**Astronauts Study Guidance Headaches**

By John F. Brown

Astronauts were guests of MIT's Instrumentation Laboratory two Mondays ago. Alan Shepard, John Glenn, Donald Slayton, and Scott Carpenter spent two days in meetings with students on the guidance and navigation system for the Project Mercury ballistic vehicle, for putting on an eclipse on the moon.

The Instrumentation Laboratory has already been awarded nearly $8 million dollars for designing the guidance equipment for this project.

The "Boston Globe" reported that the four were able to make suggestions to the team designing the guidance equipment. They surely agreed that a greater emphasis be placed on normal controls in the space craft.

They spent much of their time with Prof. Charles D. Tolman of Astronautics and Aeronautics and students of the Instrumentation Laboratory.

-Donald Subways '46, James Lush '46, and Paul Trimmer '64 great astronaut Scott Carpenter in the Instrumentation Lab. -Photo by John F. Brown

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By Joseph Sellman

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