Activists manipulated homeless for own goals

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at "Tent City." The confusion led to the escalation of tensions, which culminated in the two events that took place early Friday morning.

Each of these groups held different world views and different assumptions. Dialogue broke down when the views could not be reconciled. The activists focused on the fact of the Blanche Street houses, while MIT officials dismissed these houses as a mere footnote to the planned University Park, including construction of new housing.

To MIT, these houses were inconsequential, but to the activists and Simplex Steering Committee, they were an important symbol: the only part of the Simplex land which will be converted from residential to non-residential use. In response, the activists manifested this frustration in the newly fenced-in lot where "Tent City" once stood.

At the end of their march, the protesters paraded around the newly fenced-in lot where "Tent City" once stood.

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