Beating the Belt — again

Since 1948 Cambridge has been threatened by a strip of concrete known as the Inner Belt. And for almost twenty years the city fathers have felt themselves to be on the chopping block. Now that the axe should fall, it appears Mayor Hayes has asked notable experts from MIT and Harvard to suggest ways to save the city from the Belt, especially since conditions may be such that the city fathers would be better off to start the Belt alignment in any legal way possible, as is being proposed. Could Mayor Hayes be more happy if the Belt were eliminated altogether, and their efforts to that end are understandable. We hope the Committee can arrive at conclusions which will solve the initial student parking problem. The MDB Committee must suffer. But, judging by all previous studies and alternatives, we tend to be rather pessimistic. It appears the Belt is going to remain. Cambridge, eventually, and perhaps the city fathers would be better off to start the awesome project of relocating and aiding the Belt. Of course, "hope springs eternal," so we doubt that Cambridge will cease its fight until every means known to the human species has been tried, too, for the man whose house is in the path of the Belt and who is spending his third drifty winter because he does not want to put in the new heater that is needed.

Letters to the Tech

Tow away

To the Editor: During the early morning hours of last week, the university's parking enforcement officers directing the operations of two or three specially hired tow trucks accomplished the removal of numerous parked vehicles along Memorial Drive. According to the parking office, the towing of the cars was to facilitate the cleaning of Memorial Drive. While the university points to the need for this action as a reason for proceeding with the towing, one might imagine that the enforcement officers might be alarmed that the still-parked cars be towed and imposing the $56.00 removal fee is just.

By the end of the day and after the request for renewal signs came down, however, it was quite obvious that the little "street cleaning" was to be done on Memorial Drive. The realization that previously lay in the hands of the university guard was patently clear. Only several street denizens had been directed to clean up accumulated mud — and for this reason twenty cars had to be towed and fine imposed. The action by the university police could only be described as excessive.

Eugene F. MacDonald, '72

redactio ad absurdum

To the Editor: I am fairly certain that MIT is expanding its commitment to secondary education through the formation of the Sponsorship Programs for high school students. However, when at the high school level, surely if MIT is good for high school students, it would be better to prepare students for the MIT experience through, say, an MIT kindergarten, an MIT nursery school, and even an MIT instant education project. Maybe we could get into pre-collegiate schooling.

Wells Edleman '71

Campus patrol defense

To the Editor: Upon reading William Knight's letter to the Tech in Friday's paper, it appeared to me that Mr. Knight was not fully aware of the conditions present at the time of the "Inquiry Into Responsibility," meeting I would like therefore to comment briefly upon the facts of the situation.

The meeting was held during the lunch hour break of an intercollegiate sports event. Although we could not open Kresge's outside doors until the last marching band session finished, as soon as the conference delegates were out of the auditorium hall, we immediately took steps to pipe the sound to the outer lobby. We estimated that there was a chance the finals of this sports event would neither hold open the auditorium hall during the meeting, nor would they find the auditorium hall filled to over capacity. My staff and I then closed the doors to the auditorium hall, instructing the Campus Patrol to stand by and see me as one soldier in the auditorium hall. The Campus Patrol immediately took steps to pipe the sound to the Roche Room in A and B and the C and D columns. We estimated that some 300 people took advantage of this means to listen to the discussion of this meeting. As Mr. Knight noted, a number of people did indeed leave the auditorium hall during the meeting, a particular, just before the one o'clock dinner hour. However, since any vacant seats were immediately taken by those standing or sitting in the auditorium hall, and because an overcrowded condition still existed, it was our decision not to admit others to the auditorium hall.

... you understand... the Campus Patrol officer was neither acting independently of the CONDITIONS presented at the time of the meeting, nor aiding in maintaining safe and orderly conditions for the meeting in session.

Fred Emms, Student Manager, West Plaza Area

footnotes*

912. The proposed Yale-Vassar merger is off. The trustees of Vassar College voted to re-

mote the merger because, as one trustee said, "of our desire to be mistress in our homes." President Kingman J. Brewster of Yale issued a statement in which he said he was "dis-

appointed," but at the same time revealed plans for a $20 million renovation of $80 million women's coordin-

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tionalist China vs. China) is ready to start. The rules are simple elimination, with the first round and second round winners meeting in the semi-finals.

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current Burton mixer is one-

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lorenzo '57, and the latter

by his brother John Burton '54.

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