City solicitor to investigate CP’s powers

(Continued from page 1) MIT met to evict the homeless until a mutually acceptable agreement was reached.

Meanwhile, a disgruntled street person, Carlos Gonzales, who was shown out of "Tent City" by his fellow homeless, claimed that drug and alcohol use had become prevalent on that site. Other homeless have denied this charge. Gonzales also said that the homeless were being manipulated by outsiders who were promoting their own interests, but he refused to name any names.

He said that William Cavellini, spokesman for the Simplex Steering Committee, a group opposed to MIT's development there, did not understand the problems of the homeless — that Cavellini thought that "our problems are the same their problems.

"Tent City," Gonzales said, "became a media event and got taken away from the homeless.

But Daniel Buttis, another street person, responded that while the "Tent City" residents had accepted "any and all suggestions...we make our own decisions." He also said that the homeless sometimes had arguments, but were never involved in any physical violence on the site. MIT had acted in "bad faith," Buttis said. He had not kept with the "spirit of working with people...to live in the community.

She said that the mayor's comments on the homeless had cited two courses of action for helping street people: building more affordable housing and providing for special care facilities to treat alcohol, drug and psychological problems.

"MIT took advantage of the most vulnerable," DuBay told the protest crowd. The City Council "had asked for careful negotiations, but that did not happen. I don't think that is the proper behavior from one of the most important institutions in the city.

DuBay said that MIT has come into direct conflict with the interests of the homeless. MIT's "primary goal is to make as much money as it can from the development — money that will be used for education. The city wants more housing.

The demonstrators at Tent City were not asking for facilities for themselves, he said. Rather, they were asking that the Simplex development have a much larger component of affordable housing. "There will be 300 units of housing at Simplex, up from 100 a year ago," he said. "But we could have 2000 units of affordable housing there.

The solution to the plight of the homeless is permanent, subsidized housing, he said.

Cavellini called on the City Council to residents MIT for the eviction and to go on record as being in favor of dropping all criminal charges against those ar- rested.

Kim Fitzgerald, a former "Tent City" resident, holds a child after yesterday's rally in Lobby 7.

CP's criticized for using excessive force in arrests

(Continued from page 1) homeless group's supporters.

"Poor people. Who the hell wants to arrest these people?" asked Cambridge Police Chief Anthony G. Paolillo, according to Penn, in or- der to establish a dialogue with the residents in the event of a po- lice action. Penn said Paolillo told the Tent City residents that, if asked to clear the property he would legally have to comply, but that he did not want any unnecessary trouble. Specifically, Penn said, Paolillo told Tent City that no one would be arrested who did not want to be, and that the residents would have at least an hour's warning before the eviction.

But on Friday morning it was the MIT Campus Police that removed the Tent City residents, not the Cambridge police. Ac- cording to Penn, Paolillo did not arrive at the site until twenty minutes after the MIT police.

Both Glenn and Campus Police Chief James Oliveri declined to comment on their dialogue with the Cambridge police.

Cambridge-appointed City Solicitor Rusby Hilfiger to investi- gate whether the MIT police act- ed within their jurisdiction in making the arrests on the Sim- plex site, which is not a part of the MIT campus.

Ryan: arrests were "ruthless"

"Either the patrol officers have not been trained to handle protesters in a professional way, or they were not told to exercise any restraint," said Nancy Ryan, Director of the Worker's Commissi- on for the City of Cambridge, who attended the eviction.

Penn said that, after having been at the Tent City site for about half an hour before Friday morning, the MIT police began to get impatient that the campers would not be packing up their things, but Penn said that the homeless were waiting for the delivery of plastic bags to protect their belongings from the rain.

When moving personnel ar- rived with plastic bags around seven, Penn said that the Campus Police gave the campers an ultimatum of four minutes to clear the site.

Shortly thereafter, Penn said, the Campus Police yelled "you have to leave now or you will be ar- rested." At that point several of the homeless ran to avoid arrest. Two made it over a fence, according to Penn, but MIT police caught Bruce Greenthal before he could get away and arrested him.

Penn said that, when he pro- tested to some Steve Fernandez, a former MIT student, grabbed by MIT Police, he too was grabbed by the arm, handcuffed and then pulled to his feet by his hair. Penn said a Campus Police officer told him that, "If they let one, I'd let you right in the face, motherucker.

Fernandez was still lying on the ground, Penn said, when the Campus Police told him to get up. Since his hand was injured, he did not get up. Penn said, and a campus patrol kicked him.

Robert J. La Tremouille, a Cambridge attorney who has been the zoning advisor to the Simplex Steering Committee since 1980, said he witnessed the arrest of Fernandez from 20 feet away. He said Fernandez was walking around on the site yelling "negative things about MIT" when suddenly "a bunch of officers" converged on him "without advance warning.

There was no need for several officers and no "immediate ra- son" to arrest Fernandez, La Tremouille said. "I was really quite shocked," La Tremouille said.

When Charles Gilbert — a member of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless — objected to the treatment of Fernan- dez, a Campus Police officer immediately said "Get her, too, or arrest all of them," he con- tinued. La Tremouille also said that an officer made remarks that he felt were threatening when he tried to tell Peter Valentino — a resident of 55 Blanche Street — to leave the area of Fernandez.

Administration/TTT to meet this week

The protesters at Tent City met to discuss their proposal to the Mayor's Committee on the Homeless, Saunders Community, spokesman William Cavellini, Glenn said.

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The meeting this week would take place in "a neutral site," probably the Quality Inn hotel in Harvard Square, Glenn said.

The purpose of the meeting, from the viewpoint of the home- less advocates, would be to dis- cuss Tent City's proposal for the development of existing buildings on Blanche Street in Central Square as housing for the home- less, Glenn said. The Tent City group outlined their proposal to MIT two weeks ago.

Kim Fitzgerald, a former "Tent City" resident, exhibit a woman at a press conference yesterday.

Alice Wolf, Cambridge City Councillor, speaks at yesterday's rally in Lobby 7.

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