Hope dismissed after 11 years as dean

By Barry S. Sarnan

Mary O. Hope, assistant dean for student affairs at MIT for 11 years, last night confirmed ex-

dates that she has been fired or asked to resign by Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M.

McBay. McBay last week said "that my services were not needed... to have my things out by Novem-

ber 30th," Hope said. "I have no letter of termination, no letter of intent to terminate. That was just a

verbal statement to me." "I have no comment on per-

sonal matters," McBay said in an interview yesterday. Asked if Hope is currently employed by the

Dean's Office, McBay reiter-

ated, "I have no comments on the

matter except with the person

involved," he said. Simpkins indicated, however, that were an associate or assis-

tant dean to leave the Office of Student Affairs, budgetary constraints would not

prevent buying a replacement.

Letter said to identify issues

Hope said a letter she received from McBay identified "other

issues" that apparently led to her dismissal. Hope declined to elaborate, saying, "I would rather

not discuss the letter [then] give you the wrong impression."

The letter was not at her home, with the papers lost or destroyed, Hope said."I don't have any personality

conflict with her," Hope said; "the problem is with the decision of the Office of Student Affairs." Hope

was absent from the Institute of Technology in California. That "misunderstanding" was later corrected, she

said. "I got my money back.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Donald R. Randel, head of the Dean's Office section in which Hope works, said: "There's nothing to story about that than-

nats the eye. People are going to have a meeting to decide somehow. I'm not the integrity of Institute of

the "I have been out sick and

"She might have some with me."

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