Legislature d,sville decriminalizing pot

By Mike McNamara

Legislators recently considered crimi-
nal penalties for possession and personal use of marijuana, and states that possession of one ounce or less should be pre-
vented, not be for personal use. Legal penalties for profitless trans-
actions involving one ounce or less of marijuana, which cur-
rently range up to two years imprisonment, would also be removed.

Restriction on smoking mari-
jana in any place of business or possession in public would remain in force under the bill.

According to a resolution of the Committee for a Drug-Free California, one in three people from a sample bill developed by the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in the United States and Canada, which was de-
feated during the 1973 session, was de-
feated during the 1973 session.

"We think this bill has a very good chance of passage," Semuels told The Tech. Last year was the first time in the nation that a bill concerning marijuana decriminalization was re-
ported out of committee favorably, so it seems that senti-
ment is increasingly favorable to a bill like this." Semuels added. "Last year's bill has not been scheduled for public hearings or committee meetings yet, due to problems caused by the emerg-
ency session of the General Court that was called to deal with the energy crisis.

Support growing

Support for bills related to decriminalization of marijuana in Massachusetts is growing stronger, in Semuels's opinion. "Last year's experience has given the people here at OSDP some useful experience in lobbying and dealing with the legislators," he said.

"We've got a strong base of support for this bill. Both Republicans and Democrats are among the bill's supporters, and more and more legislators are becoming interested in it, it's sort of a bandwagon effect."

By Greg Saltzman

Jerome and Maggie Lettvin have been appointed house-
masters of Bexley Hall, according to Dean for Student Affairs Carolle Eisenberg. The Lettvins, whose appointment was officially announced on February 15, will replace Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Engineering, an emeritus faculty member last July.

Lettvin, professor in the Departments of Biology and Environmental Engineering, promised "a great innovation in the house-
master system - a resident supervisor for the to try to get for Bexley is a housemaster and students." Eisenberg said that the Lettvins were chosen from a list of about 30 nominees. A search committee of Bexley students, Eisenberg said it was a "representative cross-section of the Bexley com-
menity," interviewed prospective housemasters and assisted the Dean's office in the selection process. Eisenberg said that she felt "it was important for the students who live in Bexley to have an input" to the choice of a new housemaster.

"Housemasters are im-
portant," Eisenberg commented, "as friends and role models. They should be people to whom students can relate, and not merely supervisors for the to try to get for Bexley is a housemaster and students."

Eisenberg explained that "neither the students nor the new housemasters know in advance exactly how things will work out." The limited term for housemasters, she said, will make it easier to correct mistakes.

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sidered that the Lettvins will be a fine addition to the housemaster system. Both of them have shown that they care about the students.

Lettvin stated that he knew "many of the residents of Bexley personally. Bexley has an extraordinarily interesting place. The residents are not overly organized, and they keep an eye on each other. In a way," he concluded. "the environment of what students were like 20 years ago." One thing the Lettvins plan to try to get for Bexley is a common room. "The students in Bexley don't have any place to gather and talk," Lettvin said. "They need a place like what students were like 20 years ago." Ms. Lettvin, who teaches an MIT physical education class, does not plan to teach an exercise class in Bexley even when you don't have one. "There's not enough space there," she said.

Alcohol to ease gas crunch?

By Mike McNamara

One solution to the current gasoline shortage and high prices is the use of methanol as a fuel. Methanol is cheaper than gasoline, and can be made from coal, wood, or other biomass.

According to the Science article, the research was concerned with the use of methanol as a fuel. A study of methanol usage revealed that methanol has lower emissions than gasoline, and is less harmful to the environment.

By Jules Molieres

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Then, in June research was originally con-
cerned with long-range use of methanol, but by 1975 it would be almost eliminate the predicted gasoline shortage is available m year," Semuels added. "Popular perfomance, but has not been considered before as an additive to commercial gasoline.

"In the past," Reed said, "we've found that a small amount of methanol in gasoline can reduce emissions and improve fuel economy. But we've also found that the addition of methanol can affect the performance of engine.

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The Second Annual Red Cross IAP Blood Drive, rettet 275 pints of blood for the Rail Cross, which held the drive in conjunction with TCA. According to TCA mem-
bers working at the drive, over half the donations were coming from non-students. The next blood drive will be the annual spring drive, to be held in March.