The Inner Belt

The threat of an eight-lane highway through the northern quadrant of the campus should be strong enough to move the most unspiritued student to the defense of MIT. If the vision of a double-lane Storrow Drive located where the railroad tracks are does not move you, however, we'd like to remind you of some of its realities.

First, East Campus residents, when they hear the road builders, will wish they were away from the Green Building being constructed. The volume of noise created by making a major highway is at least an order of magnitude greater than ordinary construction noise. This clamor would be heard over the entire campus.

Worse than the noise would be the increased congestion around the campus. Construction on the railroad right-of-way would approximate a situation where a train crossed Mass. Ave. every five minutes. This "train" would really be a continuous stream of dump trucks, excavating equipment, and other roadbuilding monsters. Gone would be the new parking garage on Vassar Street as well now under one construction, and 540 more cars would be fighting for street parking spots. Non-dorm residents would have an even bigger problem getting to classes and jobs than they do at present.

Also gone would be the chance that the Institute will ever achieve decent surroundings for the campus. Rather than clearing and expanding into areas of the campus, the Institute would be forced to encircle itself with a ring road like Tech Square, that promised to give the campus a pleasant and functional look. And the Institute would no longer be able to extend the campus and prevented from further expansion.

Also threatened are jobs for undergraduates who work in the Instrumenta- Lab and other laboratories in the road's way. Undergraduate thesis topics would be severely restricted, for a large percentage of the Institute's experiment- al equipment would be out of action for months or even years. Many graduate students already under pressure would have to be postponed or abandoned.

Without even considering the blow that would be dealt to the Institute's re- search, the construction of the Inner Belt through the campus would affect a substantial number of undergraduate and graduate students and the faculty.

There doesn't seem to be much the average student can do but root for the road builders, pray for accidents and hope that the Institute will ever achieve decent surroundings for the campus. Also gone would be the chance that the Institute will ever achieve decent surroundings for the campus. Rather than clearing and expanding into areas of the campus, the Institute would be forced to encircle itself with a ring road like Tech Square, that promised to give the campus a pleasant and functional look. And the Institute would no longer be able to extend the campus and prevented from further expansion.

Food for Thought

Who needs a restaurant critic? The person who has the time to travel the city to find authentic cuisine in Boston restaurants. And the optimist who believes that the best dish need not be the most expensive. The pessimist who looks through the menu and selects the most reasonable. Admittedly it is a thankless task, to be sure. And a malevolent typesetter, not our Editors, is responsible for any accidental omissions, including the addition of an extra line or omitting a meaningful sentence or two. The Editors are tending to get preoccupied with the last read-through. Ed. Note: Bill Jundick '65 is a former Tech news editor. He is currently at the Steam School, where he works in his free time. The changeover meeting of the Institute Committee will be held March 9. By that time, all voting members of the new group will be elected. The new group will elect a Finance Committee chairman, an Exec Committee chairman, and a Secretariat chairman. The new and now Immensly, in the hands of faculty and Senate officials, will meet the following weekend (March 15-16) at the Exeter Inn, Exeter, New Hampshire, to discuss the options of whether to continue and by their individual members.

The Institute Committee will meet Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Albatross Room on the activities floor of the Student Center. Among the agenda items will be a move- tion from the Executiva Council which would retain for the next year the Members of the Student Center Executive Committee chairman on the Executive Council.

The presence of John Adger in Essex Council meetings this year has been a great boon to our exposition, and by their individual members.

Inside Immens excites new members, and by their individual members.

Inside Immens winds up year's duties; plans changeover conference

By Bill Jundick

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