GA task force urges low pollution GM cars
By Bruce Schwartz
The General Assembly Task Force on the Project on Corporate Responsibility and its recommenda-
tions on the policy MIT should adopt in response to the 290,000 shares of General Motors stock worth over $21 million. A proxy fight is shaping up for the GM stockholders' meeting, slated for May 23, Detroit.
The task force, chaired by Andy Merritt '72, studied nine proposals "in the public interest" that the Project is attempting to put before the GM shareholders. They include resolutions that would compel GM to change its charter, embark on research programs for safer, cleaner cars, and improve safety conditions in its plants, in conjunction with non-white dealerships it maintains.
The task force recommended that MIT send its own representatives to the May 22 meeting and vote on some of the proposals and abstain on others. Such abstentions and endorsements on how MIT should vote on each of the proposals is as follows:
1. Provides for amending GM charter "in the public interest."-ABSTAIN.
2. Endorses board of directors from 34 to 77, providing seats for "public representatives."-YES.
3. Establishes a Committee for Corporate Responsibility made up of 15-25 persons appointed by representatives of GM, the Project and the United Federation of Workers. (Task force considers some provisions here vague)-ABSTAIN.
4. Establishes a GM commitment to public relations, to consider and decide what GM will do to deal with public criticism.-YES.
5. Resolves that GM amend its bylaws to guarantee non-proprietary access to public representatives."-YES.
6. That GM embark on a concerted effort to produce a low pollution automobile."-ABSTAIN.
7. Provides that GM take extended responsibility for effects of smoke and soot.-ABSTAIN.
8. Proposes that GM increase its efforts in matters of plant safety. (The task force finds that GM has a "woeful record" in this respect.)-ABSTAIN.
9. Proposes that GM make efforts to increase non-white dealerships.-ABSTAIN.

Veteran City Councillor new Cambridge mayor
By Bob Dennis
Vince, 48 ballots and 38 months of inaction led to a tumultuous climax last Monday night as flambouyant veteran Alfred E. Vellucci was elected Mayor of Cambridge.
The election of Vellucci, an Independent, marked the inability of the five-member major- ity endorsed by the Cambridge Civic Association to elect one of their own to the mayoralty. Councilmen Thomas Mahoney (an MIT Professor of History) and Thomas Coates had been the leading contenders during the early balloting, but Councillor Edward Vellucci de- clined to add his vote to the other four CCA endorsees as he expressed dissatisfaction with the way the city was being gov- erned.
Vellucci's Finance Committee was instrumental in holding down the rise in the city's tax rate, Crane gave his vote to Vellucci. Vellucci re- ceived six votes, one more than the required majority; Council- lorum Ackerman, Clinton, Dunecy, and Sollivan joined Crane and Vellucci on the de- cisive 49th ballot.
Under Cambridge's Plan E charter, the City Manager (curre- ntly James L. Sullivan) is the chief administrative officer while the Mayor presides over the City Council, serves as Chairman of the School Committee, and fulfills figurehead-type functions for the city.

On Council since '57
After serving two terms on the School Committee, Vellucci was appointed a member of the City Council since 1957. He has been Vice-Mayor four times.

Vellucci is known for his long-winded rhetoric in the Council chambers. His ramblings have earned him the love of his constituents from East Cam- bridge and the admiration of those observers who appreciate the straightforwardness of an astute politician.

His participation is particularity known for his speeches attacking MIT and Harvard. He often charges that the universities are charging the city at the expense of the lower income residents.