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A day of learning followed by a day of fun are in store for the more than 280 members of the M.I.T. Class of 1942 and their families who will be back on campus this weekend for the 25th anniversary of their graduation from the Institute.

On Saturday (June 10) they will hear a series of lectures dealing with advanced technology and its application.

Professor Raymond Bisplinghoff, head of the M.I.T. Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics and former associate administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for advanced technology, will open the morning session with a discussion of future air transportation systems that are being designed to serve an ever larger and mobile population.

Also on the morning program will be a discussion of space age communications via satellites by Professor John V. Harrington, director of the M.I.T. Center for Space Research and a widely-recognized authority on space communications.

At midday, the class members and their families will be guests at a reception in their honor at the home of President and Mrs. Howard W. Johnson.

In the afternoon, a class member, Dr. Frederick Sargent, will speak on research administration. A physician, Dr. Sargent presently is director of the Center for Humane Ecology at Urbana, Ill.

Professor Harold Edgerton of the Department of Electrical Engineering, who developed stroboscopic light for ultra-fast photography and more recently has developed methods of using sonar for mapping ocean floors, will describe his research activities.

Final speaker on the afternoon program will be Professor Robert W. Maan of the Department of Mechanical Engineering who has been working on the development of artificial

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limbs operated under command of electrical signals generated by the contraction of residual muscles.

The reunion banquet will be held Saturday evening at the M.I.T. Faculty Club, followed by an evening of dancing.

On Sunday, the graduates and their families will go to Sturbridge Village by buses for an all-day outing. The day's activities will include tours of the village and luncheon at the Treadway Inn. That evening, the group will return to M.I.T., where a special attraction will be the showing of a documentary film, "Rivers of Fire and Ice," made by a class member, Ronald E. Shanin, in Central and East Africa. A former rocket engineer, Shanin gave up his profession in 1953 to become a big game hunter and adventure film producer in Africa.

On Monday, the 1942 class will join with other graduates for the annual Alumni Day Program, devoted this year to a broad-ranging discussion of the marshalling of human resources in view of the population explosion. Speakers will include Dr. J. Herbert Holloman, Class of 1940, Acting Undersecretary of Commerce and President-designate of the University of Oklahoma; Dean Gordon S. Brown of the School of Engineering; Dr. Nathaniel H. Frank, professor of physics and a leader in the revision of vocational education for high schools; and Professor Donald G. Marquis of the Sloan School of Management.

President of the 1942 class is Jerome T. Coe of Riverside, Conn., an executive with the General Electric Co., New York City. Reunion chairman is Robert H. Rines, Boston attorney and a resident of Belmont, Mass.

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