Major academic changes asked

By Bill Judnick

The proposal that a quarter system be adopted with normal student loads of three equal- weighted per term is among the many suggestions found in the "Interim Report" of the Committee on Curriculum Planning to the Committee of Faculty. The report was distributed to Faculty members at the close of last term.

The committee, whose chairman is Professor Jerald R. Zacharias, also went on record favoring:

1. A reduction in the number of specified core science subjects, in favor of the inclusion of elective subjects in both science and engineering. In the General Institute Requirements.

2. More flexibility in the freshman program in technical material stressed in revised reading course and the possibility of special engineering electives in the second term.

3. Project-oriented laboratory experience in the first two years, and explicit provision for free electives in the second two years.

4. Advanced placement credit from high school being retained in modified form, advanced standing procedures being altered, and overloading for credit being restricted;

5. The system becoming a departmental, rather than Institute, requirement; and that

6. A degree of Bachelor of Science without specification being awarded under appropriate circumstances.

Depth presentations

Under the proposed reform, a normal load of three subjects per term would be established with three terms comprising the academic year. The maximum credit per term would be one subject. The unit of "term subject" would be the acquiring of degree credit, 35 of which would constitute the degree requirement. All subjects would receive equal credit.

The Committee emphasized that the quarter system could be considered independently of the core course requirements, and pointed out that most of the recommendations could be incorporated into the present two-semester year. The Committee believed, however, that the student would benefit from introduction of lower subjects at a time; in-depth study; and, if necessary for the student to do many things simultaneously, the adoption of a vary-

Core subjects

The committee recommended that the specific core requirements consist of one term each of chemistry, mathematics, three terms of physics, eight terms of humanities and social science, and three terms of electives in science.

According to Dr. Ziegler, a number of human- ities or social science subjects are currently offered, or could be offered, equal subject rating indic-

The men at Belvedere "have a tendency," according to Professor Larkin, "to see the least difficult as the best possible." They "to have developed a concept-

The day closes with a reception at President McCormick's house and three galleries of the MIT Faculty Club.

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Frankel, Larkin new faculty residents

Technical material stressed in revised reading course

A developmental program pilot project for technical material will begin October 14. Mr. Gibson directed a developmental reading program at MIT last spring which concentrated equally on improving reading speed and comprehension.

Tech Coop refunds ready October 14

111.50 in Patronage Refunds will be distributed to the with the Harvard Co- operative Society at the end of this service. This is 20 percent of the total refundable to be available at Tech Coop this fall.

Mr. Gibson directed a developmental reading program at MIT last spring which concentrated equally on improving reading speed and comprehension.

This year the course will explore more technical material. This plan of approach was suggested by an evaluation of the course last year. The course last year had a success rate of 100 percent.

The course is strictly voluntary and no credit is given. The fee for the course is 25 dollars.

Payment of the twenty-five dollar fee should be made to the Cashier's Office.

The course is being offered to the students of the MIT three years ago, he was an assistant professor at Belvedere Hall.

Frankel, German-born assistant professor in the department of naval architecture, has been at MIT for three years. He received his MA and MA at the University of London, worked in Israel for a shipping firm, and came to MIT in 1958, to earn his engineering degree.

One of his aims as house master is to get more residents to participate in activities. He pointed out that at least half of the East Campus residents don't participate, "They more or less crawl into their little mole holes."

Frankel succeeds LT. William Taylor as East Campus faculty resident.

Larkin, an assistant professor of aeronautical engineering last spring, will take his position.

He has completed his MA and at the University of London, worked in Israel for a shipping firm, and came to MIT in 1958, to earn his engineering degree.

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Five awards were made to five institutions, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for their contributions to science education. The awards were the first annual awards to be made by the American Chemical Society.

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