Wulff gets award for good teaching

Professor John Wulff, who holds the Class of 1932 endowed Professorship of Metallurgy, was recently chosen for the 1964 Albert E. Austin White Distinguished Teacher Award by the American Society of Metals.

Professor Wulff currently directs 3.4. Engineering Materials.

Course VI professor visits Soviet Union under a new arrangement between countries

A Course VI professor, acting under an arrangement established by the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the US National Academy of Sciences, is spending this Fall a professional visit to the Soviet Union.

Alan H. Barrett, whose own work includes research on the design of the Mariner II investigation of the temperature of Venus, planned visits to the Lebedev Physical Institute in Moscow, and observatories in Leningrad, Abkass, and Byrakan.

Professor Barrett is expected to return to the US in late November or early December. He proceeded to the U.S.S.R. following the meeting of the International Astronomical Union in Hamburg, Germany, this summer.

A second interest of Dr. Barrett's concerns detection by radio methods of the OH radical in space; he hopes to relate this work, now being done at Lincoln Laboratories, with Soviet astrophysical efforts.

MIT library system begins replacement of Dewey numbering

The MIT library system has begun a gradual program of change towards the Library of Congress system of classification. The current system in use is the Dewey decimal system — largely numerical. The new system, which is being used in the classification of all new books received uses both alphabetical and numerical characters; it is designed to have greater flexibility.

Implementation of the change began last year in the Science, General Humanities, and Reserve Book libraries; full use of the system is not expected for a few years.


Will the ghost return?

Hanging haunts Senior House

Halloween is celebrated at Senior House partly as a crowning dram of Halloween conditions are relieved by reveling residents. Meanwhile, back on the great dome, figures resembling freshmen were seen limping inside a weird design.

Dr. Mrak speaks at dinner honoring food science work

Dr. Emil Mrak, Chancellor of the University of California at Davis, spoke at the second annual Underwood-Prescott Memorial Lecture, which honored him for his contributions to the advancement of food science.

Dr. Mrak explored the possibility of developing more efficient food industries. He discussed recent experiments on the existence of pigs, where the object was to determine the fat content of the ham to some extent.

He also alluded to the future of milk. The geneticist, he hoped, will “revise the picture with respect to concentration of fat in milk and eventually develop a strain of dairy cattle that will produce milk rich in protein and low in fat.

The population explosion will play an important part in the future of food technology, Dr. Mrak noted. The middle man (the animal processor) may be necessary to eliminate and the farmers induced to produce alfalfa or other plants high in protein so that they may be made directly into products by plant processors. Perhaps, he explained, in less than a century, animals may be inadequate meat producers, making it necessary to take the protein and other elements needed by man directly from the land for fabricating into synthetic foods.

Dr. Mrak also discussed the possibility of using grains to improve the quality of food and at the same time make mechanical processing of the growing process possible. By reproducing — say tamales, high in gluten, flavor and color, and improving the rigidity of the starch, new tomatoes would stand the abuse mechanism would impose upon them.

The food processor and the farmer have a closer relationship today than ever before, according to Dr. Mrak. This relationship must become ever closer and more intense, the food processor is confronted with farming problems more and more.

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The evening's program included introductory remarks by Dr. B. A. Godbold, Professor of Food Science at MIT: George C. Scott, President of the Underwood Company; and Dr. Eleonora J. Simon, Dean of Science at MIT.

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