New House damage bills upheld

By Kent Pitman

Residents of New House who appealed a damage bill assessed to them by last year's House Judicial Committee will have to pay, the Dormitory Council Judicial Committee announced after a hearing at Baker House on Tuesday night.

The appeals stemmed from a decision by New House Judicial last year in which all residents of House 4 were billed $2.80 and a number of individuals were fined larger amounts to cover the cost of repairs to the house lounge, which had suffered damage requiring over $600 in repairs. Some of those appealing said that they were unhappy with the methods used by the House Judicial Committee to determine guilt and assess fines. The committee had decided to fine certain individuals for specific damages even if no direct evidence could be brought forth to prove that the individuals were actually responsible. During the hearing, Paul Ron '79 objected to this, asserting that, "you can't charge people for the probability of them doing the damage. You have to charge them for either doing the damage or not doing the damage."

By Glenn Brownstein

Despite challenges from another student group, the Lecture Series Committee (LSC) will retain its weekend entertainment at least for the coming academic year.

LSC, which had suffered a serious loss of members over the past few years, recently increased its committee's membership from 12 to 42 members.

The Student Activities (ASA) decision procedures, which were brought out during the meeting, are believed to be continued on a reasonable basis, and that we'll know to next week what we're going to do with it.

He added that "On the Waterfront" would definitely be shown tonight regardless of the group's final decision on the film series.

Moore said that SACC "felt kind of locked over" by what he called "funny parliamentary procedures" in deciding on a motion to be voted upon. The confusion over which motion was up before the Assembly began when it was determined at the end of the discussion that no motion had officially been made, although other attempts to move questions had been previously turned down by UVAP Steve Spro '77, who chaired the meeting.

Marc Levin '77, of East Campus, made a proposal that SACC be allowed to finish the film series and report to LSC, SACC, and the GA with recommendations. John Roselli '77, a SACC member, and GA delegate, then made a friendly amendment specifying that the committee be non-partisan.

After a series of procedural motions lasting over five minutes, LSC spokesman Mike Dornbrook '76 (not a GA representative) attempted to amend both earlier motions by substituting a simple statement that the vote would be simply to overturn the ASA ruling, with solutions to the LSC-SACC conflict to be determined afterward. Attempts to challenge the motion were turned down during the following procedural haggling.

Dornbrook's motion was passed and then the vote was taken whether or not to overturn the ASA ruling. Fraternity's voted 6-7 to overturn the ASA ruling, the Non-Resident Student Association voted 6-2 to overturn. East Campus voted 5-2 and Senior House voted 3-1 with one abstention, and the West Campus members, where most LSC members live, voted 17-2 to uphold the earlier decision. Nearly half of the full GA delegation was "Please turn to page 5"

The right of any company to the exclusive control of the US telephone industry was debated at a recent Cambridge Forum. For some industries, the most efficient system is one of regulated monopoly, says Peter Magno, a member of the New England Telephone Company.

Coop patronage refund checks will be available next Wednesday. The rebate is set at eight percent, the highest level in 10 years.

Residents of Tang and Westgate and the Committee on Visual Arts met Wednesday night to discuss a new sculpture which will be placed temporarily in front of these houses.

Senior All-American Frank Richardson's second consecutive course-breaking run leads the undefeated cross-country team to a triangular meet victory over Coast Guard and Wesleyan.

Radiation levels in the US continue higher than normal this week following an atmospheric nuclear test blast by China on Sept. 26. Although the Federal Energy Research and Development Administration has indicated that the fallout presents no danger to public health, President Ford has asked the National Security Council to conduct a study of the effects of the fallout nationwide.

Massachusetts House Speaker Thomas McGee altered traditional rules to prevent the release of a bill which would repeal the state meals tax for college students, the Boston Globe reported yesterday. McGee ruled that in order for the legislation to be released from committee for House action, a two-thirds majority of the House must concur, rather than the two-thirds vote normally required.