

## 2 Department Heads Will Step Down

The heads of two departments in the School of Engineering—Rene H. Miller of aeronautics and astronautics and Wilbur B. Davenport, Jr., of electrical engineering and computer science—have asked that successors be appointed by July 1, 1978.

Professor Miller, who was named head of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics in November, 1968, plans to devote his activities to teaching and research in the general area of flight transportation. He is the H. N. Slater Professor of Flight Transportation.

Professor Davenport, who has headed the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science since February, 1974, indicated that he would like to devote the next few years of his career to work in the area of communications system technology and policy here at MIT.

Dr. James D. Bruce, associate dean of the School of Engineering, in letters sent to faculty members of both departments, praised Professors Miller and Davenport.

Professor Miller, who has served as department head nearly 10 years, "is by far the 'dean' of the School's department heads," Dean Bruce said. Under Professor Miller's leadership as department head, Dean Bruce noted, the department developed a new innovative approach to the second-year curriculum—the Unified Engineering Program—and a new undergraduate degree program—the Avionics Program.

During Professor Davenport's tenure as head, Dean Bruce said, the department's "pre-eminence in electrical engineering and computer science education and research has continued" and there

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## ESL Has Been Designated Interdepartmental Facility

MIT's Electronic Systems Laboratory (ESL), an internationally renowned leader in the development of control theory, control systems, and information systems, has been designated an interdepartmental laboratory, Professor Walter A. Rosenblith, MIT's Provost, has announced.

The move reflects the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of the laboratory's research interests, which include control theory, communication systems, algorithms, complex systems analysis, and selected applications areas.

The laboratory will continue to be headed by Professor Michael

Athans, its director since January, 1974. Professor Athans, professor of systems science and engineering in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, is a leading authority on optimal control theory. He will report directly to the provost.

The 39-year-old laboratory, founded in 1939 as the Servomechanisms Laboratory (it became known as the ESL in April, 1959), has been a departmental entity within the Department of Electrical Engineering (later on Electrical Engineering and Computer Science) throughout its history.

Since 1973, the laboratory's traditional areas of control, communications and information systems have expanded greatly. Current emphasis is on complex information and decision systems that involve distributed and decentralized sensors, communications, data bases and decision systems. Typical application areas involve transportation systems, distributed communications and information networks, optimization of flexible manufacturing systems, power systems and information storage and retrieval systems.

"Interdisciplinary intellectual interactions are vital to the pursuit of such complex systems," Professor Athans said. "This administrative change to an Institute-wide laboratory will facilitate those interactions."

ESL was founded by Dr. Gordon S. Brown, Institute Professor Emeritus and professor of elec-

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## Weight Control Series Offered

A weight control series for members of the Institute community has been organized by the Health Information and Education Service of the Medical Department.

The 10-week program stresses awareness of one's eating behaviors and ways those behaviors may be modified to facilitate permanent weight control. The series will be led by Wendy Midgley and Helene Fuchs, both registered dietitians at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, and a health educator from the Medical Department.

The series will begin Wednesday, March 8. Enrollment will be limited and a modest fee will be charged. Those interested may call x3-1316 for further information and registration.

## Annual Biweekly Salary Review Underway

Instructions outlining the procedure for the 1978 Biweekly Salary Review were forwarded to all departmental headquarters the week of February 20.

Information for Biweekly employees concerning the Review is contained in a letter which is available through individual Administrative Officers and Supervisors. Employees hired on or before January 2, 1978, are eligible for consideration for raises, which will become effective

on March 27, 1978, and will be reflected in April 5, 1978, paychecks.

The 1978 review procedure continues to be unchanged from last year's review. The review will be distributed solely on the basis of individual work performance. John Wynne, Vice President, Administration and Personnel, stated that it is essential that departments make every effort to insure that evaluations of job performance are made as fairly and equitably as possible

and that recommended increases accurately reflect these assessments.

The supervisor/employee discussions, which occur as a part of the review and are critical to the evaluation process, should now be well underway. Tentative supervisory recommendations are due in departmental headquarters no later than March 8, 1978, so they may be returned to Personnel Officers for review by the Deans and Vice Presidents by March 10, 1978.



Dean Horn, Director of the Sea Grant College Project, presents a hefty ratchet wrench to Howard Ossinger, captain of the RV Edgerton. The wrench, a tool Captain Ossinger has wanted for a long time, was given him by the Sea Grant Program in appreciation of his efforts during the blizzard of February 6-7 which saved the Edgerton from storm damage.

## Edgerton Captain Cited For Blizzard Service

A much-desired ratchet wrench and a letter of commendation from President Jerome B. Wiesner were rewards yesterday (Tuesday, Feb. 28) to Howard Ossinger, captain of the Research Vessel *Edgerton*, for his valiant and successful efforts to save the boat during the blizzard of February 6-7.

Worried about the vessel, Mr. Ossinger drove in from his home in Holliston in his four-wheel-drive vehicle, arriving at Aquarium Wharf where the *Edgerton* is berthed about 9pm at the height of the storm on February 6. RV *Edgerton* is tied up to a float attached by iron rings to pilings next to the wharf.

When Mr. Ossinger arrived, he found that flooding conditions had lifted the float free of one of its pilings. Otherwise the float seemed secure. He climbed aboard the *Edgerton*, deciding to move the boat to the East Boston side of the harbor. Since turning in the narrow space between the Aquarium and Long Wharves was impossible, Mr. Ossinger backed the vessel out

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## Meteorology Department Honored for Leadership

The 1978 award for outstanding services to meteorology by a corporation has been presented by the American Meteorological Society (AMS) to the MIT Department of Meteorology "for its leadership in meteorological education since the founding in 1928 of the first academic meteorology department in the United States."

The award was presented February 1 at the society's annual awards luncheon in Savannah, Ga., and was received on behalf of the MIT department by Dr. Henry G. Houghton, professor of meteorology emeritus and head of the department from 1941 to 1970.

An AMS press release issued at the time of the award said:

"The first professional graduate program in meteorology in the United States was established in 1928 by C. G. Rossby under the benevolent administration of the MIT Department of Aeronautics. Rossby, and shortly thereafter, Hurd Willett introduced the novel results of the Norwegian school of meteorology to the American academic scene.

"A common theme from this early work and one that has persisted to the present was the study of the general circulation of the atmosphere. The first series of Northern Hemisphere synoptic charts was produced at MIT, which led shortly to the first experimental five-day forecasts.

"In the postwar period emphasis was placed increasingly on geo-

## McCarthy To Direct NASA Lab

Dr. John F. McCarthy, Jr., director of MIT's Center for Space Research, is to become director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 1, 1978, NASA has announced.

Dr. McCarthy, who is widely recognized as an expert in systems engineering and vehicle design, has been professor of aeronautics and astronautics at MIT since 1971 and director of the space research center since 1974.

Dr. McCarthy will be taking leave from his administrative and teaching positions, which have been characterized by a series of forward-looking design seminars centered around such problems as closed ecological systems for space and the disposal of man-generated nuclear wastes by rocketing them into the sun.

In commenting on Dr. McCarthy's appointment, Dr. Thomas F. Jones, Jr., MIT vice president for research, said "Dr. McCarthy's outstanding leadership in research in space science and engineering will be sorely missed."

Since 1971, Dr. McCarthy has chaired the Aeronautical Systems Advisory Group of the Air Force Systems Command. In 1973 he was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award by the Air Force for his work on the C-5A transport plane.

Professor McCarthy came to

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physical fluid mechanics, the basis of numerical weather prediction. In the same period radar was developed as an important tool in cloud physics and mesometeorology. Now at the advent of the semi-centennial, studies of climatic change and its consequences are being pursued."

The late Carl-Gustav Arvid Rossby was associate professor of meteorology in MIT's then Department of Aeronautical Engineering from 1928 to 1932, and served as professor in the department from 1932 to 1941. He died in 1957. Dr. Hurd C. Willett, a specialist on long-term weather fluctuations, joined the department during its first year and is now professor of meteorology emeritus.

## Libraries to Hold Annual Book Sale

Some 5,000 books, records, maps and technical reports will be available at bargain rates at the MIT Libraries' annual sale Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 and 9, 10am-4pm in the Bush Room (10-105).

Book titles at the sale cover all subjects, including fiction. Special treasures available include an *Encyclopedia Americana* and *Webster's New World International Dictionary*, second edition. All sale items are surplus library material and proceeds from the sale will be used for new materials.



# School of Engineering Announces Appointments

Dr. Christos Georgakis has been appointed Esther and Harold E. Edgerton Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering until 1979.

His appointment was one of four School of Engineering personnel changes recently approved by the Executive Committee of the MIT Corporation.

Professor Georgakis, who received the BS from National Technical University in Athens, Greece, in 1970, the MS from the University of Illinois in 1972 and the PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1975, has been a member of the MIT faculty for three years.

Other personnel changes in the School of Engineering were: Walter E. Morrow, Jr., director of Lincoln Laboratory, was appointed a professor of electrical engineering in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Mr. Morrow was named to head the laboratory in March, 1977, succeeding Gerald P. Dinneen who was named to a Defense Department post by President Carter. Mr. Morrow joined the laboratory in 1959 and had been assistant director since 1972.

Som D. Sharma was appointed visiting professor in the Department of Ocean Engineering until December. Dr. Sharma is a senior

research scientist at the Institut Für Schiffbau, University of Hamburg.

E. Harry Law was appointed visiting associate professor, part-time, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering until May. Dr. Law is associate professor of mechanics and mechanical engineering at Clemson University. His major research interest is rail vehicle dynamics.

## Vincent Price To Speak Here

Vincent Price, the well known actor, author and art collector, will speak on Monday, March 6, at 8pm in Kresge Auditorium. His talk, entitled "Villains Still Pursue Me," is sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee.

Mr. Price is best known for his roles as villain in horror movies, a fact reflected in the title of his lecture. His career, however, has shown him to be a person of true versatility, encompassing fields as divergent as cooking and art, and roles ranging from gothic villain to his latest sensitive portrayal of Oscar Wilde in "Diversions and Delights," the one-man performance that has played to critical acclaim and to enthusiastic, capacity crowds in cities across the country.

Tickets at \$2.00 are available to the MIT community at the LSC ticket booth in Lobby 10, at the LSC office (W20-469) and at all LSC movies. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door the night of the lecture.



**HAIL THE VICTORS**—MIT's national collegiate computer programming champions hoist their victory mug aloft. From the left: Curt Sanford, Larry DeMar, Abe Lederman and Daniel D'Eramo. DeMar is a junior, the rest sophomores, all in electrical engineering and computer science. The national contest was Feb. 22 in Detroit.

## MIT 'Pick-up' Team Wins ACM Programming Contest

MIT has won the 1978 national collegiate computer programming championship, thanks to the work of a "pick-up team" of four electrical engineering computer science undergraduates.

Abe Lederman, Larry DeMar, Curt Sanford and Dan D'Eramo finished first in a Feb. 22 contest in Detroit that pitted teams from 24 colleges and universities.

The FORTRAN programming contest was arranged by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and Upsilon Pi Epsilon, the national computer science honor society.

The MIT students qualified for the finals by winning the northeast regional competition against eight other teams. The regional contest was held in Troy, N.Y., at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

It was Lederman, a sophomore from New York City, who first

learned of the contest through an ACM publication.

When he discovered that the ACM chapter at MIT was not presently active (it has since re-organized), Lederman interested his fellow Baker House students—DeMar of Chicago, Sanford of Santa Monica, Cal., and D'Eramo of Hopewell Township, Pa.—in entering the contest.

They boned up on FORTRAN, pooled some money to rent a car and took off for Troy. The four came home winners—but winners with a problem: where to get the money to get to Chicago.

The solution to the problem—and the money—came from the School of Engineering, thanks to Associate Dean James D. Bruce, and from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, thanks to associate head Fernando Corbato and administrative officer Richard Caloggero.

The Detroit contest was a batch FORTRAN one, involving the need for keypunching. Because the keypunchers couldn't keep up with the teams, the Detroit contest had to be extended past its announced ending time. When the final bell rang MIT had solved two of four problems and so had New York University, but MIT won because its team had taken less time to reach its solutions.

Michigan State, last year's champion, finished third and Purdue was fourth.

## Tay-Sachs Screening Available

The MIT Medical Department is cooperating in a screening program for Tay-Sachs disease, a rare genetic disorder in metabolism afflicting infants that is invariably fatal.

The Tay-Sachs gene is carried by one in 27 Jewish persons of Ashkenazi descent (from central and eastern Europe), and by one in 300 persons in the non-Jewish population. Both parents must carry the gene in order to have a child with the disease. Each pregnancy in a carrier-carrier union has a 25 per cent chance of producing a child with Tay-Sachs disease.

Screening is done by a blood test performed by the Tay-Sachs Prevention Program. Blood will be drawn for the test on the second Monday of each month from 9am-noon in the Medical Department. Appointments are necessary and may be made in advance by calling x3-4481.

Each person wishing to be screened will be asked to fill out a questionnaire to accompany the blood sample. Results of the test will be mailed directly to the individual.

In cases where both partners are carriers, a diagnosis can be made by amniocentesis during the fourth month of pregnancy, allowing selective abortion if desired.

Although there is no charge for the screening test, the Tay-Sachs Prevention Program would appreciate a \$10 contribution to help defray expenses.

# Motorola Joins VI-A

The Chicago-based firm, Motorola, Inc., has joined the roster of prestigious companies participating in the cooperative program (Course VI-A) in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Students will be placed initially in Motorola's Communications Division in Schaumburg, Ill., according to John A. Tucker, VI-A program director. In another year, it is hoped that assignments may be added at the Semiconductor Division in Phoenix, Ariz.

Initial discussions with Motorola began last year when William J. Weisz, '48, president of the company, and some of his associates visited MIT for two days of technical presentations with the electrical engineering and computer science faculty. Final arrangements for joining the VI-A program were completed by Mr. Tucker last fall.

Course VI-A is now in its annual selection process for members of its 61st class. All applicants may meet participating companies at an open house in the Sala de Puerto Rico on Monday, March 6, at 7:30pm.

Following open house will be two days of interviews after which the class will be selected from those ranking highest on preference lists submitted by the companies.

Last spring 165 students sought admission to VI-A and the companies conducted nearly 800 interviews with the applicants, using all of the facilities of the Career Planning and Placement Office. This year approximately 150 applications are expected, Mr. Tucker said, about half of whom will be accepted in the program.

Present enrollment in VI-A is 182, including juniors, seniors and graduate students—the highest enrollment in the 60-year history of the program.

Speaking for Motorola at its recent orientation meeting were Norman Skelton, corporate manager for staffing and recruitment, and Lewis Rosenthal, '73, a VI-A graduate, who spoke for the Communications Division. The two students Motorola selects will begin their first work assignment at the Communications Division in June.

Professor James D. Bruce, associate dean of the School of Engineering, will serve as faculty advisor for the Motorola students. Professor Bruce has been a consultant and advisor to Motorola for a number of years.

## Edgerton Captain

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into Boston Harbor.

Once out in the harbor, he turned the *Edgerton* toward the East Boston side where there was the double protection of a lee shore and a covered pier. With visibility down to about 100 feet and heavy snow cluttering his radar, he proceeded very cautiously toward his destination. He was in touch with Art Clifton (MIT's research vessel manager) throughout the night.

The next morning, after the tide turned and the wind died down somewhat, Mr. Ossinger and the *Edgerton* returned to the Aquarium. He found that the surging sea had lifted the float further during the night. One corner was resting on top of a piling. A single iron ring attached it to an extended two by four used to support power lines to the boat. The structure was tilted at a sharp angle and much of its flotation had been torn away by the storm.

He managed to reset the float in place, and to retrieve the flotation from the water, lashing it to the float itself.

Mr. Ossinger's concern, action and skill kept damages to the *Edgerton* and its float to a minimum. The vessel came through virtually undamaged. He and Mr. Clifton, who also received a commendation from President Wiesner, were able to repair the float with equipment Mr. Ossinger salvaged from the water.

## Solow to Discuss Inflation in Killian Lectures

Dr. Robert M. Solow, Institute Professor and professor of economics, has selected the topic, "What We Know and Don't Know About Inflation," for the 1978 Killian Award Lectures.

The lectures will be presented on consecutive Thursdays, April 20 and 27, in Rm. 54-100 at 4pm.

Professor Solow, widely recognized as an outstanding economic theorist, said that the lectures will sketch the history of the United States price level during the past 50 years, and trace how our understanding of inflation has evolved from the interplay of facts and theory.

"The analysis of inflation has many of the characteristics that make economics both interesting

and frustrating," he said. "It is important to our lives. There is much public misunderstanding about causes and effects. And since an important part in the mechanism of inflation is played by changing economic institutions, attitudes and expectations, the 'correct' theory of inflation is a moving target; so there is a danger that we will always be fighting the last episode and be surprised by the next."

Among the important issues, Professor Solow said, are these:

What are the significant differences between the postwar behavior of the price level and the experience of the earlier part of the century? How are those differences to be explained? How does inflation interact with the "real" economy of production and consumption? In

what sense is it a "purely monetary" phenomenon? Is there something special about the last few years? How are the price levels of different countries connected? What are the main unanswered questions and what are the possibilities of answering them?

Professor Solow was selected as the 1977-78 recipient of the James R. Killian, Jr., Faculty Achievement Award by a faculty committee last spring. Traditionally, the recipient of the award delivers the Killian Award Lectures the next spring.

The award, which recognizes "extraordinary professional accomplishments by MIT faculty members, was established in 1971 as a tribute to Dr. Killian, MIT's 10th president and former chairman of the Corporation.



All supervisors in Building Services of Physical Plant have recently completed successfully the American Red Cross/Heart Association basic course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The eight-hour course was taught by Joseph Kuchta of the Safety Office. Certificates were presented by William Dickson, director of Physical Plant, to: (kneeling L to R)

Harold Roberts, John Whitnell, Michael Micciche and Ralph Jackson; (seated) Charles Wilkins, Ralph DeMarco, George pesaturo, Jr., Benjamin Paulekas and George Carney; (standing) Ronald Verrochio, Paul Motroni, Austin Petzke, Patrick Wells, Charles Jennings and George Gillis.

# THE INSTITUTE CALENDAR X3-3270

March 1 through March 12

## Events of Special Interest

**MIT Annual Library Book Sale\*** — Wed, Mar 8 and Thurs Mar 9, 10am-4pm, Rm 10-105, Bush Room.

**Edgerton's Stroboscopic Projects\*** — High speed films shown by Dr. Edgerton. Sponsored by the Compton Gallery Committee with the assistance of Committee of Visual Arts. Thurs, Mar 9, 7:30pm, Rm 10-105.

## Seminars and Lectures

### Wednesday, March 1

**Continental Shelf Waves with a Boundary Current\*** — William McKee, earth and planetary sciences. Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar, Noon, Rm 54-915. Coffee, bring own lunch.

**Eating in Response to Stress\*\*** — Don't let pressure control your eating. You control it. Nutrition and Food Science discussion, every Thursday, Noon, Rm 37-272.

**Applications of Non-Linear Optics to Molecular Structure\*** — John G. Bergman, B.T.L., Holmdel, New Jersey. Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Seminar, 2-3pm, Rm 36-428.

**Energy Choices from Utility Perspective\*** — Dr. Andrew Kadak, Manager of Nuclear Information, Naragansett Electric Company. EPSEL Seminar, 3pm, Rm 4-149.

**Information Theory, The Second Law and the Equations of Motion\*** — Dr. George Hatsopoulos, senior lecturer, President of Thermo Electron Corp. Thermodynamics Seminar, 4pm, Rm 1-114.

**Science & Social Engineering: Sex Research Policy in the 1920's\*** — Diana Long Hall, assistant professor, history and biology, Boston University. Technology Studies Seminar, 4pm, Rm 20D-205. Coffee 3:30pm.

**Space-Time Evolutions of Particle Productions\*** — Wit Busza, associate professor, physics. Undergraduate Physics Colloquium, 4:15pm, Rm 4-339. Social hour follows.

**American Foreign Policy in Southern Africa\*** — Sitho Buthelezi, External Representative of Black People Convention of South Africa; associate of Steve Biko. Pot Luck Dinner, then discussion, bring contribution. Seminar on International Students and Participation in Development, 5:30pm, West Lounge, Student Center.

### Thursday, March 2

**Tri-Level Echoes in Atomic Vapors\*\*** — Sven R. Hartmann, Columbia University. Modern Optics and Spectroscopy, 11am-Noon, Rm 66-110. Coffee 10:30am.

**Simulation of Viscous and Viscoelastic Fluid Flow\*\*** — Michael F. Malone, chemical engineering, University of Massachusetts. Chemical Engineering Seminar, 3pm, Rm 66-110. Coffee served.

**Techniques for Vibration Isolation Helicopters\*** — W.E. Hooper, director of Vehicle Technology, Boeing Company VTOL Division. Aeronautics and Astronautics Seminar, 4pm, Rm 37-252. Coffee served preceding seminar Rm 33-222.

**Supergravity\*\*** — Prof Stanley Deser, Brandeis University. Physics Colloquium, 4:15pm, Rm 26-100, Tea 3:45, Rm 26-110.

### Friday, March 3

**Some Thoughts on Current Issues in the Israeli-Arab Confrontation\*** — Prof Saul Friedlander, history, Tel Aviv University and visiting professor, School of Humanities and Social Studies and Center for International Studies. CIS Seminar, Noon-2pm, Rm E53-482.

**Visual-Vestibular\*** — Prof C.F. Pfaltz, Germany. Man Vehicle Laboratory Seminar, Noon-1pm, Rm 37-252.

**Public Policy Towards Public Enterprise Monopoly-A Case in Transportation\*** — Dr. Aaron J. Gellman, Gellman Research Associates, Inc. Center for Transportation Studies Luceon/Seminar, 12:45pm, Mezzanine Lounge Student Center, Free. Buffet Lunch \$1.

**Chemical Engineering Seminar\*** — Viroica Lopez-Avila, Distribution and Transport of Industrial Pollutants in a Freshwater Environment, 2pm. Lanny Schmidt, University of Minnesota. Kinetics, Surface Morphology, and Surface Chemical Composition in Heterogeneous Catalysis, 3pm. Room 66-110.

**Stability of Rotor-Bearing Systems\*** — Prof Edgar J. Gunter, director of rotor dynamics research laboratory, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. Mechanical Engineering Seminar Series, 3pm, Rm 3-133. Coffee 4pm, Rm 1-114.

**Experimental Results from EBT\*** — Dr. Norman H. Lazar, Oakridge National Laboratory. Plasma Dynamics Seminar, 3:30pm, Rm 36-261. Refreshments at 3:15pm.

**What Kind of Neuronal Machine is the Cerebellum?\*** — Prof Masao Ito, University of Tokyo Medical School. Psychology Colloquium, 4:30pm, Rm E10-013. Coffee at 4:15pm.

**Christiania: An Experimental Community in Copenhagen\*** — John Lamperti, Dartmouth College. Student Action Coordinating Committee Lecture, 8pm, Rm 9-150.

### Monday, March 6

**Experiments with Wave Energy Conversion\*\*** — Prof A.D. Carmichael, ocean engineering. Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Seminar, 4-5pm, Rm 48-316.

**Inverse Scattering Transforms and Painleve Transcendents\*** — Harvey Segur, research associate, aeronautics, Princeton Inc, Princeton, N.J. Applied Math Colloquium, 4pm, Rm 2-338. Refreshments 3:30pm, Rm 2-349.

**MIT Hillel\*** — Panel discussion with Andrei Amalrik, Moshe Gitterman, Avital Sharansky, Yefim Yankelevitch. Four Russian Emigres discuss actions which can be taken by members of the academic community to help the cause of Human Rights in the U.S.S.R. 5pm, Rm 10-250.

### Tuesday, March 7

**On the Performance of Bayes and other Subset Selection Procedures\*** Prof Shanti Gupta, statistics, Purdue University. Seminar on Statistics within the Mathematics Department, 4pm, Rm 2-338. Coffee and 3:30pm, Rm 2-349.

**Workshop on Visas Post-Graduation\*\*** — Sponsored by Eugene Chamberlain, foreign student adviser, and Virginia D. Lyons, assistant international visitors. Seminar for Foreign Students, 3:30-5pm, Bush Room.

**Recent Work on Mixing in a Density Stratified Shear Flow\*\*** — Gregory Gartrell, Jr., California Institute of Technology. Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Seminar, 2:30pm, Rm 48-316. Coffee 3:45pm, Rm 48-410.

**The Impact of Satellite Soundings upon the National Meteorological Center's Analysis and Forecast System\*** — Dr. M. Steven Tractinsky. National Meteorological Center, National Weather Service. Seminar, 4pm, Rm 54-100. Tea and Coffee 3:30pm, Rm 54-923.

**Interaction of Ships with Obstacles in Shallow Water\*\*** — Ron Yeung, assistant professor, Ocean Engineering. Applied Mechanics Seminar, 3-4pm, Rm 3-133. Coffee at 4-5pm, Rm 1-114.

**Relaxation Processes in CO<sub>2</sub>\*** — Itamar Burak, chemistry. Seminar Physical Chemistry, 4pm, Rm 4-370. Coffee 3:45pm, Rm 6-321.

### Wednesday, March 8

**Vertical Variations of Selenium in the Northeast Atlantic Ocean\*** — Chris Measures, earth and planetary sciences. Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar, Noon, Rm 54-915.

**Acoustically-Scanned Optical Imaging Devices\*** — Dr. Fred Leonberger, Lincoln Laboratory. EECS Optics Seminar, 2-3pm, Rm 36-428.

**Far Infrared Astronomy\*** — Edward Wright, assistant professor, physics. Undergraduate Physics Colloquium, 4:15pm, Rm 4-330. Social hour follows.

**On Relatedness to the World in a Box: Photography and Aspects of Mimetic Tradition\*\*** — William Parker, professor of art and history, photography, University of Connecticut. Creative Photography Lecture, 4:30pm, Creative Photography Laboratory, 120 Mass Ave., Cambridge. Coffee served.

### Thursday, March 9

**Diatomic Laser Spectroscopy: Sharply Focused and With Ambiguity\*\*** — Robert W. Field, assistant professor, chemistry. Modern Optics and Spectroscopy Seminar, 11am-12pm, Rm 66-110. Coffee 10:30am.

**The Applications Revolution Promised by Communications Satellites\*** — B.O. Evans, VP Engineering Programming and Technology, International Business Machines, Corp. Laboratory for Computer Science Seminar, 3pm, Rm 9-150.

**Symmetries in Nuclear Data Decay\*\*** — Prof Frank P. Calaprice. Princeton University. Physics Colloquium, 4:15pm, Rm 26-100. Tea 3:45pm, Rm 26-110.

**Role of Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry in the Study of Solar System\*** — John M. Lavoie Jr. Analytical Chemistry Seminar, 4pm, Rm 8-105.

### Friday, March 10

**Space-Time Turbulence Structure and Stochastic Diffusion\*\*** — Palaiseau D. Gresillon, Ecole Polytechnique, France. Plasma Theory Seminar, 11am-noon, Rm 36-261.

## Rare Ancient Instruments Now on Display

MIT's collection of rare, old scientific instruments—one dating from the first century AD—is now fully displayed in MIT Historical Collections for the first time since it was acquired by the Institute 20 years ago.

The approximately 100 pieces on view constitute one of the best collections of its kind, according to Warren A. Seamans, director of the Libraries' Historical Collections. All of the instruments are "exceptionally beautiful" and most are so rare that no monetary value can be placed on them, he said.

The instruments, which for the most part are measuring, time-telling and weighing devices, were given to MIT in 1958 by an anonymous New York City woman, who also donated parts of her collection to the Hayden Planetarium in New York City and to the Museum of Science in Boston.

Some of the instruments received by MIT were exhibited in 1964 and some have been displayed in cases on the third floor of Building 10, but the entire collection has never before been shown, Mr. Seamans said. The new exhibit is permanent and also is fully documented, he said.

Some examples of the instruments on view are:

—A gilded brass triquetrum, made in Italy in the early seventeenth century, that was used to take the altitude of the sun and stars.

—Miniature combination sun dial-compasses, exquisitely engraved, crafted by an English instrument maker named Michael



A part of MIT's collection of rare, antique scientific instruments, a gilded brass triquetrum made in Italy in the seventeenth century, is examined by J. Scott Ferguson in MIT Historical Collections, where the devices are now fully displayed for the first time. The triquetrum was used to take the altitude of the sun and stars. Mr. Ferguson, a senior in biology from Hoboken, Ga., who has worked at Historical Collections for the last four years, worked in organizing and cleaning the instruments and in completing a catalogue of the exhibition, which numbers about 100 instruments.

Butterfield who settled in Paris in 1685.

—A first century Roman steelyard, or balance, for weighing objects.

—A nineteenth century Chinese astrological compass.

—A Spanish steelyard, from the fifteenth century.

—A nineteenth century Chinese equatorial dial in carved ivory.

—A pedometer made in Germany in the seventeenth century.

—A miniature ivory sundial, in the form of a book, made in France in the seventeenth century. When the "book" is opened, it stretches out like a string that serves as the gnomon.

—A terrestrial pocket globe, with a brass meridian circle, made in London in 1817. About the size of a softball, the globe is in a black leather case, the top of which is lined with a diagram showing the planets and their orbits.

### Texiera Named

Everett Texiera, senior audio visual specialist at MIT, has been appointed an "aide-de-camp" to Somerville mayor Thomas F. August to represent veterans' involvement in the city government. A member of the American Legion, Mr. Texiera serves as chairman of its Boy Scouts committee in Somerville.

## Informal German Exchange Arranged with High Schools

A new exchange experiment between MIT students and Boston area high school students met with enthusiastic response all around according to Clair Kramsch, lecturer in German in the Department of Humanities.

Two groups of MIT students studying German visited local high schools during IAP for informal discussions with high school German students.

Visiting Bedford High School were: David Bates, a senior in mathematics from Sewanee, Tenn., Kenneth Keverian, a junior in electrical engineering and computer science from Lutherville, Md., and Christopher King, a junior in materials science and engineering from Burlington.

Carrying on a conversation entirely in German, the MIT students described campus life and their experiences working and studying in Germany. The Bedford students were especially interested in the latter because they have been working for three years to raise money for a trip to Germany this spring.

The other group of students visited Boston Latin Academy. They were: Claudia Buser, a freshman from Wall Township, N.J., Dan Metzger, a junior in chemistry from Maumee, Ohio, Tom Russ, a junior in electrical engineering and computer science from Newport News, Va., and Arthur Wendel, a senior in physics from South Hackensack, N.J., who live in German House, and John Dunlap, a junior in mathematics from Casper, Wyo.

The Boston Latin Academy students were particularly interested

in the position of women students at MIT. They wondered if the women students "got more attention" because they are a minority. The MIT students felt they had encouraged the high school students to consider MIT as a possible college choice.

Ms. Kramsch said the enthusiastic willingness of the MIT students to share their German and MIT experiences with high school students may be continued informally if term-time schedules permit.

## Hall to Discuss Research Policy

Diana Long Hall, associate professor of history and biology at Boston University, will speak on "Science and Social Engineering: Sex Research Policy in the 1920s" at the Technology Studies Seminar today (Wednesday, March 1), at 4pm in Rm. 20D-205.

In the 1920s the National Research Council accepted a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to support fundamental research on sex. Professor Hall will discuss the NRC Committee for Research on Problems of Sex and the way in which the Committee members' assumptions of what was good science and what was acceptable as social engineering entered into the determination of their research policy.

The seminar is sponsored each term by the Technology Studies Program. Coffee is served at 3:30pm.









Some 500 friends and associates of Harold and Esther Edgerton gathered Friday, Feb. 24, for the opening of "Edgerton's Stroboscopic Projects" in the Margaret Hutchinson Compton Gallery in the Building 10 Alumni Center. As a happy coincidence, the show opened on the eve of Professor and Mrs. Edgerton's 50th wedding anniversary. Included among the guests were their children and seven grandchildren. Left to right, above, are: Ellen Dixon, 14, Charles and Mary Louise Dixon of Hickory, N.C., Professor and Mrs. Edgerton, Robert Edgerton of Pontiac, Mich., Sylvia Edgerton, 9, Elizabeth L. Edgerton, Nina Edger-

ton, 12, and Eric Edgerton, 16. Mary Anne, 20, and Bill Dixon, 21, and their sister Janice Dixon Key, 23, had not yet arrived when the picture was taken. In the picture at left, "Doc," an Institute Professor Emeritus, chats with Mrs. Compton, for whom the Building 10 Gallery is named. The occasion was sponsored by the MIT Alumni Association to honor "Doc" on the opening of his exhibition and as a means of introducing the community to the Association's new facilities surrounding the Gallery. The Gallery will be open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, and the exhibition will run through April 12.

## McCarthy Named Director Of NASA Research Center

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MIT from the Los Angeles Division, North American Rockwell Corporation (now Rockwell International Corp.), where he was vice president, systems engineering.

Other key positions he held earlier at North American Rockwell included vice president, research and engineering; executive vice president-technical, at the Los Angeles Division; vice president, research and engineering, North American Aviation Divisions office in Los Angeles; vice president of research, engineering, and test for the Space Division in Downey, Calif.; assistant chief engineer, Apollo, and Apollo directorships in control systems, space sciences and technology.

At the Space Division, he was involved with the basic design and testing of the Apollo command and service modules and the S-II stage of the Saturn V launch vehicle, which successfully performed the manned lunar landings.

From 1965 to 1967, Dr. McCarthy served as a member of NASA's Research Advisory Committee on Space Vehicle Aerodynamics.

Born in Boston in 1925, Dr. McCarthy received the SB and SM degrees in aeronautical engineering from MIT in 1950 and 1951, and the PhD degree in aeronautics and physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1962.

After graduation from MIT, he joined the staff of MIT's Aeroelastic and Structures Research Laboratory where he was responsible for the design and operation of one of the first variable Mach number supersonic test sections, in which he performed some of the earliest supersonic flutter tests. He also did extensive research in aerodynamics, loads, aeroelasticity, and vehicle dynamics.

In 1955, he left MIT to become operations analyst at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, serving as adviser to the commander-in-chief and his staff on scientific analyses and analytical techniques.

Dr. McCarthy is the author of numerous technical papers and a contributor to four textbooks. He is a fellow and former director of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), associ-

ate fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a member of Sigma Gamma Tau, the Research Society of America, and Sigma Xi.

He is a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board and of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff (JSTPS) Scientific Advisory Group for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a member of the American Management Association's Research and Development Planning Council. He is a former member of the executive committee of the Aerospace Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, and has been a member of the NASA Research and Technology Advisory Council, Panel on Space Vehicles since 1974.

## Haskell Small To Give Recital In Music Library

Young American pianist Haskell Small will give a recital in the MIT Music Library (14E-109) Wednesday, March 8, at 5:15pm. He will play the Sonata in B Flat Major, K. 570 of Mozart; Sonata in E Minor, Op. 90 of Beethoven; Introduction and Fugue by Haskell Small; Ballade in G Minor, Op. 23 of Chopin; and Sonata, Op. 26 by Samuel Barber. The event is sponsored by the MIT Music Section and is free.

Although Mr. Small has played piano most of his life, he studied engineering at Carnegie-Mellon and pursued a career as a rock musician as well. His classical studies in piano and composition were with Robert Sheldon, Theodore Lettvin, with members of the Carnegie-Mellon music faculty (where he received his bachelor's degree), and currently, with the renowned pianist and teacher, Leon Fleisher.

Mr. Small made his debut in Pittsburgh after winning the Pittsburgh Concert Society Auditions. Since then, he has appeared with orchestras and in recital throughout the eastern states. Among his Washington appearances were a recital at the National Gallery and two concerts at the Kennedy Center.



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## Department Heads to Step Down

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year later, he received the Sylvania Albert Reed Award of the AIAA.

Professor Davenport was born in Philadelphia in 1920 and received his BEE degree in 1941 from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the SM and ScD from MIT in 1943 and 1950, respectively. After serving in the US Navy, he returned to the Institute in 1946 as an instructor of electrical engineering, and was appointed assistant professor in 1949. In 1951, he joined Lincoln Laboratory as leader of the Communications Techniques Group and became associate head of the Communications and Components Division in 1955. Two years later he was appointed head of that division and in 1958 became head of the newly formed Information Processing Division.

He returned to campus as professor of electrical engineering in 1960 and from 1961 to 1963 was associate director of the Research Laboratory of Electronics. In 1963 he returned to Lincoln Laboratory for a two-year period as assistant director of the laboratory. Returning to the campus in 1965, he began the development in the Center for Advanced Engineering Study of a new subject on random processes while conducting research and teaching graduate subjects in communication theory and undergraduate subjects in electrical engineering and computer science. In 1968, he was named undergraduate academic officer and chairman of the Undergraduate Educational Policy Committee of the Department of Electrical Engineering. He held these positions until he was named associate head of the department in 1971. Subsequently, he was named director of CAES, a position he held until named head of the department.

Professor Davenport has acted as a consultant to the Office of Science and Technology, the Department of Defense and the Communications Satellite Corporation. He is a director of the GenRad Corp. and a member of the new Carnegie Commission on the Future of Public Broadcasting. He is author of the book *Probability and Random Processes* published

in 1970, is co-author, with Dr. William L. Root, of the book *AN* has been a continued increase in "the strength of the interaction within the department between electrical engineering and computer science.... Today the department is stronger—intellectually and administratively—because of Bill's leadership."

Dean Bruce's letters to faculty sought their help in the search for new heads of the departments. Faculty were asked for their opinions on the direction the department should take in the next decade and for their suggestions on candidates.

Professor Miller, born in New Jersey in 1916, received the BA in 1937 and the MA in 1954 from Cambridge University, England. He came to MIT in 1944 as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 1947 and to professor in 1957. He is internationally known for his work on helicopters and other vertical flight vehicles.

His career from 1937 to 1940 was with the Glenn L. Martin Co. From 1940 until 1944 he was with the McDonnell Aircraft Corp., the last two years of which were spent as chief of aerodynamics and research. In this position he was involved in the development of several new flight vehicles including the first ramjet-propelled helicopter, "Little Henry."

While on leave from MIT from 1952 to 1954 Professor Miller was vice president of engineering at Kaman Aircraft Corp. There he was responsible for completing the development of the HOK-1 helicopter and initiated work on a number of new projects including the first remotely controlled drone helicopter, a helicopter autopilot and a parachute for aerial delivery.

Professor Miller is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Royal Aeronautical Society, and the American Helicopter Society. He is also the immediate past president of AIAA. In 1967 and again in 1970 he received the Meritorious Civilian Service Decoration from the Army. In 1968 Professor Miller was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering and that same year he re-

ceived the Klemin Award of the American Helicopter Society. One *Introduction to the Theory of Random Signals and Noises* published in 1958, and has written for a number of technical journals.

Dr. Davenport is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and a Fellow of the IEEE, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a member of the Sigma Xi, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi societies.

## Charles Harbutt To Give Series On Photography

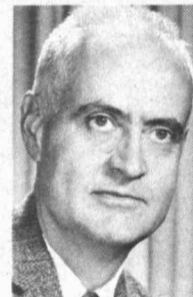
Charles Harbutt, an internationally known photojournalist and visiting professor at the MIT Creative Photography Laboratory, will conduct a series of lectures this spring analyzing major figures and trends in photography since the turn of the century.

The lectures, which are free of charge and open to the public, will be held on Thursday evenings in the MIT Creative Photography Gallery, W31-310, at 7:30. The next lecture will be March 2.

Mr. Harbutt is the president of Magnum, a worldwide photographic cooperative. He has photographed subjects around the world for many American and European publications. His work includes coverage of the Six-Day War for *Paris-Match* and *Newsweek*; coverage of politics for *Life*; and coverage of a wide range of subjects for *National Geographic*, the *London Sunday Times*, *Stern*, and *Epoca*.

*Travelog*, a collection of Mr. Harbutt's personal photographs, was published by The MIT Press and it received the Grand Prize at the Arles Festival in 1974. Mr. Harbutt was co-editor of the Magnum book *America In Crisis*, published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, and he directed the animated film "America," which won a gold medal at the 1970 Atlanta International Film Festival. He has had a one-man show at the Art Institute of Chicago and has participated in several group shows at the Museum of Modern Art and the George Eastman House.

Further information on the lecture series is available from Ava Cohn at x3-4424.



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