The Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcohol Rehabilitation (CASPAR) shelter has occupied a building at 249 Albany Street rent-free since 1979. CASPAR officials are anxious to secure a permanent site, but lengthy discussions between the shelter's organizers and MIT have failed to settle the shelter's future. A bid proposal made by MIT and CASPAR, and supported by some Cambridge officials, MIT would renovate a property at 380 Green St. in Central Square at an expected cost of $2 million. MIT would then give the land and building to Cambridge, and the city would enter into a long-term lease with CASPAR.

In exchange for the bid, MIT asked that Cambridge transfer ownership of three streets within the MIT campus to the Institute, along with a portion of the sidewalk along a fourth street. The value of the land MIT wants was estimated at about $2 million, according to Cambridge City Manager Robert W. Healy. MIT would relinquish all development rights to this area, which includes parts of Amherst Street west of Massachusetts Avenue, and a section sidewalks on Vassar Street adjacent to Briggs Field.

Residents of Green Street and the surrounding area object to the proposal because they say moving the shelter would bring a dangerous, undesirable element to the area. Committees of business leaders, citizens, and politicians is working to find another suitable site.

The proposal must clear opposition from several city councilors and Cambridge Mayor Kenneth B. Fredette.

“My greatest disappointment in public life in this city is that I have not been able to find the heart of MIT and the university to consider the matter,” he said. “It’s profoundly disfigured the notion of giving away streets.”

### Tuition Hikes Underscore Budget Shortfall

By Brian Rosenberg

On March 6, the MIT Corporation approved a 6.5 percent increase in tuition, setting the cost of attendance at $16,000 for the 1993-94 academic year. Average overall costs rose 6 percent, from $22,230 to $23,560.

According to the tuition hike was up 8.2 percent in the self-help loan. The revised figure also reflects the interest on any university expects its students to contribute to the cost of their education.

Professor James M. Vojt explained the Corporation's desire, saying the major issue in setting tuition is the cost of education. MIT, by supplying sufficient additional income to enable the Institute to continue its "need-blind" admissions policies.

"The tuition increase was not as low as I hoped it would be," he said. "We're looking at a $540 per-student increase in tuition, which is a "surprisingly large" wave.

"We're trying to maintain a very careful balance of providing academic support which will attract large numbers of the best students in the nation, while at the same time controlling our costs so that those students can afford to come here."

"Since students are only responsible for paying one-half of the real expenses of attending MIT, it is still a bargain," he added.

Undergraduate Association President Stacy E. McGeever '93 disagreed. "If you compare MIT with similar schools, you would find that MIT's financial aid is originally $170 million in aid, schools, though their tuitions are comparable," she said.

The issue of how to balance increasing expenses with the desire to limit tuition increases did not appear in March. Last March, a 4.5 percent increase.

Institute released projections indicating that it faces a $20 million gap in its 1996 operating budget on $17 million of revenue.

The source also said that anyone who has had his or her jobs and that student services have agreed to, it be a consensus site that the entire community and the committee can support," said Aaron Shepard, CASPAR's assistant director. "It's been a long process. We have worked for a trial for 11 years."

"The most important thing is that CASPAR get a permanent site. The best thing we can do is allow the deliberative process to continue," said Paul Pazzanese, as MIT community relations assistant.

The current proposal was first announced in August 1992, and since then CASPAR and the city have held public meetings to address the concerns of community groups. Municipal and state laws require an extensive review process before the Cambridge City Council can vote on the proposal. Possible alternative sites include the Decca Building on Sidney Street, a vacant lot on Hamilton Street, the Volvo Building on Massachusetts Avenue, and another site in the area.

"This is somewhat unusual," he added; normally proposals are judged by the Women's Studies Program Curriculum Committee, not by the head of the program. Thus, Perry could not have excluded MIT from the discussion.

MIT filed to dismiss suit in May. MIT attorneys filed a motion stating that Middlesex County Superior Court dismissed the case, saying that the "plaintiff's claims [rested] on allegations that she is unhappy in her relations with her colleagues, but do not show that MIT had done anything to impinge on any of her legal rights."

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