ASA rejects SACC movie appeal

By Glenn Brownstein

The瓢rope Committee (SACC) is the only MIT student organization authorized to show a weekend entertainment film series, the Association of Student Activitites (ASA) reaffirmed at a general meeting Sunday night. By a vote of 28-11 with eight abstentions, the ASA upheld its Executive Committee ruling of two weeks ago, which stated that the Social Action Coordinating Committee (SACC) could show the first three movies of its Friday night film series, with LSC approval required for further showings.

As of today, LSC had unofficially indicated that "To Kill a Mockingbird" on the "Waterfront Citizen" campaign, and "Hall to the Chief" would likely be approved for SACC showing.

According to O'Neal, Northgate will continue to drive away prospective tenants, who are in poor physical condition, and lowering the occupancy rate, both of which are out to make a profit. "We don"t want to see the buildings in Cambridge are on Northgate"s own interest," and LSC is "little lower" for their film discussions after its Executive Committee ruling was taken, according to O'Neal. Northgate has not renewed those contracts. Two buildings in Somerville are leased by the Northgate Corporation. The leases on both buildings expire in three years, and according to O'Neal, Northgate will not renew those contracts. Three buildings in Cambridge are on long-term leases, and three in Somerville, as well as Random Hall. The Watergate special prosecution counsel's office is investigating the allegations that President Ford, while a Michigan congressman, illegally used campaign funds for personal expenses, including extra patrol officers and metal detectors at the door, at Hyde Park High School following a serious racial disturbance in front of the school Friday morning in which seven persons were hurt and eleven arrested. It was the most serious flareup thus far in the conflict between the students and the police, since classes began September 8.

ASIAN MIT introduces a new low-cost dormitory theft insurance plan for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The varsity soccer team holds defending Division III national champion Babson scoreless for 40 minutes before succumbing, 2-0, in a hard-fought game at Briggs Field.

Cross-country, paced by senior All-American Frank Richardson, wins the Engineers' Cup over MPI and RPI, the rugby "B" squad edges Coast Guard, 17-16.

Northgate properties to be divested

By Drew Blaksman

Although the Northgate apartment residents are not the severe economic liability they were a year ago, MIT officials still plan to divest the remaining three properties as soon as possible.

Northgate is a series of eight apartment buildings in Cambridge and Somerville which were originally purchased by the Institute to fill the off-campus housing need of MIT students, faculty, and other employees.

Initially, however, the apartment properties were financially unprofitable, and the buildings were in poor physical condition, driving away prospective tenants and lowering the occupancy rate. Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School Kenneth Wadleigh '43 told the Tech last year.

Half of the original buildings had been sold by MIT as of last October, according to Wadleigh. Records of the Off-campus Housing Office show that four more have been sold since then, resulting in a reduction in the number of vacancies. Only one apartment out of the two hundred in the entire project is now vacant.

Charles D. O'Neal Jr., Administrative Director of the Northgate Corporation, says he has "no idea" when the remaining properties will be sold. When a reporter asked, he said, "You're the sixth person who wants to know. The other six are the Board of Directors of Northgate."

The Northgate Community Corporation has complete ownership and control of the Northgate properties. This corporation, in turn, is totally under the control of MIT. Ten of Northgate's directors are MIT administrators, while the eleventh is a lawyer who does legal work for the Institute.

The Institute has had a number of offers on the remaining properties, O'Neal said, but they were turned down as "not fair." "We are out to make a profit. We don't want to help the building indirectly."

A fourth Northgate property,'s directors are MIT and Cambridge are owned outright by Northgate.

A fourth Northgate property, Random Hall, is currently a rooming house. Originally built as an MIT dormitory, the Institute sold the building to Northgate when it was felt it was no longer needed. With the current housing crunch, according to O'Neal, MIT has been considering purchasing Random Hall to help alleviate dormitory overcrowding. Because of the complexity of the law, the Institute would be able to buy the building indirectly. O'Neal said that no one is currently prepared to take over the properties, "but the situation could change within the next five minutes." He said that Northgate is "not going to wait the three years until the leases expire on the two-Somerville properties, but hopes to find someone willing to take over the leases of the long-term holdings as well as purchase the other buildings.

The Northgate Corporation tries to "respond more adequately to the needs of the institution," according to O'Neal, who said that the MIT community, while problems resolved suited the building, and other landlords He added that the rent is "a little lower" for the Northgate apartments than for similar apartments elsewhere. "There were no rent increases last year except in one of the buildings, and that was only a two-and-a-half percent increase," O'Neal noted. When MIT eventually divests itself of the Northgate properties, there should be no problems for the current tenants, O'Neal said. "The tenants will be protected for as long as their leases are in effect." Even then, he added, people who want to retain their apartments should be able to. "Apartments don't go away." Approximately half of MIT's students graduate and under- graduate, live in non-Institute housing. Of these, about ten percent are Northgate apartments.

The Northgate residents consist primarily of MIT faculty and other employees. There are a few residents who are not a part of the MIT community, but they are tenants who have rented the buildings when the Institute acquired them.

Northgate's holdings include the new dormitory on Market Ave. in Cambridge, as well as Random Hall.