Repligen Container Bulges; Toxic Chemical Leak Averted
By Jeremy Hyten

A bulge in a tank of waste material is a Repligen Corp. storage facility forced the evacuation of approximately 1,500 people from office buildings near the One Kendall Square site Wednesday morning. The material was removed by the Cambridge Fire Department. The 30-gallon plastic tank, containing cyanogen bromide, hydrogen, formic acid, and water, had expanded to one-and-a-half times its size when discovered by Repligen employees, according to Capt. Gerald R. Ruane of the Cambridge Fire Department. The tank was intended to hold byproducts of Repligen chemical production, but "something else got into the tank and caused this problem," Ruane said.

Repligen called the fire department to the scene at about 10:30 a.m., according to Ramesh Ratan, a Repligen vice president. A crew of nearly twenty firemen responded, disengaging the building with water and depressurizing the tank. Working in encapsulated suits, ten firemen worked to depressurize the tank. They removed the chemicals without incident. The waste material was removed by the Cambridge Fire Department. The material was disposed of by Zecco Co., a Needham-based waste disposal company. They removed the chemicals without incident. The waste was removed by the Cambridge Fire Department.

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Clay appointed Head Of Urban Studies
By Sarah Y. Keightley

Professor Philip L. Clay PhD 15 was recently named head of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. His appointment will take effect July 1.

Jean P. De Monchaux, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, appointed Clay to replace Donald A. Schon, the current department head. The department head serves a five-year term.

Clay has been the associate head of the urban studies and planning department for two years. Schon said, "I think it's a splendid appointment. I think he will be a fantastic department head." Schon also said that Clay has a natural talent for administration.

Lisa A. Craig, associate dean for the School of Architecture and Planning said, "The Planning Department has always chosen an internal candidate. It is part of the citizenship of the department." Craig added that the change is an "orderly, predictable process," because Clay was the department's associate head for the past two years.

Clay said he is still in the process of working out an agenda for the fall. He did say that the department hopes to emphasize more undergraduate teaching. The department is working on an "attractive plan" to be announced in the fall, involving classes where students will apply scientific knowledge to social problems, Clay said.

With the new plans, international students from developing areas could be given policy perspectives to make their knowledge useful at home and in international organizations, Clay said. On the domestic side, issues like transportation and environmental policy may be incorporated into classes.

Clay said there is a "similar interest" on the grade side. Though the programs are currently in separate programs, "there is a movement to strengthen them, raise program funds, and participate more fully in curricular," he said.

Clay helped with the 1987 federal study on the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp., and was later part of the commission which recommended a policy that became part of the Housing Act of 1990. Clay is a member of the research advisory councils of the Federal National Mortgage Association, consults for several government agencies and foundations, and has published two books.

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