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**ADL Engineer Tells ASME Group About Missile Automation**

The guided missiles an essential to national defense cannot be produced expeditiously without the theoretical developments in this field are required to meet industrial practicalities, said Dr. Joseph Harrington, 20, speaking at an ASME student-faculty dinner last night at the Edward F. Miller Room at the Institute.

Dr. Harrington's hour-long speech, which included a question and answer session, dealt mainly with the application of these theories to usable industrial processes.

Dr. Harrington, Head of the Mechanical Department of Arthur D. Little, also toured on the importance of numerically-controlled or conventionally-controlled machine tools. This, he stated, was especially vital in the aircraft and missile industry, where rapidity in production time may be the determining factor in keeping the U.S. in the atomic race.

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**Rule's Letter To Voo Doo**

To the Voo Doo Managing Board:

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is an educational institution dedicated to developing young men and women not only intellectually but also as citizens of responsibility with high moral standards. It has an obligation not only to the community at large but definitely to itself.

The December issue of Voo Doo was a diorama to MIT. Vulgar and offensive to all good taste, it made students and faculty ashamed of a publication of which they would like to be proud.

The acceptance of a position on the managing board of Voo Doo is the acceptance of a challenge and a responsibility. To enter a market for pornography is a failure to discharge this responsibility.

The report of the Ad Hoc Committee on past infractions of decency by Voo Doo, together with my implementing letter, was delivered to the Voo Doo managing board on the day of the publication of the December issue. I felt, however, that the contents of the issue were so offensive that action should have been taken had there been no report from the Ad Hoc Committee. Consequently, I asked the student Judicial Committee for a recommendation for action, which, in turn, the Institute Committee, acting independently, did same. The recommendations of the Judicial Committee was that the managing board of Voo Doo be suspended and that this committee appoints to act as a new managing board.

This recommendation, however, was also presented to the Institute Committee. The Institute Committee felt that the issuance of the Ad Hoc Committee's report together with my implementing letter in fact constituted sufficient action. I shall accept this decision.

There is general agreement that there is a place for popular and numerous magazines of high standard.

Certainly, an educational institution needs the light touch, needs to build its name on the basis of excellence and not in the better for healthy satire, but this does not mean that our efforts should be spent to develop a Voo Doo magazine.

I believe that accomplishing this requires time for orientation and methods. I therefore suggest to the Voo Doo Board that it delay further publication until it can attain constructive help to develop editorial policies which will lead to a better magazine. I would suggest that it consult with as many faculty and student groups as possible and develop common problems as new available, including former board members.

John T. Rufo, Dean of Students

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