MIT releases student addresses

By Tim Knaile

For at least three years prior to this year, MIT released Student Directory information on all students living in its in-town, off-campus dormitories and Boston fraternities to the cities of Cambridge and Boston, according to Mitro Kos, president of the Student Rights Action Committee.

At present, the Committee on Privacy has appointed a subcommittee to review the process by which students designated personal statistics as directory information. According to the MIT Bulletin, students may be released without the student’s prior consent and without a record being made.

When asked what MIT does when a student wishes to withhold information requested by Cambridge, Boston, Harvard, and MIT, Robert E. Shuford replied, “I don’t know. It’s never happened before.” Kos noted that the cards students file on Registration Day, which the Institute compiles into the Student Directory, may be revised so that it is absolutely clear what criteria govern MIT’s release of that information.

Campus organizations are not allowed to use the list of directory information to outsiders. Asked whether the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program on campus release mailing lists of students to the Armed Forces, the officer spokesperson said that the ROTC programs are guided by the Family Education and Privacy Act, and may not legally release such lists.

Massachusetts law does, however, allow municipalities to sell the information of any organization which plans to use it for non-political purposes. This includes mail-order companies, magazines, salesmen, and similar businesses. It could not be determined whether Boston or Cambridge has ever sold this information.

The Selective Service does not use college mailing lists to search out draft registration evaders, according to a Washington representative of the organization who declined to supply his name. At present, individuals must report the names of suspected registration evaders to the Selective Service or attempt to locate anyone. Names of suspects are forwarded to the Justice Department.

Wiesner, Kendall address MX forum

By Barry S. Surman

“Promised my wife I wouldn’t say anything,” said Dr. Jerome B. Wiesner, opening a spontaneous session in proponents of the MX missile at a seminar Saturday night. His remarks sparked the approximately two hundred participants of the fourteen-hour day of questions and concerns over a three-minute standing ovation.

Wiesner, an Institute Professor, President Emeritus of MIT, and author of several books, noted that Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, spoke unexpectedly at the final session of “The MX Missile and the Arms Race: An Inquiry into National Security in the Aural Era” held in Room 10-250, was sponsored by the Committee on Politics and International Affairs, and could not be deter-

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