Local groups circulating impeachment petitions

By Mike McNamara

The recent events in the Watergate and related scandals have given new life to a long dormant demand, both locally and nationwide, that impeach proceedings be started to remove President Nixon from office.

Several resolutions for impeachment were introduced in the House of Representatives earlier this week and were referred to the House Judiciary Committee. According to the House Order, Nixon's decision on Tuesday to release the controver-
sial Watergate tapes to fueron the basis for "falsely" and by no means all the smear' out of the impeachment efforts.

Locally, a drive for the Presi-
dent's impeachment by Citizens Participation in Political Action (lAP), which was started be-
fore the current controversy, continues.

Tapes not a concern

The tapes were not our primary concern," said Don Ross, a spokesman for CCPA. "We are now circulating impeachment petitions before the current tapes deal came up." Ross added that the number of petitions submitted had more than doubled.

Another CCPA spokesman

said Don Reck. "We don't think that the impeachment proceedings should stop just because the [Nixon] tapes goy way on one point. We're going ahead because Nixon did what he did under pressure, and would have gone on anyway if the law of the land hadn't been brought to bear."

CCPA's next project, accord-
 ing to Ross, is a door-to-door canvassing effort this weekend in Cambridge, Arlington, Medford, and Belmont, in an attempt to get signatures on petitions that will be sent to Rep. Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the House Presi-
dent and Representative from this district. "O'Neill has a lot of influence in the House, and we'd like to send him as many signatures as possible from his constituency, recommending impeachment," said Ross.

"Many people feel strongly about this issue," Ross added, "but hadn't had a chance to express themselves through a petition or similar means. We'd like to get out and get those people to sign our petitions."

Ambient Editorial

Another organized drive for impeachment is an editorial written and sponsored by the An-
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Planning efforts start for January 1974 IAP

By Stephen Keith

Chains, projects, seminars, field trips, and various other ac-
ceptions are already taking shape for IAP '74. About 500 different organized activities, plus many more unofficial activities, will make up January's Fourth annual Edition of Independent Activi-
ies Period.

After three years on a trial basis, the faculty voted unanimously this year to make IAP a permanent part of the MIT calendar.

"It is a time to do whatever you want," says John Fritchie, in charge of publicity for IAP. "For those who are new to IAP, it can be compared to a super-
market of activities, with something for everyone.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of IAP, signing up for a class, participating in a seminar, exploring new areas of interest, or organizing their own IAP of-
fering.

To give the MIT community an idea of what January 7-30, 1974, will be like, help students plan for IAP, and perhaps inspire some new offerings, two IAP Guides will be published. The first one will appear around Thanksgiving, and the second will come out in December.

Anyone interested in orga-
nizing an activity should contact Fred Lax in S-133 (phone 222-5767) or calling pub-
lished in the Guides.

The provost's office has made $15,000 available to help fund projects. Applications for funds are welcome before November 1 in Chuck Barr's office, room 1-210. Since money for projects is limited, most projects may only receive partial funding to help with special needs.

IAP activities span all kinds of interests, guaranteeing something for everyone. Sample of-
ferings from IAP '73 included: glass-blowing; black holes; field trips to New York, Paris, and Central America; stereography; urban studies; writing; how to get loans from the Government; spectrochlorometry; radiation; and ecology workshops.

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