MIT, city continue fight over Simplex

(Continued from page 1) The Simplex Steering Committee has repeatedly postponed the Cambridge City Council to change the area's zoning. The Committee submitted another petition to the Council November 4.

Unlike previous Simplex Steering Committee proposals, the latest petition would limit the percentage of office space per floor in any building. This provision would ensure offices in a building within the Simplex area would be used for necessary purposes only.

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"MIT President Paul E. Gray and Milne should get off their high horse and work with the community," Vellucci said.

MIT, he said, has been "more interested in teaching people from all over the world rather than showing hospitality at home."

The City Council would like low and moderate income housing and industry at the Simplex site, according to Sullivan. The Cambridge Planning Board proposal calls for the housing to be located in a strip along Brookline Street, while the Simplex Steering Committee plan would allow housing throughout the area.

The Council is waiting to hear and vote on the current Simplex Steering Committee petition.

"Hopefully, this year it will pass," Sullivan added.

Both Milne and Cavellini said a compromise between MIT and the city could be reached.

"We must work together," said Cavellini. "We'll be together in Cambridge for a long time." His attitude reflected that of Vellucci, who declared, "It is the job of both Cambridge and MIT to make the city better."

Faculty to meet Wed.

(Continued from page 1)portant for a more gradual transition to the sophomore year, and may address concerns about overloading," the committee said.

Only about half of the freshmen evaluation forms required at the end of spring term are completed, according to Peggy Richerson, executive officer of the USOS. The hidden grade system would ensure 100 percent reporting to students and advisors of some evaluation information in all subjects, the CEP claimed.

Although faculty rules presently require instructors to initiate evaluation forms for freshmen who do not submit them, they rarely do so.

"The faculty has failed in the primary function of evaluation," Professor Robert J. Hubner, Jr., PhD '86, declared at the October faculty meeting. "I think it is inexcusable to invent an internal grade sheet just because the faculty can't fill out the forms."

"Having rules and practices significantly out of line with the current system [freshman evaluation system] leads to system and although in ineffective evaluations," notes the CEP statement.

The faculty discussed the proposal at their October 20 meeting, but it did not come to a vote. At that meeting, several faculty members questioned the CEP plan, and UA President Kenneth Segel '83 proposed the Registrar collect check-box evaluation rather than hidden grades at the end of the spring term.

The CEP discussed Segel's plan and proposals to improve the present evaluation system at two meetings subsequent to the October faculty meeting.

In the committee's vote to reaffirm its original proposal, the faculty members "voted on one side, I voted against it, and there were three abstentions," Steven E. Barber '84, one of four student members on the CEP, reported last month.

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