I places of employment destroyed, our neighbors. Many have been evicted, many have had their places of employment destroyed, their lives disrupted by MIT, and MIT is still permitting people to leave.

Lately, MIT's developers have been harrassing our neighbors with early morning demolitions. They have failed to do sufficient testing for lead in paint being removed, much less for indoor environment. Also lacking have been sufficient tests to determine the effects of the proposed construction on the levels of PCBs and other toxics in the watertable.

MIT has been largely unresponsive to the community; it has been uncooperative with its neighbors and has missed the community with false statements. When Bill Cavellini speaks at MIT during the Independent Activities Period, it will be one of the few times that people from the Simplex community have been formally permitted to speak at MIT. These people; they are our neighbors. What kind of people are we if we sit still and do nothing while our neighbors' lives are being disrupted?

President Paul E. Gray '54, Assistant to the Chairman of the Corporation Walter L. Milne, Senior Vice President William R. Drayton '56, and Director of Planning O. Robert Simha '57 are among those directing the plans against our neighbors. But let us not feed ourselves; we are also responsible. I have often heard people say "I hate this -place," but we are this place. If people get evicted, we all are to blame.

If our administration is not acting on our behalf, we have a responsibility to change this. We have the power to change this because MIT is us - it is the faculty agreeing to teach, the staff agreeing to work, and the students attending classes.

There are faculty at MIT remain- ed for their work, either about social betterment. Would it not be hypocritical of them to do nothing to end MIT's destruction of the Cambridgecommunity? Why don't people in the de- partments of urban studies and planning, architecture, or politi- cal science speak out in support of our neighbors?

Perhaps they fear the adminis- tration, but we must not be afraid to stand up for what we believe in. Besides, it reflects badly upon these departments to be part of an institution that is de- strong our neighbors.

MIT's disruption of the Cam- bridgecommunity is kept quiet. There are religious groups here that would stock if they were aware of what is happening. If they truly believe their spiritual duties, they must help their neighbors. They can at least vote in favor of MIT's treatment of the Cambridge community.

Graduate students complain about a lack of housing and don't trust our neighbors. Well, there are no plans for graduate housing on the Simplex land. If anything, this development will cre- ate a housing shortage. These graduate students, too, should be working with the Simplex community.

We cannot let the administration act against our interest; we must work together to help our neighbors. Do we really have more important things to do? Do we really have no time? Our neighbors are asking for our help — can we turn our backs on them?

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Senior class should hold vote to determine class gift

( Editor's note: The Tech has received a copy of the following letter addressed to Grace Ueng, president of the Class of 1987. )

To Grace Ueng:

If you want to be a student representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on Military Impact on Campus Research or the Committee on Engineering Undergraduate Education's Interschol Workgroup on Context Subjects

Please contact the UA Nominations Committee Chairman, Walter Rho, IMMEDIATELY by leaving a message at the Baker House Desk: 3-3161.