**Students May Seek Statutory Deferrments**

Any student, undergraduate or graduate, receiving orders to report for induction must report immediately to his Local Board and ask for a "Statutory Deferral." His request should be made one full month prior to the induction dates.

Students receiving a question-naire from their Local Board should go to Room 7-102, the office of the Selective Service Committee at D-Lab and request a letter stating that they are registered and are awaiting clearance as the student; to this request a letter stating that they are enrolled in school at M.I.T. and have not been ordered to report for a physical examination. Students receiving a questionnaire from the Selective Service Committee should answer it honestly outlining his policies to his proper desk at his dormitory. In addition to his duties as Dean, Dr. Bowditch is also Chairman of the Committee on Housing at M.I.T. As such, he is very interested in the recent dormitory changes and their effect upon the student at M.I.T. All freshmen attending the Institute this year were notified prior to a better outlook on the housing for the year. In the parts of the dormitory that are not under the jurisdiction of the board, the students will have the right to appeal the decision to the dormitory board.

**Summer News in Brief**

**Gilliland Succeeds Whitman as Head of Course X**

Dr. Henry Gilliland became Director of Chemical Engineering and Associate Director of the Laboratory for Nuclear Science and Engineering. He succeeded acting Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, Dr. Elwood E. Wood, of the department who announced his retirement on July 1.

Dr. Gilliland will serve during the leave of absence of Professor Walter G. Robinson, who is now acting head of the Department of Chemical Engineering since 1934, whose appointment as visiting professor at the University of California, Berkeley, was announced at the same time. Professor Whitman succeeded William Webster.

**Dean Bowditch Airs Views On Office, Student Opinion**

"My office is always open to the students," this statement by Dean Bowditch to the students expressing the same attitude as he takes his place as Dean of the Freshmen. Dean Bowditch is right at home in Foxborough. He was born, was attending school until he entered Harvard University and received his degree in 1893. That same year he was married, and now has two sons and a daughter. While still attending Harvard, he taught athletics and science at Shady Hill School here in Cambridge.

From Lake Forest to M.I.T.

After his graduation from Harvard, Dean Bowditch took a teaching assistant at Northwestern for his high school alma mater. In 1897 he was appointed headmaster of Franklin School in Indiana. He assumed the same post in St. Paul, First School of Illinois in 1914. He remained headmaster of this school for the rest of his life. In the spring of that year when he received his appointment here at M.I.T.

Since arriving here on July 16, Dean Bowditch has been familiarizing himself with the various aspects of student life. He has met and talked to the members of the administration and faculty, and has acquainted himself with the general policies of the institution. He has transmitted his findings to the parents of all enrolling freshmen in order to obtain a true picture of each of their sons, and has sent letters outlining his policies to them. In addition to his duties as Dean, Dr. Bowditch is also Chairman of the Committee on Housing at M.I.T. As such, he is very interested in the recent dormitory changes and their effect upon the student at M.I.T. All freshmen attending the Institute this year were notified prior to a better outlook on the housing for the year. In the parts of the dormitory that are not under the jurisdiction of the board, the students will have the right to appeal the decision to the dormitory board.

**Student Opinion Will Be Sought**

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**President Killian Highlights Freshman Weekend Program**

"Old traditions never die, they just keep rising high," a high spirited freshman class gracefully received this sign of welcome displayed by Doyle Vogel, president of the Sophomore class. "Dove proudly, though reluctantly, proceeded his path. I am a senior, we were ready to assist him if necessary. Dove was then escorted to the Briggs Field flag pole where his heart, stilled with awe, was flung high above the campus, while Dove's son, Justus into the Dining Hall of Woman Memorial marched the group who displayed the pants as the flag staff.

Traditional Freshmen Week-end exercises began last Thursday morning with an assembly at one of all residences, freshmem or six to eight of the total enrollment anticipated in this year's entering class.

The week-end was inaugurated by a luncheon hour at which the freshmen were greeted by the new Students of E. S. F. Professor Bowditch, and by President Killian, '27, president of the senior class and Zeta Beta Gamma Chairman.

Species Highlight Program

The highlight of the four-day program was a welcoming address by Dr. James H. Killian, President of the Institute, at the Freshmen Dinner Thursday, where he stressed some effects of the unsettled world conditions upon the student. "Under present conditions the student who is preparing himself industrially to be an effective citizen and professional man is performing an essential service to his country. Dr. Killian continued, "you serve the college community. I would have you think rather seriously about the special responsibility which the college of the nation has in upholding our best traditions and highest ideals.

Dual Responsibility Emphasized

Besides asserting our responsibility to one another as members of a college community, "essentially a college is a group of people with a common aim ... and the effectiveness of this community depends upon the quality of the people in it and their

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**Two Year Struik Case Draws To Its Climax**

By DAVID M. WEBER

For the past two years the public has heard little of the Struik case. While the P.B.I. and other security agencies have been checking into his past activities, Director of Jon Struik, one of the foremost minds of the Institute's Mathematic department, has continued to teach Probability and Tensor Calculus, a course such as the Theory of General Relativity, a talk in the Campus House of the Graduate House in which he has been a member since 1945, and described General M as both a poet and a police detective. In the question period that followed the professor defended his belief in Marxism against all comers.

Last week Professor Struik was called for the Middlesex County Grand Jury on three charges of conspiring to disrupt the violent overthrow of the United States Government and the Communists of Massachusetts. The evidence which was involved was a secret order by Herbert A. Philbrick, an ex-Communist Party member, a former FBI agent, to the FBI. At present the Institute mathematics is free from the charges of conspiring with the FBI. Professor Struik has repeatedly denied the charges that he is a member of a treasonable sect, and feels that he can produce evidence to prove his innocence. He is awaiting reports of the alleged Communist activities of Professor Struik. On May 3, 1949, issued a statement to the press stating that he was under no charges.

"The Institute is unequivocally opposed to Communism; it is also at all times committed to the method of educating the student as a citizen, not as a political organism." It is a matter of thorough competence scholars and teachers of high integrity," Dr. Struik, who denies that he

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**British Chemists to Speak Here September 19, 21**

Under the auspices of the Department of Chemistry two British chemical men, Nobel Prize winner, and Dr. Arthur R. Todd, will lecture at the Institute this week. Wednesday, September 19, Sir Robert Robinson, who has served as head of the "Simpson Group," and Friday, September 21, Dr. Arthur Todd will talk on "Some Recent Progress in Nucleotide Research." Both lectures will be given at 4:30 in the afternoon in Room 10-36.

Sir Robert Robinson, who since 1906 has been Professor of Chemical at Cambridge University, was knighted in 1928 "in recognition of his substantial contributions to the development of Chemistry," was awarded the Nobel Prize for his investigations of biochemically important plant products. Dr. Arthur R. Todd, a former colleague of Sir Robert's at Oxford, who has since 1944 been Professor of Chemical at Cambridge, served in Germany before the war and has been associated with the University of Edinburgh, The Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, and the University of Manchester.