Columns/Marino D. Tavarez

Homeless need our attention

My thesis must wait. Wouldn't it be astounding if more people could figure out what it takes to utter these words? It is not reasonable to expect students to remain silent about the various problems that arise, for example, through the worst pressures of production deadlines, roommates, papers and even senior thesis? When we are able to vacate the situations of feeling pain and guilt, and ignore the reality that is faced by homeless people, many of them so close to where we live, where we visit and where we go to school?

Is it because we know each one of us is partly responsible for the fact that homeless people are in our community — that is, our extended community of Boston and Cambridge — to place a life, to decide to decor, renovate, fill with medical and, invite friends over to be depressed, or simply to call home?

I pose these questions in the context of the situation now unfolding near Central Square, a place where homeless people have been referred to as the Simplex campus, and which Louisiana and Cambridge, MA. You see, for a long time now, our great school, MIT, has had plans to build on this land. This one small group of homeless plans, I found less of grass and trees and corporate office buildings. How can it be exactly what we need? We students at MIT, who are corporate types juggling around the city, must be aware that this break will most certainly make us feel that there is a great deal of meaning in graduating from MIT. We, too, can be like them.

As all in all coseptic, then, it has come to be exactly what we need here. We need MIT to be a resource, where people who are actually homeless and who have no advocate, to start a place where the poverty of Cambridge and beyond. The place of Cambridge, like, does not become a place of being disgraceful, dirty, and all around places to avoid. One answer may be to move. Just as the American Indian has been essential to the American European for centuries, the poor people of Cambridge have been resourceful of the MIT community. MIT is seen as the great occupant swallowing everything in its path and, without sense. This is why students must be careful when students who like to bior- s' is or wandering in Harvard Square. The people of Cambridge do not like us. They are symbols of the cause of their pain.

Homelessness and poverty are not the only problems of this country. If prosperity for Cam- bridge is so close to their goals, all of its present resources

To the Editor:

We would like to clear up a couple of points mentioned by Rick Osgood. First of all, it is believed that one of MIT's major concerns is to protect itself from the media. To MIT, proun- pority for Cambridge means not having the homeless people live within the city limits. To MIT, being idealistic and without shelter is OK, if you're in some one's back Pocket. To me it isn't OK, and that is why my thesis must wait.

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omit additional pressure on stu- dents. I would rather have a hard time coping with MIT. If additional academic courses are to be held, it is the students who should have a say. This is an epidemic that one hesitates to do in the face of this awful epidemic. Why must we deny ourselves of the MIT community.

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IAP courses could hurt students

To the Editor:

I felt compelled to respond to K. J. Sawyer's column "AIDS education restrictions needed," Nov. 3. There is so much work to do in the face of this period that one student that he takes time out to take with such obvious gay-baiting nonsense, but Sawyer's column is so ill-informed that it is referred to by the MIT community.

There are things dozen growth, just don't do, such as feeding wildly inaccurate advice on what constitutes "safe sex" in the age of AIDS to a readership that is predominantly young and, presumably, sexually active. Sawyer should note that neither "abstention from multiple sex partner" nor "conformity to mono- gamous relationships" are meaningful safeguards against the AIDS virus, and that society is not the only "very efficient means of transferring bodily fluids between sexual partners." If he cares so much about pre- testing access right to be free of the scourge of AIDS" he could, for a start, attend one of the MIT Health Service's infor- mational workshops or films be- fore printing simplistic and mis- leading advice to the community.

One would find something more valuable to do than defend questionable, underhand legislation proposed and railroad- ing through the lens by Jesse Helms.

Sawyer's most virulent attack is against the "special interest group," the gay community. His argument is that students who are taking courses on the passage of the Helms legislation. We have a President who abso-

Helm's AIDS proposal is misguided

That "indirectly" is crucial: what the President of the Student Association who is in a hard time coping with MIT. If additional academic courses are to be held, it is the students who should have a say. This is an epidemic that one hesitates to do in the face of this awful epidemic. Why must we deny ourselves of the MIT community.

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