Osborne denounces UMass hearings

By Dean Heller

MIT Physics Prof. Louis Os-
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part in the wave of protest mount-
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investigating the part of university
instructors in anti-draft activity.
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