Incumbents win council seats

By Nigel S. Desai
Cambridge voters reelected all members of the city council in last week's election, re- presentation and ethnic composition.

At the forefront of the housing issue is MIT's controversial plan for University Park — a $250 million development package that includes offices, restaurants, shops and space for research and development. Currently, MIT's development plans include 250 apartment units in two buildings.

Opponents of the plan are calling for at least 450 units, with many set aside for low- and moderate-income families, and would also like to control over the pace of development.

David E. Sullivan '74 came in first out of 19 candidates under the city's unusual proportional representation voting system.

Sullivan is supported by the liberal Cambridge Civic Association which strongly opposes rent control and other tenants' rights measures.

In all, four members of the new council are backed by the CCA. Four others are independents who oppose some aspects of rent control. The sixth member is independent Alfred E. Vellici, who generally sides with the CCA members on the housing issue.

Racial incidents, fights lead to two MIT arrests

By Thomas T. Huang
The Boston police arrested two MIT students and one other area college student following a series of fights that took place on Bay State Road early Wednesday morning, according to sources familiar with the confrontations — which stemmed from a dispute at a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party and continued all the way to the front steps of Thad Ch. — involved racial slurs and some alcohol-related, the sources said.

Three women students from the Women's Leadership Group — Roberta C. Gwynn '91, Saundra Graham '88, and Jill Wehl '88 — and two women stu- dents from the Black Student Group — who have not yet been identified — were involved in the fights.

According to the WILG stu- dents and another witness, the Fisher students had followed the WILG students from the PDT party and confronted them at least three times. In one scuffle, a Fisher student ran towards Gwynn — who is black — and addressed her with racial slurs, according to several witnesses, including Gen- tamar G. Gidwani '91, Lorraine A. Mullen G, and Julie A. Pekoroy '91.

According to Gwynn, the Fisher student screamed, "You f**k off." Gwynn said she kicked the Fisher student in the abdomen as the student charged toward her.

According to the admission source and Gwynn, the Fisher student (Please turn to page 7)

"Tent City" proposal asks MIT to house homeless

By Seth Gordon
The homeless residents of "Tent City" have forthed a pro- posal to MIT that calls on the In- stitution to donate three houses on MIT-owned property in Central Square to the homeless community.

But Walter A. Milne, assistant to the chairman and president of the MIT Corporation, indicated that MIT will not respond to the demands, however, he said that MIT's planning for the Tent City residents to remain encamped on its property is "slightly less concern about people bring outside before," Milne said, Wednesday's snowfall "has raised our level of concern.

A group of supporters, mostly students, of the Tent City resi- dents plans to host a "sleep-in" in the middle of Sunday night in Lobby 7 to raise awareness of the residents' cause, they said after a meeting held Wednesday night in Central Square.

The homeless group has occupied a lot on the Central Square property ever since the Student Steering Committee staged a "sleep-in" protest.on Oct. 17, 1987. Socialists said it was protest- ing MIT's planned development of the Simplicity site.

After the protest ended, the homeless individuals who participat- ed stayed on living in tents on the site and continued their protests. "We initiated our own Tent City to specifically try to bring the Massachusetts Institute of Tech- nology's plan to demolish three houses located in 46, 52, and 56 Blanche Street," the Tent City (Please turn to page 2)

Limited nuclear war would devastate economy

By Paula Marine
If the Soviet Union attacks the US, with 239 warheads — less than two percent of its nuclear arsenal — America's economy could be destroyed for decades, according to Kosta Tepich, director of MIT's Program in Science and Technology for International Se- curity, on Thursday.

Given this fact, the Strategic Defense Initiative is worthless if it is intended to protect America from collapsing under a nuclear attack, Tepich said. In a situation with "enormous offensive force" it is likely that several hundred Soviet warheads would reach their targets of the Star Wars De- fense program were 90 percent effective.

Tepich's studies, based on a com- puter model simulating the US economy after a limited nuclear attack, demonstrated how 239 nu- clear warheads targeted at a key economic sector like transportation, could destroy America's economic base.

The results refute previous studies commissioned by the US government, Tepich said. Computer simulated models used by the government "have consistently shown that either side would recover from nuclear attack," of less than several hundred nuclear warheads.

But: Tepich disagrees. Most of the parameters we designed with the economy in equilibrium and are "poorly

"Tent City" Proposal

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a proposal made to MIT by the residents of "Tent City").

We appeal to MIT for help. We ask MIT to look at this situa- tion as an opportunity for positive, innovative community in- volvement. This is what we propose:

1) Access planning committee for the Tent City residents and for the Tent City houses at 46, 52 and 56 Blanche Street. Give three houses to the Tent City Com- munity for the purpose of developing cooperative housing.

2) Form a planning committee to study specific development options with the Tent City residents. This committee should be made up of 30 percent homeless people.

3) Due to the homeless community so that there can be access to the various resources (educational, recreational, etc.) that are available through the greater Cambridge community

4) Respond to the request of the Cambridge City Council to set up an office on the campus, and the unique situation in which it is. Continue this study with a more general examination of homelessness in Cambridge and the actual realities of homeless person's perspective. We suggest that students, faculty and administrators experience shelter as part of the homeless reality.

5) Continue to direct MIT's urban development department to recognize the issues of racism and affordable housing.

6) Offer academic credit to the residents of Tent City for cre- ating and realizing unique urban development strategies.

Fraternity required to remove female tenants

By Daniel Tararauskis
The two female boarders who moved to Tau Epsilon Pi this year left the fraternity after the Tau Epsilon Pi national chapter demanded that the MIT chapter remove them.

Housing was in violation of TEP's constitution and housing act could have resulted in loss of its national charter, ac- cording to Andrew M. Elliott, senior staff associate at Tau Epsilon Pi and a member of the Tau for Stu- dents Affairs.

The two boarders, Anne C. Fratam E 88 and Lisa R. Rus- sell '88, have subsequently found an apartment in Cambridge, ac- cording to James R. Troxel, as- sociate dean for student affairs.

The students, realizing the difficult situation developing, left on their own accord, Troxel said. "They made no mention that they wanted to get back into the dorm system," he added.

The national chapter learned of TEP's situation when it re- ceived a clipping of an article in The Tech describing how TEP boarders take two MIT female students as boarders to fill vacan- cies resulting from a change in the fraternity's charter.

At that time John D. Gold '90, chancellor of TEP, admitted that having female residents in the house was "absolutely against the national TEP charter.

The newspaper clipping was sent to TEP's national chapter by the national chapter of Alpha Epilus Pi, according to Thomas Dunn, executive director of AEPi Boston and the National Interfraternity Conference, we subscribe to the Alpha Epilus Pi which keeps us on top of all fra- ternity activities in the country," Dunn said. "It is unusual for the fraternity directors to share in- formation about each other's fra- ternalists in such a way," Dunn added.

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