The Urban Challenge

Transportation, urban renewal evaluated

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ence. Consequently, finding the solution of urban problems is of critical importance, and finding such solutions will require a broad, interdisciplinary effort.

Urban dilemmas

The dilemmas of the urban environment have traditionally been discussed in the academic world from the social, economic, political, or technical standpoint. The Urban Challenge is an interdisciplinary conference based upon this attempt to change this viewpoint and upon the need to involve undergraduates in the effort to understand and solve metropolitan problems.

The Response

The conference will focus around three of the most pressing issues of urban affairs—urban renewal, transportation, and the future of the metropolitan environment. Following these major sessions the delegates will meet in smaller seminar groups to discuss the issues as presented by the panel.

In addition to these program highlights, there will be tours to many parts of the Boston metropolitan area, including many renewal projects. These tours will include presentations by members of the project staffs of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Six films on urban affairs will be shown to the general public in the Little Theatre of Kresge Auditorium. Models and graphics will be displayed in the lobby of Kresge. The Boston Redevelopment Authority is exhibiting a model of the Government Center Project in downtown Boston.

Models in Kresge

Other models include the New England Aquarium in Boston and a model of Providence, Rhode Island. Various cities are displaying graphics to acquaint the viewer with present accomplishments in urban affairs. Descriptions of exhibits and schedules of films are available in the booth in the lobby of Building 10.

By bringing the topics of urban renewal, transportation, and the problems of the future metropolis to the intercollegiate community, the Conference Committee hopes to emphasize the important role our generation must play.