Northgate conflict arises over April rent increases

By Storm Kasifian
Northgate tenants who are affiliated with MIT and have not previously paid rent for April 1 received letters announc-
ing the termination of their tenancies.

The notices were deliv-
ered to tenants of some sixty apartments. When questioned by The Tech, the corporation official stated that the termina-
tions were at the request of the tenants themselves.

The notices stated that the terminations were requested by the tenants in accordance with a petition submitted by over 1700 members of the MIT community, no tenant would not have to file for eviction, that the corporation would not give reasons for the action, and the tenants would not get a hearing as to why the action was taken.

Tenants organization

The Northgate Tenants' Organization is doing just that. Presently, the group is trying to convince the Cambridge Rent Control Board of five - which replaced the afore-
mentioned administrator soon after his note to MIT - to reverse the decision.

Ronald J. Sears, head of the tenants organization, pointed out that the board has been nodding over the issue for more than six weeks, although they seemed to be essentially sympathetic to the tenant's case. The tenants plan to put pressure on the board, one further action from Northgate may be expec-
ted.

Sears believed that the in-
creased averaged 25%. Many of the tenants proposed to the termination action wished to sign leases last fall, but, Sears said, "We tried to get them to pull their heads out of the sand, stop talking and try to think about something else."

Many of the tenants would be willing to sign new leases with-
out the restrictions of the original clauses and including a provision for "just" increases. However, It (Please turn to page 3)

Faculty condemns war, will investigate MIRV

By Lee Giuseppe
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