Use of cable for security studied

By Mike McNamara

The MIT Cable Policy Committee is considering a Campus Patrol request to use the cable TV system for a closed-circuit monitoring of Hayden and Gallery, according to Committee Chairman, while the group considers whether the cable should be used for security monitoring.

In addition to the commit-tee examination, which is part of its work on cable guidelines, MIT announced last week that senior members of the adminis-tration are studying the question of use of electronic monitoring for security on campus.

The Campus Patrol system, which was installed in the Gallery several weeks ago, to protect an exhibit of Class Oldenburg works, consists of two camera installations outside the Gallery doors and several camera mounting inside. The cameras, which were fixed upon the doors and specific art works, transmitted to the central cable office in 9, where the signals were passed on a special cable run to the Campus Patrol headquarters in duPont Gymnasium.

The Patrol’s cameras in Hayden were removed after the Oldenburg exhibit ended, and no further plans were made for their use pending approval by the cable policy group.

The committee was informed of the project at its second formal meeting Wednesday afternoon, and voted unanimously to allow it to proceed. The PATROL and to announce next week that the Gallery had been monitored during the Oldenburg exhibit. The group was sharply divided, members say, over whether the cable, which was installed for educational purposes, could be used for security monitoring by the Campus Patrol.

Savings to watch

The idea to monitor the Gallery via the cable grew out of the need to provide 24-hour

security for artworks on display there, according to Patrol Chief James Olivieri. "Most of the contracts for doing works for display include provisions for 24-hour security, which means before that we had to have someone standing there inside the Gallery all night long," Oliveri said. "It’s cost us as much as $4000 to cover one display. When we were asked about ideas on how to use the cable, we suggested this as a way to free up many man-hours for patrol purposes."

Students testify against Mass. meals tax

By Jim Eisen

As the Massachusetts legislature prepares to vote on a proposed meals tax that runs on approval by a 5-1 margin, according to a 5-1 vote, the students testified during the hearing against the tax.

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