MIT will oust "Tent City" homeless

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... actions nor been asked to respond to them by the City Council. The Tent City residents can act to remove the Tent City dwellers soon, but indicated that they wish to remain "self-governed and equal." They would "utilize the support of those trained to help homeless people... but as advisors, not as staff workers."

The proposal appeals to MIT "to be at this situation as an opportunity for positive, innovative community involvement."

Milne: no formal response to Cambridge Council resolutions

The Cambridge City Council has passed a number of resolutions regarding the Tent City group in the past several weeks, including one passed unanimously Monday which specifically requests MIT and Walter Milne "not to evict the homeless people from Tent City until a viable solution has been found that is acceptable to MIT and the tenants of Tent City."

It is implied that the request is not a legally binding order, and that, if an amicable solution is not reached, he cannot allow the present situation to continue in perpetuity. He said that MIT has not directly received the resolution but "asked to respond to them by the City Council."

"We don't have an action planned," Milne said, when questioned as to whether MIT would act to remove the Tent City dwellers. Milne went on to ask MIT to give these students "the opportunity for the dwelling assistance in various forms. Some, according to Milne, would be open to CASPAR at a time when no one else in Cambridge was willing to "We did that without anyone asking our" Milne said. "We wish to make sure that, if an amicable solution to the City's issue... Here's a case of public policy," he said.

Milne would not speculate on how the Tent City issue might affect the current zoning considerations on the Simplex site. Students lend support in the meantime, MIT and Harvard students are lending the Tent City dwellers assistance in various forms. Some, according to Milne, would be open to CASPAR at a time when no one else in Cambridge was willing to "We did that without anyone asking our," Milne said. "We wish to make sure that, if an amicable solution to the City's issue... Here's a case of public policy," he said.

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