**Philosophy dept. wins faculty endorsement**

By Alex Makowski

The faculty Wednesday overwh- 
Lemma in the Philo-

sophical section’s bid for depart-
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tal status.

A bare dozen professors regis-
tered their disapproval in the same 
section, 

of a new department is the re-

ponsibility of the Corpora-

tion.

In another important issue, the 
faculty voted 66-37 to ac-
t the recommenda-
tion of an inquiry committee and drop fur-
ther considering the purchase of some faculty members won 
when President Johnson’s office 
seized by radio pirates.

The Nominations Committee 
reported the discharge of Hartley Rogers to succeed his mathemat-
ics colleague Ted Munson as chair.

Philosophy

While the faculty is only em-

powered to create new degree pro-

grams, much of the philo-

sophy discussion centered on whether a separate 
department was advisable. 
Section chair Richard Cartwright set the 
stage for the discussion by.quote-
ning from his fellow professor’s memo to the Academic Council. He also 
empha-

ized philosophy’s rank as a pro-

fessional in the College, in-

crease the university’s prestige.

The professors’ views were 
articulated by physics professor 
Kurt Gomberg, who argued that philosophy had always occupied 
a key position in the drive for increased knowledge and 
should “not have to apologize for itself.” Departmental chair 
Hans Teuber (psychology) and Boris Magasik (biology) also 
linked themselves with the support of the movement.

Engineering opinions

May Anderson, chair of the 
engineering department, failed to 
materialize. Electrical Engineer-
ing head Louis Siniscalchi, who argued against the split-off at a Monday meeting last week, 
regarded a changed opinion when he argued that “we should go on record as opposed to this [the move].”

MIT Commission members were divided. Ken Hoffman and 
Merv Scharles reiterated their earlier 
options: the move, coming at the same time as a study of the role of the humanities at MIT, is ill-advised, and the implications for undergraduate education have not been adequately ex-
plained. But Erik Mollo-Christen-
sen urged his fellow faculty not 
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guments stressed the value of a 
imals philosophy: “Take an old stove, add a 
hat to it, and end up with a beautiful piece of 
ural art.”

CJAC sees Simplex plans

By Curtis Reeves

Empowerment of the students at 
MIT was a “not in a position to give directives” on the use of the Simplex prop-
erties, the town’s Joint Ad-
visory Committee (CJAC) lis-
tened to Richard Dower, project 
director of planning for the 
properties, as he gave a detailed 
description of the current and 
planned uses.

Drawings covered the walls of 
the Bush Room at last 
Thursday’s meeting and illustrated the 
plan to redevelop the “large and 
slum-ridden” city block in and 
around MIT’s newly acquired 
holdings.

The fiscal outlook is discour-
aging. As an old picture of the 
commercial market is available, 
Dover noted that he was “not 
old enough to carry”.

Workings with Cambridge of-
cials will be necessary for re-
moving the political constraints, 
since that process will involve 
the changing of some zoning ordinances in the Simplex area, 
as well as the closing of many 
small businesses to serve the 
area. The date on which con-
struction will start is unknown 
at this time.

Goals

Dover began by discussing the 
two largest constraints that the 
Institute faces in achieving its 
goals: fiscal, political and 
environmental.

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Taking into account the 
problems the US faces in dealing with the 
anti-war movement, Albert’s comments demonstrated the 
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Students shun eco-activities

By Lee Giguere

Earth Day 1971 attracted only scanty attention as MIT’s observance was limited to a series of sparsely-attended seminars on environmental problems.

No mass activities were planned for the day, which was to have included a display of student-generated environmentalist (SIS) and a mobile CD and mobile CD and mobile display units.

A public discussion in the afternoon resulted in a lively discussion of environmentalism on the importance of population issues and the need for environmental protection. Participating in the panel were Amos Rapoport, Paddyman (Dean’s Council Policy: Associate Director) of the Allemann Fund for Environmental Protection; Club member; Professor of Nu-

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Protin Dietz.

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