**MIT and Cambridge clash on Simplex development**

By Mike McNamee

A neighborhood group has charged MIT with bad faith, hostility, and arrogance in its dealings with Cambridge residents near MIT's Simplex property in Cambridgeport.

The Simplex Steering Committee charged in a series of letters and articles in the Cambridge Chronicle that MIT has refused to acknowledge the wishes of area residents in the development of the 19-acre site, formerly the property of Simplex Castings Company, which MIT purchased in 1969.

The Committee claims a Cambridge City Council vote in June authorized them to participate in MIT's planning for the Simplex property. The Council ruled at that time that no zoning variances or permits for building on the property would be issued until MIT had "obtained the mandate of the community" on development plans.

MIT officials have called the Council vote and "illegal" move, and say that the Simplex Steering Committee does not represent the entirety of the community. They say that Institute officials have dealt with community groups, including the Steering Committee, to discuss the future of the Simplex land.

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The Simplex property - 19 acres of mostly-deserted buildings, rubble, and empty land - has been empty since MIT took it over in 1969 from the failing Simplex Company. Economic factors and lack of a private developing company interested in the site has kept the land from being used since that time.

"We've talked to at least 15 companies about possible uses for that land since we bought it," said Vice President Kenneth R. Wadleigh '67, "Sometimes we've come pretty close to closing deals with them. But we never have come up with the package we want."

MIT's guidelines for development of the property, stated by then-Vice President Howard Johnson at the time of the purchase, hasn't changed, according to Wadleigh. MIT pledged at that time to leave the land on the tax rolls, and to make the property useful to both the city as a whole and the neighborhood, and area, "We're still committed to those pledges," Wadleigh said.

The Council vote, reflected a city view that MIT was not listening to area residents in its planning for the site. Since the vote, the Steering Committee has held a series of meetings, hearings, and forums, resulting in a list of development features that the committee considered necessary, including community kitchen, parking, and child-care facilities; community groups to help determine what use is made of apartments vacated by Cambridgeport residents moving into housing built on the Simplex site; and facilities including a hydroponic garden, an auditorium, and recreational facilities.

These considerations were sent to MIT in a letter to President Weiser in December, according to the Steering Committee in a letter to page 2.

**Horn, Wilson quit UA race to endorse Bachman, Zito**

By Michael Gacy

Jonathan Horn '77 and Tim Wilson '78 have withdrawn as candidates in the race for Undergraduate Association President (UAP) and Vice-President of the UA, favoring other candidates on UAP-UAAP candidates Ken "J" Johnson '75 and Dominic Zito '76.

According to a paid advertisement in Monday Bachman and Zito, if elected, will share their positions with Horn and Wilson, something which is "legally" permissible, said UA President Wallmar.

Bachman and Zito will compete against the remaining UAP-UAAP candidate term - Les Allan '76 and Steve Shagoury '76 - in the election, to be held tomorrow in the lobby of Building 10 from 9am to 5pm.

Horn told The Tech that he withdrew from the race because "I felt the best opportunity for election forbachman and Zito the government for the next year was in my withdrawal in support of Bachman and Zito." He said he made the decision last week-end and that his running mate Wilson was in full agreement with him.

Undergraduates voting in tomorrow's election can also choose whistle-blowers for each of the four classes and consider two UA committees - the Academic Policy Committee and a student representative to the entire campus - in the second UA constitution and a statement of the program to train up to 24 Iranian students in nuclear engineering.

In a related matter, an effort is underway to hold a referendum on granting the Institute Committee (Inscen) the power to veto any exhibit that would be set up for more than 24 hours in the Lobby of Building 10.

Jim Miller '76, a former chairman of LEC, said he is personally supporting signatories of undergraduates on action for the referen-

**Special Labs Committee: why was it disbanded?**

By Norman D. Sandler

For five years, research activities at MIT's Lincoln Laboratories were regularly reviewed by a standing Institute committee of faculty and students.

Now, however, it appears that nobody - including the last chairman of the committee knows for certain who, if any one, is overseeing Lincoln Labs research.

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Sheehan said that before that time he and his committee, established in 1969, would meet with people at Lincoln (and at the Charles Stark Draper Labs, later it was known in 1972) in annual seminars during which the committee was briefed extensively on the understanding and identification of research activities at the laboratories.

Following divestment of the Draper Labs, Sheehan said that neither had the committee been informed by Lincoln Labs.

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**Committee sets '75-'76 dorm, dining rates**

**Summary of Room and Board Rates (1974-75 and 1975-76)**

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*Assumes New House set equal to McCormick and Burton without desk service.

By Margaret Brandon

Rates in all of the undergraduate dormitories will jump by more than 9 per cent in September, 1975. The increase stems from adjustments for the academic year in each of the dormitories - mainly caused by inflation according to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Nancy Wheale.

She added that the percentage increase is about 8 per cent or less than the total 1974 cost of living increase.

The housing costs at most other colleges and universities have risen by about 12 per cent, Wheale said, so that "in terms of increases we're doing okay." She said that in spite of soaring energy and salary costs, the Housing Office and students have done well in "controlling expenses that are controllable."

In setting dormitory rents, Wheale explained, (Please turn to page 2)

**Commons goes up $300; plans point plan to be started to increase flexibility**

By Margaret Brandon

In an effort to make the meals plan more flexible next year, Dining Service will institute a "points" program for students who will eliminate meal tickets and one-third meals plan.

The annual rate for the 19-meal plan (including IAP) will go up to $90 to $1190 and the cost of the 13-meal plan (excluding IAP) will be $890. The points plan will provide a student with 276 points for $230, a student can buy breakfast for 1 point, lunch for 3 points, and dinner for 4 points.

On the points program, a student will be able to use unlimited seconds.

This plan will provide more flexibility in the present dining system, according to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Nancy Wheale. Because a student can buy any meal he wants; he does not...