Protesters’ case dismissed
By Andrew L. Fish
The Middlesex County Court dismissed charges that the Insti-
tute had brought against two MIT students for participating in a whistle-blowing protest at com-
memoration. Stephen P. Fernande-
z ’87 and Steven D. Penn G
had been charged with disturbance by a study committee of the College Police after several days after MIT’s con-
mencement. Stephen P. Fernandez
would forfeit their right to a jury
trials on the charges if they were
tried for one year, and that those in charge
of the disturbances should be prevented
before commencement, he had done so. He explained that,
against the whistle-blowers.
Peretz and Penn said they had been charged because
MIT viewed them as pro-
test leaders, while Campus Police Chief James Oliveri said the two
in charge of the residence halls
Police could identify after the

Thief rate increases at start of academic year
By Thomas T. Hoang
Police statistics obtained from the past three annual reports of the MIT Campus Police indicate that the
number of residence hall thefts — roughly 45 incidents per year, out of a yearly average of 135.
While freshmen move their personal property from temporary
residence assignments to what they hope to call "home" for the next four years, and to dormitories to their liv-
ing groups after a long summer elsewhere, thieves are making off
with wallets and pocketbooks, cameras, cash, bicycles, radios,
and furniture, according to MIT
Campus Police Captain Anne P. Glower.
Unfortunately, amid news of a vault in the public subway station.
and a sharp rise in residence hall thefts over the past year, MIT’s
resident housing security up-
grade, launched last December, comes late in the game.

Housing lottery reduced this year
By Michael J. Garrison
Freshman this year will face two major changes in the dormi-
tory assignment process: a reduc-
tion in the number of rounds, and an option to indicate a preference for single
sex residence.
Freshmen will go through only two rounds of the housing lottery this year, according to Ann Bra-
con, Director of Student Affairs Office. The Office of Housing has conducted the lottery in three rounds for many years.
The shift is designed "to get people assigned to their perma-
nent housing assignments soon-
ter, allowing them to "concent-
rate on the academic orientation," Braden said. "We found a way to get all housing assigned by the second round
so that it could work.
Freshmen desiring space in the dormitory system will turn in dormitory preference cards by
3 p.m. Monday.
Freshmen specify the dormi-
tory they desire — in descend-
ing order of preference — as a late
late in the game.

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