Opinion

Outraged by Alley tree devastation

To the Editor:

I would like to express my outrage at the ecological devastation that has taken place on Amherst Alley. Under the guise of progress, the Institute has murdered scores of helpless bushes, cut down a pair of towering weeping willow trees in their prime, and rendered hundreds of innocent little birds homeless.

Before the reconstruction project on the Alley began, there was a row of trees, a sidewalk, wide enough for a task to pass, and a row of bushes. I cannot understand why it was necessary to uproot the row of bushes by the tennis courts. Since the new road will be one-way, it does not stand to reason that more space would be needed to accommodate it than the two-way road that came before.

While I am on the subject of the one-way road, I would like to ask one simple question: why is the road going to go westward? After all, the stretch of Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward. Amherst Alley would spare easterly traffic a long trip around Briggs Field to Memorial Drive accessible to the Alley also runs westward.

My walk home along Amherst Alley today was not at all reminiscent of the same walk in September past. There were no little birds chirping, no leaves beginning to reflect the passage of time, and no golden beams of sunlight shimmering through the drooping habit of willow branches. Instead, there were reminders of our everlasting war against Progress and its ally Concrete. After the Battle of Amherst Alley has been lost, the willows may return, but the willows will forever be memorialized as missing-in-action.

So, we have lost. Our enemies have sprung a surprise attack on us in the dead of summer and massacred our trees. Now we can only hope that they will do all good victors do and try to make reparations for the havoc they have wreaked. Bushes can be replanted between the new road and the tennis courts. And although none of us will live to enjoy them, new willow trees will forever be planted in honor of our everlasting war against Progress and its ally Concrete.

The Graduate Student Council Office at 3-2195, afternoons.

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