MIT plans legal action against demonstrators

By Norman Sandler

Legal procedures have been initiated against students who were identified as having taken part in last weekend's 21-hour occupation of the Building 20 offices of MITROC by some 70 persons.

According to Vice-president Kenneth Wiesner, MIT administrators are still in the process of identifying those who were seen in the occupied building, and the charges of trespass are beginning to be filed in Middlesex County District Court, although at last report the number of persons to be prosecuted was still unknown.

Members of the community are reminded that the CSP subcom- mittee established to assist students and faculty in making rota- tory academic arrangements is available for consultation for the remainder of this term. Chairman of the Committee is Roy Kaplow, x3322.

The people being prosecuted are being charged for their compli- city in the action which began Friday afternoon, following a sit-in by some 450 persons on Kresge Plaza and a subsequent march to MIT President Jerome Wiener's office, where a list of demands was presented.

Although the crowd was dispersed by law enforcement, the traditional trespass warn- ing was made at least twice by MIT administrators throughout the occupation period, threaten- ing all those who had taken part with external as well as internal prosecution if they continued to stay in the building, which was totally sealed-off as the demon- strators set up barricades within the occupied corridor to keep administrators out.

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Comptroller reports registration changes

By Paul Schindler

Amid some of the usual administra- tive confusion, the MIT ad- ministration officially announ- ced sweeping changes in of- ficial policy on the relationship between financial arrangements and registration.

Officials admitted that cur- rent practice is to refuse a stu- dent his registration materials in the current term if he has not yet cleared up his Institute debts from the previous term. (There is some disparity between prac- tice and official policy.)

According to a release issued by the Comptroller's office, be- ginning in the fall, "Those stu- dents who have not made satis- factory financial arrangements by registration day may not be permitted to complete their reg- istration procedures. Registrations will automatically be can- celled six weeks after the begin- ning of the term for those stu- dents who permit their accounts to fall in arrears."

Any student whose registration is cancelled in this manner would have to apply for re-admittance.

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Anti-war activities set for Boston area

By Irn Cahen

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Finboard sets new budget

By Robert Elin and Robert Hunter

Over $32,000 has been ini- tially allocated for student activi- ties for the 1972-73 fiscal year by the Finance Board of the Undergraduate Association in its annual meeting held last Friday and Saturday. This repre- sents a $20,000 increase in alloca- tions over this year's grants, despite a cut of $9,000 to $70,800 in next year's projected budget.

All student activities were asked to submit budget requests. The board then debated and accepted these requests were held during the first two weeks in April. Criteria used in deter- mining Finboard grants included: The amount of money a group was allotted, the actual and compara- tive need of the organization for being available, the actual and compara- tive value of the different committees, the necessity for funds. Its aim will be to make sure student activities have the opportunity to raise money. Finboard felt, however, that another address should be availa- ble for the students to consider.

Finboard funds are to be used for financial material (mailed to students), letters, communications to the Activities Development Board, to cover operating expenses.

A considerable amount of dis- cussion at the meeting centered around the proposed grants to two organizations: WTBS and the Debate Society. While De- bate does no appear to have budget deliberations, this is the first time that WTBS presented a substantial request.

For the past two years, WTBS received an annual subvention of $12,000 from the Dean's Office. Dean for Student Affairs Daniel Nethan can- celled last year's operating sub- sidy, according to WTBS, on the grounds that all student media should be self-sufficient and that he did not feel that WTBS was getting any benefits from the money. Finboard felt, however, that the opportunity to raise adequate external income through advertising sales does not exist since advertising is lim- ited to WTBS' restricted-

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