Faculty to resolve on arrested students

By Barbara A. Masi

The MIT faculty will vote April 5 on a motion calling for MIT to drop charges against the eight MIT students arrested on March 13.

Professor Gretchen Kalonji '80 proposed the motion of the faculty, "That the MIT faculty is unanimously moved about the arrests of the eight students. That the faculty protests the decision to remove the shanties. That the Institute drop the charges and pay all legal fees."

Mason said he was shocked by the MIT's actions toward the students and that the arrest gave criminal records to the protestors. He concluded by calling on the faculty to address the issue.

Louis D. Smith, professor of electrical engineering, described the decision to remove the shanties at 6:30 am as "a knock on the door in the middle of the night."

Arthur C. Smith, professor of electrical engineering, wanted to know why no faculty member was informed of the decision. "I don't know how decisions are carried out, but I do know that I wasn't told. I'm sure that the Dean for Student Affairs [Shirley M. McBay] was not told. And given that the administration knew of the faculty vote relating to this matter, I want to know why the decision was carried out to remove the shanties without any input."

Chairperson of the Faculty Mary C. Potter requested Vice President Constantine B. Simonides to answer the faculty's concerns.

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Protestors criticize arrests

By Julian West

About 50 students presented the MIT administration with a petition Wednesday demanding that MIT drop trespass charges against the eight members of the Coalition Against Apartheid.

The petition, which was signed by 278 members of the MIT community, stated: "We... demand that MIT publicly recognize that the arrest of nonviolent protestors is unacceptable in an academic setting, that MIT advise the district attorney that it is no longer considers that the eight students arrested were trespassing, and that the Institute reimburse those arrested for any... fees incurred as a result of their arrest."

The protest began at noon at the Student Center and then moved to the second floor of building 3. MIT Vice President Dickson said he expects the firm to report to the faculty in April. (Please turn to page 13)

Panel reviews HASS proposal

By Akbar Merchant

Added emphasis in the humanities, arts, and social sciences (HASS) was a focus of the March 17 forum. Topics discussed included the proposal to HASS requirements and the establishment of a College of Liberal Arts.

Approximately 80 students and faculty members attended this panel discussion entitled "Is It Broken?" Reforming Undergraduate Education at MIT," sponsored by the UA Council.

Loo Marx, chairman of the Integrative Education Committee, assessed the present state of undergraduate education at MIT. "We are giving a second-class assignment," he said. "What is needed is a broadened curriculum including the arts, humanities, and sciences."

M. McBay requested an explanation of the difference between the current educational program and the preprofessional preparation added. "M. McBay's programs need to take a longer-term view of education so that students are prepared for campus police after the arrest of the eight students last Friday. Simonides said he expected the firm to report to the faculty in April. (Please turn to page 13)

MITsolidifies plans to house graduates

By Barbara A. Masi

MIT Senior Vice President William R. Dickson '56 announced Wednesday that MIT has commissioned a private firm to study possible sites for the construction of a graduate student dormitory.

The site for the building would be studied by the UA Council.

Jannine M. Nell G. president of the Graduate Student Council, said Dickson March 13 that more than 50 percent of all graduate students want to live on campus, but only 26 percent of the graduate student community can be housed.

The Graduate Housing Reserve Fund (GHRF) will be used as the seed money for the new building. But MIT "will have to make a decision on whether it will commit general New England funds" to make up any difference between construction costs and what the GHRF can cover, Dickson said.

Nell said the GSC's housing petition will encourage the administration to pay for the building from general funds.

The GHRF will only be tied up for one more year in pending the renovations of Green Hall, according to Peter H. Brown, assistant dean for student affairs.

Dickson said he expects the firm to report to the faculty in April.

CUP says MIT needs to broaden curriculum

By Irewe Stirkri

MIT's new Undergraduate Program (CUP) is preparing for its first un- dergraduate curriculum, according to a report issued on March 19 by the Committee on the Undergraduate Program (CUP).

"We affirm MIT's historic commitment to a broad-based education for all undergraduates," the report stated. "But this commitment is not manifested clearly in the current educational program, and adjustments are needed to realize MIT's historic goals in the contemporary context."

MIT's programs need to take a longer-term view of education so that students are prepared for "continuing self-education," the report continued. Institute requirements should emphasize general education, rather than pure technical training and professional preparation, it added.

"Every MIT student should have the opportunity for at least one close, intellectual relationship." (Please turn to page 11)