MIT soon to move against “Tent City”

By Seth Gordon

MIT plans to remove a group of homeless people living on MIT-owned land in the near future, according to Walter L. Miller, assistant to the chairman and president of the MIT corporation.

The homeless group has occupied a lot on the MIT-owned Simpex property ever since the Simpex Steering Committee staged a “tent city” protest on the weekend of Oct. 17. SSC was protesting MIT’s planned development of 10-acre site.

After the protest ended, the homeless individuals who participated in the protest were living in tents donated by the demonstrators.

As the winter nears, MIT will have to get the people off the land, Miller said. He explained that under the circumstances it was not much concern, but as the weather becomes worse the danger of sickness increases. If MIT is attentive to the situation, it could be held responsible, Miller asserted.

The residents of “Tent City, USA” prefer the camp to shelters, and are seeking to secure either the land they are staying on or MIT-owned abandoned property near Kim, a resident who would not give her last name, asserted, “I’m sick and tired of this ... with MIT coming down with all kinds of human services people trying to own us.” She said she knew how to survive the winter outside. “I’ve been out here for the last five years.”

Kim added that in the past the rent from police to avoid being pushed into a shelter.

“Simpex is America just like Millie is,” said Wolf. “I will go to jail if that’s what it takes.”

Describing life at a shelter for the homeless, “Preacha,” a former resident of Tent City who spoke for the group Saturday, said, “You’re 20 yet out ... forced to go to bed at eight, get up at five, stand in line for breakfast, go out at seven, back by three, stand in line for a bed (Please turn to page 11)

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Rediscovering the secrets of bamboo

Inspired by the writings of Carlos Casteneda, David became what he calls "a cultural we-back." He wandered on foot across the Mexican border with no papers, no money, and not a word of Spanish in his vocabulary. With no papers he avoided large cities, living primarily in small villages. He survived with odd-jobs, the generosity of villagers, and occasional begging. He quickly learned Spanish and fell in love with the people and their culture.

Since then he has become an advocate of what he calls "appropriate travel." He doesn't suggest that everybody wander herefore across the Rio Grande, but he believes there are many alternatives to the standard fine wine, fine food, and zero interaction package offered by your local travel agency. The inside of a Hilton looks pretty much the same all over the world and new places ought to offer a lot more than just another photo opportunity. David gave away his camera when he discovered it was worth more than most of his new found friends made in a year.

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With David we began a five month effort to begin introducing bamboo into Nicaragua. We're heading up to a theater cooperative tomorrow morning for a cultural we-back. Along with David's book we're taking a huge amount of orange bamboo. We're trying to find a room for two weeks. Sugar bumped into a man headed out the door with a huge orange back-pack. "So what are you two doing in Matagalpa?" he asked her.

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IRA apologizes for civilian deaths

The Irish Republican Army is taking responsibility and expressing regret for a bombing Sunday that killed eleven civilians in Northern Ireland. The IRA issued a statement to news agencies saying the bomb was intended to kill British soldiers and police. The IRA claims the radio-controlled device was set off by what it called a "high-frequency scanning device" used by the British army.

Reagan suggests possible US-Sandinista talks

President Reagan said yesterday that the United States would be ready to begin discussions with the Nicaraguan government — as soon as the Sandinistas and the US-backed contras "abandoned violence" — aimed at reaching a cease-fire. Reagan made the remarks before of-ficials attending a meeting of the Organization of Ameri-can States in Washington. He said the talks would be part of broader discussions involving other Central American nations. The United States has not taken part in such talks with Nicaragua since late 1984.

Israel doubts terrorist claims

Israeli officials are downgrading claims by a Palestinian terrorist group that it has taken eight people hostage. The Abu Nidal group said yesterday it had eight European captives — 20-year-old Israeli citizenship who were aboard a boat off the Israeli coast. But top Israeli officials doubt the captives are Israelis because they suggest the claims are an attempt by some Palestinians to disrupt the Arab summit underway in Jordan.

Kennedy called Court favorite

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said yester-day that Federal Appellate Court Judge Anthony M. Ken-ney is emerging as the top candidate for the Supreme Court. Kennedy would succeed Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg as President Reagan’s choice for the nation’s highest court. Ginsburg withdrew his nomination in the uproar that followed his admission that he had used marijuana.

Reagan denies pressuring Ginsburg

President Reagan said Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg was not forced to take his name out of contention for the Su-preme Court because of pressure from the White House. Rather, he had to withdraw because of "harassment" from clowdw, Reagan said. Ginsburg withdrew after ad-mitting he used to smoke marijuana.

But one of Reagan’s staunchest conservative supporters is accusing the White House of abandoning the nominee. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Ut) told a Capitol Hill news con-ferece yesterday that Ginsburg was pressured to with-draw by those he called “pathetic wonder” on the White House staff.

FBI failed to find Ginsburg drug use

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said yesterday that five background checks and 143 interviews with people who knew former Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg failed to turn up any evidence of his marijuana use. FBI Director William Sessions said he would order a review of investigative procedures, and would press for prosecution for anyone found to have lied to investiga-tors.

Dole kicks off campaign

Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole (R-KS) gave a lukewarm endorsement to the Reagan record yesterday as he formally kicked off his own campaign for president. Dole, in his hometown of Russell, KS, took a jab at rival Vice President George Bush by saying the Rea-gan Administration’s record is not something to build on. Dole is the 19th major Republic-an to announce his candidacy.

Sri Lanka bomb kills 32

A bomb exploded at a major bus stop during rush hour in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday. Police said at least 32 people were killed and more than 100 were injured. Witness-es said bodies were piled up on sidewalks. It was the first major bomb attack in the capital since an attack last April that killed at least 186 people. That was blamed on Tamil rebels fighting for an independent homeland. No one has claimed responsibility for yesterday’s attack.

Law discouraging teen sex goes before Court

The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a fed-eral law intended to discourage sexual activity among teenagers crosses the constitutional line separating church and state. At issue is a law funding these programs, some run by religious organizations. Attorneys for the Amer-i-can Civil Liberties Union say the law is unconstitutional because it allows use of federal money to subsidize “relig-iou indoctrination.”

The Court also agreed to decide if the death penalty should be excluded for convicted killers who commit their crimes before the age of 18. The case involves a 20-year-old Oklahoma death row inmate who was found guilty of committing a murder at the age of 13. A decision is ex-pected by July.

Cool, rainy weather ahead

Our weather for the next day or so will be influenced by a developing coastal storm. If the storm is positioned a bit westward and if temperatures were a bit cooler, conditions would be ideal for snowfall here in Boston. Instead we can expect cool and rainy weather in our region as a result of the storm. We may see a few flakes before the precipitation tapers off late tonight.

Today: Skies will be mostly cloudy and periods of light rain are likely. High temperatures will be 48-54°F (4-7°C) with northerly winds at 10-15 mph (16-24 kph).

Tonight: Continued cloudy with rain showers. Precipitation could mix with snow before ending early Wednesday morning. Lows near freezing.

Wednesday: Partial clearing but continued cold. Expect 15-40°F (2-5°C).

Thursday: Cloudy. Highs 40-45°F (4-7°C).

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Homeless are not helpless

As reported in Sunday's Boston Globe, MIT's Happy Acres Camp Ground (located at 12 Best Child USA) is soon to be disbanded. Walter L. Miller, assistant state president and chairman of the MIT Corporation, speaking about the squatters now trespassing on land owned by MIT was quoted in the Globe as saying "we are looking for a very diplomatic way to move them off the property." The site has been occupied by a few of Cambridge's more militant homeless since October 17, when the Simplex Simplex Com- pany put up signs and held a two-day protest to demonstrate the need for low-income housing. The residents of Text City, USA (Unusually Short-sighted Activists) have overtaken their welcome and are not willing to remove their tent encampment. MIT is work- ing to reach the Cambridge area, not just for the site, but for ev- eryone. By developing the area, MIT is working to guarantee the future for the city in the future. It has been through the efforts of MIT and the of the site. It has been through the efforts of the committee, the Cambridge School of Housing, and another Somerville, another Cambridge, and a few others. The question of the site, however, is even, whether MIT is now go- ing to aggravate the homeless problem. If the Institute were planning to plan new classrooms and laboratories in order to in- crease enrollment while not con- currently increasing its commit- ment to student housing, then they would be clearly at fault. In such a situation, the gates opened extensively and Cambridge would be inflation- al, whereas the added costs on the current housing situation would be infinitesimal. Of, course, Simplex will be a business development, not an expansion of MIT. Concern is that Simplex will only provide spe- cialized goods. Although this pro- ject is promoting primarily high- tech jobs, support staff will also be needed, and that makes jobs for the citizens of Cambridge. Also, the new move closer to a closer commitment to graduate student housing, a move which is so easy to house the existing student body. But the question remains, "What is it going to do with the homeless?" In our exploring solu- tions even the obvious answer, to send the homeless to the homeless areas. It is a commonly held belief that the homeless "owe" the less fortunate food. But when considering the children in the care of schools of children and of the youth, the homeless explained to the administration. The problem is that if the administration of the development program will never begin, and it is now clear that the president and his conservative self, who have been responsible for the beginning of the $1 billion spending on the homeless act, are no longer at stake. The statement has proven to be true.

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first things you learn in an economics class is that if prices are held below market levels, a shortage will result. Landlords are currently trying to skirt such problems via condo conversions. This action, of course, only aggravates the problem and has brought on more legislation and more bureaucracy.

A quick examination of the cities with the longest histories of rent control shows, in general, that they also have the worst housing problems in terms of both quality and quantity.

A Low cost, subsidized housing should only be provided inside city limits for the working poor. A person who holds no job should only be provided in-kind assistance.

The first two suggestions are neither very controversial nor new. But they are still not being pursued. Politicians in the Boston area are pursuing housing through work. Politicians in the city of Cambridge are pursuing housing complexes.
Sting's latest album loses freshness of African rhythms

By PHIL COLLINS


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Fledgling Random Music Ensemble deserves nurturing

THE SIGN IN SIDNEY

By JULIAN WEST

HAT THIS FLEDGLING GROUP still exists is a credit to the Tech Random Music Ensemble. An evening of musical theater, nimbly portraying and explicating, and the first scene rather bore out that assumption. But surprises were in store. The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window is actually a very powerful drama, and once the principals had hit their stride by Act Two, they turned in some very creditable performances. This is one fledgling which deserves to be nurtured.

Perhaps, for instance, their next production might rate better than a lecture hall. Effective set design and use of the performance space offset this drawback somewhat, but one couldn't help noticing that a chalk ledge was doubling as bookshelf, and there was no convenient entrance to speak of. This does not detract from the "Tech" part of the title, as scene changes were forced to take an unconvincingly long time. The production overcame these handicaps, but a group should not have to suffer such handicaps for long.

This again, the play is about people dealing with personal handicaps. The cast of characters parades through the living room and through the life of one Sidney Brustein, resident of the Earthly Paradise, Bohemia, Lower Manhattan, in the 1960s, between civil rights and the women's movement, after free thought but before free love.

Sidney (Steve Gisselbrecht '90), is an idealistic jack-of-all-trades who hangs a political sign in his window and bears his heart on his sleeve. He takes after Albert Camus, that existentialist who was a socialist and an existentialist. Sidney was named Dedalus, and acts with classical allusions which must sail right by most of the cast, particularly Kelly Marold, who tacked on an inspired performance. Haydn's String Quartet brings satisfaction in its role as resident of the Earthly Paradise, and 1,000 points for a virtuoso display of Haydn's genius. Haydn's tenure here was much more than the price of admission. The ensemble's gender was the night's obvious highlight, a sublime performance. Haydn's String Quartet was so well balanced that one need only to listen to the first three instruments extant at Mozart's time were highly dissimilar in construction from those made today. Mozart's music can and should be played on instruments capable of providing the fullness. The first movement of Haydn's String Quartet No. 20, No. 2 was the night's obvious highlight, a sublime performance. Haydn's genius, absolutely larger than life, exposes itself here across all dimensions. Through the use of countermelodies, ambiguity and surprise, Haydn delivers more than mere music. A sublime performance. The harmonic subtlety alone is enough to leave one in awe.

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Banchetto builds from lovely first act to superb second

The story related by this choral piece is that of two lovers, Acis and Galatea. The first act is devoted to establishing the strength of the love between this shep- herd and his nymph, and is largely idyllic. The chorus describes a pleasant pastoral set- ting; the two lovers (Frank Kelley and Nancy Armstrong) sing of their mutual de- light; the shepherd deities are content to neglect his flocks in favor of his nymph. But overall the mood is "suestra, merry, and gay," and the orchestra and cho- ruses did a fine job of imparting this feeling to the audience, which was in quite a good humor by intermission.

My only complaint during the first act was with Christopher Krueger, recorder, playing one of the few wind instruments in the orchestra. The recorder walks a fine line between a high, silting sound and an ear-piercing shriek, and unfortunately Krueger appeared to cross that line upon occasion. I must point out that this prob- lem ceased in the next act when he switched to a different recorder. This or- der allusion was borne out nicely in an otherwise polished performance.

While the first act was lovely, the second was superb. Here there is tension in the music, as the monster Polyphemus arrives on the scene to woo Galatea. Of course, this results in conflict with Acis, who feels honor bound to fight the monster. Poly-phemus kills Acis, who is deified at the re- quest of the mourning Galatea. This emo- tionally charged scene is interpreted with quieter moments as Danaus attempts to give everyone more pastoral advice.

This juxtaposition of moods allowed the orchestra to display the full range of its talents, which it did admirably. Even the singing seemed better, due in part to the increased emotional motivation. Mathye Law, as Polyphemus, gets my vote as best soloist of the evening; not only was his voice magnificent, but he projected an atti- tude of self-mocking pomposity that delighted the audience and added a dimen- sion to his character that the others seemed to lack. His was the crowning touch to a wonderful performance.

The Banchetto Musical will be per- forming another Handel piece, Messiah, on December 11 and 12 at Jordan Hall. Frank Kelley will be featured as one of the soloists. I highly recommend reserving your tickets soon for what promises to be another extraordinary performance.

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Study suggests smaller classrooms

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The report singled out lecture halls as needing an especially hospitable setting. It noted that lecture to large numbers of stu-
dents is very demanding and that
students can easily lose interest.
The report concluded that "given
the more stringent requirements
and higher expectations for lec-
ture hall performance and that
large lecture halls are not effec-
tively back-upping the teaching efforts of lec-
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Classrooms underused

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"MIT's average rate of utilization
for classrooms and lecture halls is
quite low." Average net utili-
aton is 25 percent for classrooms
and 25 percent for lecture halls,
with a 40 hour per week usage
considered maximum. Net utili-
Zation should be around 40 per-
cent, the report said.

The low utilization is believed
to be a result of a mismatching
between programs and classroom
spaces. "The principal finding of
the utilization analysis is that
MIT has too high a proportion
of large classrooms and too few
seminar-sized rooms as compared
to the mix of courses that are
taught," the report continued.

It noted that more than half of
the course hours taught at MIT are
seminar-sized courses with
enrollments of fewer than 20 peo-
ple, but only 16 percent of instit-
tute classrooms are seminar
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Panel recommends changes in science distribution classes

(Continued from page 1) necessarily be put on the list as they are. "They must be reviewed and thought through to maintain their effectiveness as SD subjects," Silbey said.

The committee proposed that distribution subjects be offered a year, with several being offered both terms. Each department will be allotted a certain number of science distribution subjects. If a department wants to offer a new distribution subject, it will have to remove distribution status from another class. "This is to prevent the infinite proliferation of subjects on the list," Silbey explained.

The committee suggested possible new distribution subjects, including: Introduction to Quantum Physics, a one-semester sophomore subject, a mix of historical perspective, scientific methodology, and practical applications; and Key Discourses in Mathematics, a study of major breakthroughs in mathematics with a historical perspective.

Problems with chemistry core

Overall, the committee was satisfied with the science core subjects, but felt that periodic review was necessary to maintain and improve quality. But the chemistry requirement, which may be satisfied by either Principles of Chemical Science (5.11) or Introduction to Solid-State Chemistry (5.09), remained a problem for the committee.

Wherein 5.11 is the prerequisite for further study in chemical engineering, biology, and earth sciences, 5.09 "deals mainly with solids and defects in solids... and does not provide a broad enough exposition of chemical principles to serve as the prerequisite for study in either area," the committee concluded.

"Students who take it have difficulty with these concepts as they go through MIT," Silbey said.

"What would happen if I came here thinking I would become an engineer, took 5.09 because everyone in engineering told me to take it, and half-way through this..."
MIT to study joint center for supercomputer

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MIT considers working with industry on supercomputer center

MIT has instead decided to study a proposal on the feasibil-
ity of forming a team with two or more computer firms to seek sup-
port from the National Science Foundation for a linked super-
computer center, Deutch said.

"We hope we can get started
on it within a year from now," he
continued. The goal is "to ex-
ploration the outer limits of how
supercomputers can work togeth-
er to address fundamental prob-
lems in the physical sciences and
engineering," he added.

“Our conversations with many
computer scientists, industry ex-
erts, and government officials
lead us to speculate that the time
may be ripe for such a university-
industry collaborative under-
taking, initially concerned with
US supercomputer technologies.

“We intend to explore this con-
cept within MIT. We may then
approach two or more firms who
possess US supercomputer tech-
ology and might be interested in
joining us as a team to seek sup-
port for such a supercomputer
center under the National Science
Foundation’s program for Science
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