Letters to The Tech

Stop the Paint

To the editor:

This is a call for the first meeting of the Stop the Paint Club. This club is dedicated to the prevention of desecrating the walls of MIT with painted signs. Example, the Physics Building extant as of September 23, 1969. This building will have a mural browser before long! Membership: Any and all of the MIT Community-students, staff, employees, assistants, instructors, professors, etc. Agenda: (1) Discuss recent "paint job" on the Physics Building and elsewhere. How can the culprit be apprehended? (2) Organization of an informal vigilante watch committee, to get word quickly to Campus Patrol (MIT ext. 2997 or Emergency, ext. 100) in case of another invasion. (3) Other questions which may be discussed. Should posters be allowed to blanket out the glass doors of Building 7, etc.? What about the use of walls and pillars for posters? Some think it messy, others not. Let us have an expansion from the MIT Community. A verbal boxing match is suggested between those who paint walls and those who feel the need for brighter colors. An open forum for positive suggestions about needed improvements to our school. These will be passed on to the Administration with our recommendations for action.

The first meeting will be held on Friday, October 3, at 5 pm in room 10-105 (Bush Room). It is my hope that if we can solve some of the minor problems of today's complicated civilization, then the larger issues will take care of themselves.

Harold E. Edgerton

Attention Planning Office

"Of course I am not a professional planner," a recent issue of the Boston Globe reported, "but I have a few ideas that I think will help make the city more livable for all its residents." The ideas, as usual, are controversial and often impossible to implement. However, the article's author, a local resident, argues that the city's planning efforts should be focused on improving public transportation, reducing traffic congestion, and increasing green space.

I have noticed that the number of cars on the road increases during the rush hour, which causes traffic to move slowly and makes it difficult for people to travel efficiently. To address this problem, I suggest implementing a congestion pricing system, which would charge drivers based on the time of day and the location of their journey. This would encourage people to use public transportation or carpool to reduce traffic congestion.

Another issue that needs attention is parking. Many people have difficulty finding parking spaces, especially during peak hours. To solve this problem, I propose creating more parking facilities, such as underground parking garages or parking lots near public transportation stations. These facilities would also provide space for bicycles and other alternative modes of transportation.

Finally, I believe that the city should focus on increasing green space, such as parks and greenbelts. This would provide residents with a place to relax and enjoy nature while reducing urban heat islands and improving air quality. Additionally, green spaces can serve as natural corridors for wildlife and help maintain the city's biodiversity.

In conclusion, I believe that the city's planning efforts should be focused on improving public transportation, reducing traffic congestion, and increasing green space. These efforts would not only make the city more livable for all its residents but would also promote a healthier and more sustainable environment. I encourage the city to take action on these ideas and work towards creating a more livable city for all.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]