Civil liberties can survive emergencies, prof states

By Margaret Brandeau

"We're not anywhere close to what would actually, realistically be called a repressive society," said Alan Dershowitz, professor of law at Harvard University.

Dershowitz made this statement Wednesday night in a talk to the Cambridge Forum entitled "Our Civil Liberties Survive National Emergency:"

"We're still 'he freest society in the world,'" he noted. "Liberty, however, like life, needs nurturance to sustain it."

According to Dershowitz, while our country can do something to preserve our civil liberties, we should not rely on judges to champion our rights in times of national emergency.

When a President suspends in peacetime Constitutional safeguards, he said, "the courts will generally not act, but will do everything to postpone decisions.

Dershowitz added that fortunately, there has always been a group of Americans who have been willing to challenge high-handed acts of the government, even in time of emergency.

"Richard Nixon is not the first President in our history to ever appear to defy judicial judgment," he continued. "The Constitution was formed on the theory that this nation is so great as to expect always to have wise and judicious rulers, he added.

Dershowitz said that this administration has "gone up to the line of the Constitution, has defied, has challenged, has ended beyond the line of the Constitution."

The goal of the agency is to supply better paying more satisfying jobs for students. Maguire will attempt to match jobs to the student's capabilities, rather than leaving it to "random chance" that the ability will match the job's requirements.

The job board, which has been one of means of alerting students to available jobs, will be replaced by a file of positions to be filed. There will also be a file kept on the pool of students seeking term-time employment. The board will be used to post one-time jobs, such as a baby sitting.

The center will be the source of communications. Magazine plans to "go out of his way" to obtain employment for interested students.

Summer jobs will be handled also through the Student Employment Agency. The student will fill out a reference card, which will be used in matching summer jobs. Magazine has already begun soliciting positions for students this summer.

As Magazine stated, "We don't want to give someone a job in Toledo just because he's from Toledo."

Maguire wants the agency to avoid the large systems which are generally used in such offices, and instead rely on personal contact. He wants to connect the systems "that are causing more trouble than they're helping." The agency wants to develop its resources in such a way that they can back up their service areas.

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The following statement was sent to The Tech by Professor Arthur C. Smith, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Performance: "The Committee on Academic Performance will present a motion to the New Faculty-Custodal Faculty Meeting which will permit the shifting of the dates for final examinations and ending the Spring Term. The change in dates is proposed in order to give more thorough consideration to degree candidates' qualifications and to improve the communication between the Institute and degree candidates prior to Commencement."

The proposal was changed, which Smith says is "one of the options we will present to the Faculty."

Smith also cited the possibility of breakdown in the present system. "There's just no time to repair things while it's on the line," he said. "If something went wrong, say with the Registrar's system, there would be no time to fix it and straighten the situation out before candidates have to be concerned.

A student member of the CAP, Tom Vidi '76, told The Tech that some problems had surfaced already with the new plan. Some students who are staying home over FAP, according to Vidi, have already made reservations to fly back to the institute on a "Time-Demesne" basis. Thus, students would have to pay "up to fifty dollars more," Vidi said, to change their reservations so as to fly to Boston five days earlier.

Other students who Vidi had spoken to said that this plan might interfere with their plans to work during FAP. Vidi stated that "the committee is considering what we can do about these problems, but we need more student feedback."

Alternative Plans

Smith mentioned that the CAP had considered an alternative plan that "would eliminate these difficulties, but might cause other conflicts.

This plan, according to Smith, is to change the two four-day holidays in the spring to one long, four-day weekend. The implications of this calendar change have been discussed by the CAP, the Commencement Committee, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Chairman of the Faculty and the Registrar.

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By Mike McNamara

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The effect of the motion, if adopted, would be to provide the two four-day holidays in the spring with a total of nine days off. This plan, according to Smith, is to change two of the four-day holidays in the spring to one long, four-day weekend.

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By Barb Moore

The office for student employment became a "clearing house" operation, has been established in the form of the Student Employment Agency. Lawrence Magazine, assistant to the Dean of Faculty, has been appointed Director of Student Employment.

Magazine stated that there are "two resource pools" around MIT that have been utilized: the talented students who need a term-time job, and those who "can do the jobs." Magazine hopes to provide a contact between the potential employer and employment candidate involved in totally student initiated contact.

Magazine said that these term-time jobs as part of their financial aid packages, have not been for the student, however; most will find himself. For example, the first term is at the Institute, the prospect of soliciting a job as a terminated, intimating. The agency set-up will help in this respect, in that it will provide the contact between student and employer.

The problems will not favor students on financial aid, however. Every student looking for a job will now have to fill out a file of positions to be filled, and instead rely on personal contact. He wants to connect the systems "that are causing more trouble than they're helping." The agency wants to develop its resources in such a way that they can back up their service areas.

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Currently, Smith explained, the Registrar's office is under "quite a bit of pressure" to get the grades out so that departmental officials can consider the eligibility of degree candidates. "A little more time," he said, "will give us a chance to catch errors, and will let us avoid problems in the future."