MIT divests D-Labs; Draper interim head

By Alex Makowski

"I conclude that we cannot over the period of the next months and years continue to manage the Draper Laboratory..."

President Howard Johnson announced his decision to divest the Draper Labs. An interim board has already been picked to administer the Labs over the next year while plans for complete independence are worked out.

Johnson's decision ended a seven-month experiment begun to determine the feasibility of operating the Draper Labs under the Pound Panel and Corporation Executive Committee guidelines. Last fall the Executive Committee decided that MIT would no longer engage in work on "operational weapons systems."

Lincoln Lab

The Lincoln Lab will retain its MIT affiliation. In marked contrast with the Draper Labs, heads up a CEP subcommittee is MIT's Dr. Thomas R. Bailey. The committee is expected to determine the feasibility of operating the Lincoln Lab outside of MIT, in independent engineering firms.

Conversion of the Draper Labs, though, is impossible "without major retraction in employment levels at the laboratory and without a serious loss of capability in what this laboratory's unique resources are and chooses to do in the years ahead," Johnson said. A full 90 percent pointed out that neither money nor time is available for needed adjustment.

Financial penalties

Despite bearing serious financial penalties, the MIT student body, with the Lincoln Labs in mind, will probably vote "in favor of independence" on the executive committee vote at a recent open meeting on the Committee's up to page 3)

Leftist students disrupt Tuesday night hearings

By John Kavazanjian

The hearings of the Faculty Committee on Discipline continued last Monday and Tuesday with the cases of six more students charged in connection with the January 15 and 16 occupation of the Corporation offices. The only attempt at a hearing was made at Tuesday's hearing.

On Tuesday, the defendants were to be Don Wolman '71, Rich Eidmann '70, and Aaron Torval '71. Torval is no longer a student at MIT, and Eidmann graduated in January, so neither of them were present. Wolman is a student and has been seen around the Institute the last few days, but for some unclear reason he did not appear either.

Tuesday night's hearing also involved three defendants, Peggie Hooper '72, Jeffrey Merrin '72, and Charles Simmons '72. The formal start of the hearing was delayed for over an hour by the insistence of the defendants that their friends be present, similar to the group at last Sunday's hearing, to be allowed into the courtroom.

The group was given a formal reply by Vice-President in charge of Organization Systems, John Wynn. They were told that the policy of the Corporation was not to let in spectators and that some sort of audio-recording device was in use. The group, which had now broadened their action up to page 2)

"Kats, Bohmer, mom jaled"

By Bruce Schwartz

Punishment for the dissenters, and George's mother went to jail yesterday. A jury found the two radicals guilty on two counts of disruption of classes and Judge George Johnson of the Third District Court last April 13. At that time, Parker had jailed and $50 fine on charges stemming from the pair's entry into the classes of Professor's Waff and Bransome on January 15 to announce a meeting concerning a proposed revision of President Johnson's office then going on.

Testimony concerning the disruptions was finished yesterday at about 2:00 pm. Bransome and Waff appeared and repeated the stories so many times and had been told to appear on their trial. Wednesday and yesterday the police officer at both City Hall and the defendant attorney Dan Klubock, presented their case, and attempted to question the police for their case, and attempted to question the police officer at both City Hall and the police station.

The group walked and moved around out nothing happened and boys rushed up, overpowering the sight of nine campus Police in the area.

Discipline threatened

Wynn stood up in the stairway shouting, "Stop it. Stop right now!" but no one left. He next read a prepared statement giving the crowd ten minutes to disperse or he be subject to “prosecution under the laws of the Commonwealth" and be subject to disciplinary action by the MIT community.

The crowd occupied the hall.

Steve Carhart testifies before CJAC at a recent open meeting on Campaign GM. The Corporation rejected the CJAC proposals.

By Joe Kashi

The Corporation Executive Committee has rejected the CJAC proposal recommending that MIT partially support Ralph Nader's Protection of Environment Responsibility in a proxy fight with General Motors. Greg Smith, CJAC chairman, said that the CJAC recommendation regarding proposal number five, how to vote on the proposal number five is pending.

The Executive Committee voted against the proposal endorsed by CJAC which would have expanded the GM Board of Directors to 20 by the inclusion of three public representatives. They said that three additional board members would serve special interests rather than the general interest they were to serve, CJAC had endorsed the expansion proposal by a large margin.

Campaign GM, the MIT student group affiliated with Nader in the GM fight, said that this action was a betrayal of the consensus of the community reached by CJAC, and was contrary to MIT's responsibility to act in the public interest.

James Killian, Chairman of the MIT Corporation and a GM board member, abstained from the Executive Committee vote because of a conflict of interest. It is reported that Dr. President Johnson, also a voting Executive Committee member, argued strongly favor of the CJAC report.

CJAC recommended that the Corporation Executive Committee direct MIT to vote favorably on the Nader proposal enlarging the GM board of directors to 20 by the inclusion of three members chosen as public representatives charged with safeguarding consumer, ecological, and minority interests.

No vote asked

CJAC also recommended that MIT vote against the other Nader proposal favored on the ballot by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The second proposal asked for a committee to aid and advise GM on its proper relation to society.

The group has broadened their action.