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USE CAR POOLS CA

To The Commercial Appeal:

I would like to reply to the letter of Stephen Steiner in the Aug. 22 issue of The Commercial Appeal.

It is beyond me how people can believe that the present bus lane through Overton Park is the same size as the proposed I-40 right of way. I guess some people are willing to believe anything anyone tells them without question. If Mr. Steiner and the other "progressives" in Memphis would consult the court records, they would see that the I-40 right of way is considerably larger than the present bus lane. If the expressway around the northern perimeter of Memphis were completed, we would not have to worry about destroying a beautiful park with more hot concrete, noise and fumes just to join the two sections of I-40.

If one has traveled the streets of Memphis lately, it is obvious that more roads to be immediately filled with cars hurrying back and forth are not the answer.

With inexpensive and reliable public transportation and use of car pools enough traffic would be eliminated to make an expressway through our pretty green city completely unnecessary.

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PARKING PROBLEM

To The Commercial Appeal:

By further curtailment of the bus service, the city may create another problem for itself: Where to store the buses between trips.

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WORKSHOP FACTS

There are several inaccuracies and a misleading headline in the Aug. 8 story about the environmental workshop participants' reaction to the question of I-40 and Overton Park.

The headline states that these people are "foes" of the I-40 Park route. This is not the case. We are foes of the desiccation of Overton Park. We are here to study environmental problems and this seems to be a classic example.

Although many solutions were offered, the ones listed by the reporter were the negative opposition rather than the schemes of positive preservation. Opposition was not the motivating purpose of the stand we took.

The quoted remark by Mrs. Anona Stoner (that "no other route has ever been offered") was partial and out of context, therefore not factual. What she said was that the State Highway Department had not ever offered any other route for I-40. In most states, responsibility for alternate routes of any highway rests with the State Highway Department.

The news report failed to note that the environmental workshop consists of college teachers, most of whom are from campuses outside the Memphis area. This omission leads readers to believe that "a group of teachers" consists of local residents. Recommendations were made from objective points of view by people without local property or partisan influence.

In addition, it should have been noted that the participants were urged to express themselves as a dynamic, feedback response to the presentation of the Overton Park I-40 conflict. That they all made recommendations to save Overton Park intact is significant.

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