Councilors want to levy taxes

(Continued from page 1) taxables, properties, including vacated lots, factories, office buildings, warehouses, garages, and private dwellings, all for investment purposes.

The largest amount of contiguous land is the 50 acres formerly owned by the Simplex Wire and Cable Company (29 individual properties) and other properties surrounding it, bought at a later date. Currently, there is a zoning dispute between the residents near the Simplex lands, represented by the Simplex Steering Committee and other neighborhood groups, the City of Cambridge, and MIT. MIT's investment lands are not tax-exempt, and the Institute paid $1.9 million in property taxes last year.

Class of 1982 officer is threatened

by Tony Zampani

Mark Walker, elected Vice President of the Class of 1982 last week, received a threatening letter the following day that was "written in a bomb." According to Campus Police Chief James T. Olivieri, the letter is tied to the recent elections. He said: "There is an aggressive letter, it makes threats against the student. We have an investigation." They are treating it seriously.

The Campus Police are trying to determine whether the letter "is someone's idea of a joke or not," said Olivieri. "I think we're more concerned about it than the student.

He added: "We have asked the student to be in close touch with us." Walker was one of three write-in candidates for the position of Class of 1982 Vice President. No one was officially nominated for the post. Walker received thirty-three votes. Campus Police asked the other two write-in candidates, Kenneth Snow and Richard Noreau, if they knew of the letter. Snow and Noreau received twenty-five votes each in the election. Olivieri did not comment on the status of the Campus Police investigation. Walker did not wish to comment on the letter.

Gasoline consumption is up as prices decline

By Stuart Gidew

In response to the latest news of decreases in gasoline prices, motorists are "buying like mad," according to homeowner Holmes Citgo Station.

A survey of prices for leaded regular gas at the stations of Massachusetts Avenue showed that the lowest price was $1.12 per gallon. The New York Times recently reported that one service station in Texas lowered its price below $1 for a few hours during a price war.

A few weeks ago prices for leaded regular in the area were at least as high as $1.33. According to a representative of Holmes' BP Service Station, people are "just looking for price, not service." Holmes Citgo recently phased out regular leaded gas.

There aren't many older cars around. We don't want them here anyway. They look terrible. We only want American cars, not Volkswagens and ..." All stations in the local area have stopped selling leaded premium except for Getty, which is selling the 93.5 octane gas for $1.30. "We expect to have it for a while," said the Getty owner.

Owners of vehicles requiring leaded premium are forced to mix regular leaded and premium unleaded. The highest octane premium unleaded available near MIT is 91.5, and regular gas is generally between 88 and 90 octane.

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