The MIT Tution Riots still live, if in a somewhat diminished form. The more than 100 students that demonstrated a week ago are still trying to complain about just not getting the $350 tuition hike, however; protests against proposed grade changes, charges in the equity level of the various courses, proposed Commons, and the MIT-train nuclear energy program also figured in the riot. As usual, the riot caused no substantial damage, although traffic at the MIT main entrance was blocked several times during the affair.

Student killed by local youths; another hurt in midnight assault

By Mike McNamee

MIT has offered a $5000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who stabbed two MIT students about a week ago, killing one student and seriously injuring the other.

John L. Asinari ’76, 20, a pre-medical student majoring in biology, died early on the morning of March 22 of injuries he received when he and Robert Moses ’75 were attacked by four youths with whom they were hitchhiking. Moses, a former roommate of Asinari who also is majoring in biology, is now in satisfactory condition in Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, his roommate of Asinari who also is a roommate of Asinari.

Boston police have arrested Robert Shaghenessy, 23, of South Boston, for questioning in connection with Asinari’s murder and assa ult with a deadly weapon in the Mission. A search warrant has also been issued for John J. Blockett, 23, of Methuen. Police are reportedly seeking two other suspects in connection with the incident.

Chancellor Paul E. Gray ’54 announced the MIT reward at a press conference Thursday afternoon. “We believe and hope this reward will be useful in getting information for the police to solve this case,” Gray said.

According to a letter sent to Police Commissioner Robert DiGrazia, the reward will be paid “upon final conviction of the person or persons guilty” for information that helps police solve the case. The letter also stated that MIT was asking anyone with information on the case to contact the Boston Police.

“There is no implication in the offering of the reward that we are not satisfied with the police handling of the case,” Gray told reporters at the conference. “We believe that it will be helpful in bringing forward more information.”

Memorial planned

A memorial service for Asinari, who was buried last Wednesday near his home in Arlington, Ma., is scheduled for noon tomorrow in Kresge Auditorium. Faculty and students who knew Asinari have been invited to speak at the service.

City census counting in dorms this week

By Gerald Raske

Cambridge dorm tenants are visiting MIT dormitory residents this week as part of the census currently being conducted by the city.

Information collected in the census will be used by the city, the state, and the local school department.

The state census, which is usually taken once every ten years, is used to determine representation in the state House of Representatives, and also is used as the basis for federal and state program funding.

The city census, which is taken annually, is used to prepare lists of voters and streets directory listings. Until this year, the city census was taken by Cambridge Police.

Cambridge has combined the city, state, and school cessuses into one “multifunction” census for the first time this year, according to Census Director Frederic Petras.

By Mike McNamee

No compulsory Commons meals plan will be instituted in any MIT dormitories next year, the Deans Office announced last week.

The Office, which has been considering the feasibility of requiring residents of Baker, Burton, and MacGregor Houses to take some sort of mandatory meals plan next year, made the announcement after informing the Dormitory Rate Review Committee of its decision a week ago Friday.

The announcement put an end to several weeks of speculation and student protests against mandatory Commons, which was eliminated by the Deans Office in 1970—speculation which, according to the Deans Office announcement, generated “misinformation and hostility” among students living in the affected dormitories.

New process

“Restructuring compulsory Commons has been proposed almost every year since mandatory Commons were eliminated,” Dean Carola Eisenberg said in a letter sent to all dormitory residents last week.

The consideration this year was neither unusual nor formal because, according to the Deans Office, such discussions had been held before without any dormitory residents being asked if they wanted to be on Commons, the hall would not be able to handle the demand.

In Baker, Wheatley said, student opposition to compulsory Commons was “overwhelming.”

“The overall impact of mandatory Commons there would be very negative,” Wheatley said. “We believe that the house would probably be hurt by it.”

The stated reasons for compulsory Commons in Baker, Wheatley said, would be damage to good living in that dorm, which has been considered an “outlier” dorm in recent years.

“Our talks showed that many of the women in Baker would not tolerate it if they were

“Have a nice vacation”