Prof. Huston Smith Featured On TV's 'Meet The Professor'

By Keith Trevrell '65
Professor Huston Smith appeared on ABC-TV's last Sunday afternoon in the first of another series of "Meet the Professors" telecasts.

For Smith, an MIT professor of philosophy, this was only one of many television appearances. Since a series of lectures on St. Louis TV 1958, he has included with three series of televised lectures and two television programs. "The taping for this program was all done in one day, and the result was probably not as good as it could have been," said Smith. This was, especially true, as equipment had to be moved about to his offices in Hayden Library, his home in Belmont, and various other locations around MIT.

New Approach Better
In spite of the difficulties, Prof. Smith expressed approval of the show in general. "It's a decided improvement over last year's format. It used to be that the doors were nothing but interviews with various professors, this approach didn't go over too well."

"On this program they showed me in personal consultation, with a seminar, and in a lecture, while I gave a commentary of sorts. The students cooperated very nicely and seemed to enjoy it." First Philosophy Professor During the program, Smith gave some of the views of the relationships among philosophy, science, teachers, and students in general, and these subjects are MIT in particular. He could speak from a rather unique position after he came to MIT four years ago he was the first permanent associate professor of philosophy since the Institute's early days.

After an introductory statement by Prof. Smith, he showed discussing the physical construction of a paper with Arthur Rogers, a graduate student in science. The commentary brought out the need of above-discussion, and the importance of relationships on the individual level.

Individuals Must Think
The scene shifted to a meeting of the senior humanities seminar, in which ideas on universal order were being turned back and forth. Smith emphasized the need for encouraging individual thinking and participation.

The next shot showed him at his home: "the life of the mind, to say anything of the spirit, needs continuous restoration. Unfortunately, I get very little solitude; I have to fight to get time to read, much less to think."

Finally, Prof. Smith was shown giving a lecture to his class on Eastern philosophies and the Vyapar. He explained his experiences as constituting one of his examples: "When the British first came there, they discovered materials being used by the Indian government. Unfortunately, I get very little solitude; I have to fight to get time to read, much less to think."

British "Intelligent"
"The British, however, are marvelously intelligent about domestic problems (Please turn to page 2)

Grades Will Be In Mail Feb. 1
First term grades reports will be mailed to the term address immediately after February 1. The Registrar has announced. The report may be sent to the student at a different address if it is called to the Registrar’s Office no later than January 21. Duplicate reports will be sent to the parents of first year students.

Transcripts with grades included will be available beginning the week of March 13, 1962, if orders are placed now. Transcripts without February grades may be ordered in the meantime.

Wynne New Associate Course XV Dean

The appointment of John M. Wynne as associate dean of the School of Industrial Management has been announced by Dean Howard W. Johnson.

Mr. Peter P. Gill will succeed Mr. Wynne as director of the school's Executive Development Programs as of February 1, 1962, Dean Johnston announced. Mr. Gill is assistant director of the Center for Studies in Industry at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Wynne has served as director of the Executive Development Programs since 1958. The Executive Development Programs include the Executive Development Program providing an academic year of graduate study for a select group of young business executives and semi-annual 10-week graduate programs for key senior business executives.

Before joining the M.I.T. School of Industrial Management, Mr. Wynne was chief civilian administrative officer of the SACRAMENTO Air Material Area at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif. During three years of service in the Pacific during World War II, he was director of Human Resource Programs, at the McClellan facility since 1941. He was a Sloan Fellow in Industrial Management at M.I.T. in the 1956-57 academic year while leave of absence from his Air Force position and received his degree in industrial management from M.I.T. at the conclusion of that year.

Foreign Students Must Report Their Addresses

The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice has issued a reminder to foreign students that they must report their address during the month of January. Foreign students are required to report changes of address by returning Form 3039, available at all Post Offices or any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The form should be returned in person to the Post Office or the Naturalization Service.

Governor Volpe of Massachusetts has designated January, 1962 as Alien Address Report Month. The purpose of the month is to alert foreign students and United States citizens of foreign birth to the need for renewal of their permanent resident alien cards. The Form 3039 is available at all Post Offices or any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Old Dominion Foundation Grants $500,000 To XXI

A grant of $500,000 from the Old Dominion Foundation of New York City to MIT's $65,000,000 Second Century Fund was announced by Dr. Killian, Chairman of the Corporation.

The grant will endow a "Young Professors' Growth Fund" in the School of Humanities and Social Science and will be called "Old Dominion Fund for the Humanities." The fund will permit young professors in the department of humanities to take periods of leave from their normal teaching duties to devote to scholarly interests.

"This grant will do much to bring to full maturity the program in the humanities which has been under development at the Institute over the past decade," said Dr. Killian.

John E. Burchard, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science, explained that the income from the fund will permit the appointment of more young assistant professors than those now available to carry on the departmental teaching duties. Their presence will thus permit every young professor in the department the chance to have two periods of leave, with pay, during the first seven years of his career.

"The Young Professors' Growth Fund is designed to solve the problem of the young professor who is torn between the desire to do a first-class teaching job and the necessity to establish a scholarly reputation," Dean Burchard said.

"These are in absolute conflict, but they certainly compete for the man's time and interest."

"The leaves-of-absence will relieve the young professor of his normal teaching duties, which occupy so much of his time, and give him the opportunity for uninterrupted pursuit of his scholarly interests. In addition, limited funds will be made available for salary support on a project or research basis, worthwhile research projects by the young man on leave."

I believe this fund offers an important example to the country. I am certain that it will have a powerful effect on our general undergraduate teaching in the humanities, on the morale of the young staff, and indeed on their future career, wherever they might be spent."

The young professors will be selected from among those in the first four years of their teaching careers, and the recipients will be given the opportunity to participate in the activities of the School of Humanities and Social Science. They will be required to devote to scholarly activity at least 50 percent of their time in any year they receive the grant in addition to their teaching and departmental duties.

LSC Seeks New Russian Speaker

Kremlin Recall Halts Menshikov Appearance

Soviet Ambassador M. A. Menshikov's lecture, originally scheduled for February 10, 1962, was cancelled because of his recall to Moscow last week. Menshikov, Ambassador to India, was scheduled for this evening in the Lecture Series Committee's annual meeting in the fjirst of its New Russian Language Series. Under the new Moscow recall, Menshikov will now arrange the lecture.

The LSSC plans to approach his replacement, who will be announced later this month, on the subject of the United States ambassador to India, who the LSSC hopes to bring to MIT for a five-week series of lectures. Menshikov, who returned from India last summer, will be replaced by an official who is able to arrange for a substitute lecture in the LSC at this time.

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