points, five of which were free throws, propelled the men's basketball team to a 62-58 victory over the men's basketball team Wednesday night. Captain Judy Austin '77 was co-captain Steve Brown '77 who turned in by captain Sam Senne in the West Point Invitational. Two-miler Richardson set a school record and Jay Collins also contributed a 1-2-3 finish.

Even though the Tufts meet resulted in the Beavers only loss so far this season, the men's swim team produced several memorable races. John Dieken and Jay Colbert dived for the Old West on the 400 yard freestyle, set a new pool record and MIT. Now 4-9 but still with MIT, the team pressed to get the ball back. Protiva calmly sank the free throw, putting MIT up 58-55.

The men's varsity squash team took on Trinity College Wednesday night, taking their record to 3-1 in the home court. With a solid Beaver victory.

Squash grabs 3 straight

The variety squash team took three consecutive matches in their record to 5-7. The team competed on Saturday, January 23, in their opener and to Yale last Saturday, the women's team fell to Rhode Island Wednesday evening, despite strong efforts by Elaine Sear '79, who took first in the women's parallel bars, and Joanne Hughe '80, who took second on the balance beam. The men's team also dropped a meet to a very good Yale team last Saturday, 140-124.

The men's team lost in the preliminary round of the New England Invitational. The women's team lost to Chicago 62-59, also contributed a 1-2-3 finish.

Amherst's two tall centers, Gary Collins and Dan Griffin, made some difference under the boards, but little else, scoring seven points together.

And MIT shot 52 percent from the floor, committed just 16 turnovers, and got strong performances from all of its personnel. So did the Beavers lose? There are three answers: rebounds, fouls, and Protiva. Off the boards, MIT was outrebounded 36-26, a difference that probably cost the Bears the game.