The Urban Calendar

For Friday, December 13 until Christmas recess.

At MIT:

The Urban Systems Laboratory and the Center for Advanced Engineering Study will hold a seminar from the fall series.

Dean John P. Eberhard, Dean of Architecture, S.U.N.Y. (Buffalo), will lecture on "The Technology of the 1970s" in Room 9-145.

The seminar originally scheduled for Thursday, December 19, has been cancelled.

The Harvard-MIT Joint Center for Urban Studies will sponsor a lecture by Lee Raizwasser, Sociologist, Washington University, on Tuesday, December 17 at 8:30 pm in Kresge Auditorium.

8 Brandeis University:

Sidrich C. Lee, mayor of New Haven, Connecticut, will speak on "The Urban Challenge as Viewed from the Mayor's Chair: Leadership and Responsiveness." Mayor Lee will speak in Schwartz Auditorium at 11:15 pm on Tuesday, December 17. Admission is $1.50.

3 days 'til BEETHOVEN'S 250th Birthday

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Elevator expert knocks Student Center

180 degrees out of phase. Brown said that this system is best suited to applications in which the density of use is high, and in which there is no "preferred" floor. The Student Center, he said, is a classic example of this situation.

Under $20,000

"These moderns would be relatively transparent," Brown explained. "Depending on the ability of the manufacturer to conform to new requirements, the system could probably furnish the job for under $20,000, all told."

Brown was in Cambridge briefly to visit friends, and during the visit the insitu to look around. He said he had not seen the place since he graduated, and wanted to see the new buildings. His tour naturally took the form of a "buildingman's holiday," that is, taking a look at the elevators. He said he was particularly pleased by the Student Center elevators because of the "gross incompetence that went into their design."

Brown said that his firm, which is based in New York, makes most of its money from patent royalties, although "most of its work is in consulting." His partner, Roger Murphy, "is an old friend with capital," who does not actually participate in the day-to-day workings of the firm.

When Brown is called upon to design a particularly complex system, he usually turns to the talents of Brown & Murphy. Generally, Brown finds himself using old ideas, but he frequently has to find solutions to new problems.

Elevator Solutions

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