

In brief

A Digest of Recent Releases from the M.I.T. News Service, Room 7-204

Issued from time to time, this bulletin summarizes current news reports from the Institute's News Service. It is designed to keep the M.I.T. family informed on recent Institute activities and to suggest by

example how, as an educational service, we meet our responsibility to share with the public, by means of the national press and radio, news of interesting developments in science and engineering.

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An \$85,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant will be used for study of "The Perceptual Form of the City," a three-year research project to develop principles and techniques by which architects and city planners may design a more satisfactory urban environment. Co-directors of research will be Professors Gyorgy Kepes and Kevin A. Lynch, both of the School of Architecture and Planning.

Mr. Robert M. Kimball, Director of Business Administration since 1950, has been named Secretary of the Institute. He succeeds Professor Walter H. Gale, who will devote full attention to plans for future development at M.I.T.

New head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering is Dr. Jacob P. Den Hartog, former director of the department's Division of Applied Mechanics, and one of the world's foremost authorities in the field of mechanical vibrations.

A Jerome C. Hunsaker Professorship in Aeronautical Engineering, endowed by donors throughout the aircraft industry, has been established in honor of the emeritus professor who founded and for many years headed that department at M.I.T.

Faculty highlights: Dr. Frederick H. Norton, professor of ceramics in the Department of Metallurgy, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by the University of Toledo....Dr. Jay W. Forrester, Director of the Digital Computer Laboratory, received an honorary doctorate in engineering from the University of Nebraska.

Consulting physician Dr. James E. Means was named Acting Medical Director following the resignation of Dr. Dana L. Farnsworth, who was recently appointed Henry K. Oliver Professor of Hygiene at Harvard University.

The Fulbright Committee of the U.S. Department of State awarded scholarships for foreign study during 1954-55 to 20 M.I.T. graduate students and alumni, and grants for lecturing and research abroad to seven members of the faculty.

Administrative promotions: Assistant Treasurers are Paul V. Cusick, formerly associate director of the Division of Defense Laboratories and Division of Industrial Cooperation, and Delbert L. Rhind, who was succeeded as Bursar by the former Assistant Bursar, Wolcott A. Hokanson....Bruce F. Kingsbury, formerly assistant to the Director of Admissions, became Executive Secretary of Educational Council....Former Superintendent of Buildings and Power Carl M.F. Peterson is Director of Physical Plant, with Donald Whiston as his Executive Officer....R. Colin Maclaurin was promoted from Personnel Officer to Director of General Services.

A one-year research program on the usefulness of plastics as a housing material will be supported by a \$10,000 grant from the Monsanto Chemical Company.

Two new scholarship funds have been established - one in honor of the retired founder of the I.A.S., Major Lester D. Gardner, '98, for his many loyal services to M.I.T.... the other in memory of Dr. Irving Shaknov, who was killed in action in Korea while serving the Operations Evaluation Group, which M.I.T. operates for the U.S. Navy.

Director of the Acoustics Laboratory since 1946, Dr. Richard H. Bolt was promoted to full professor of acoustics in the ~~Physics~~ Department.

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