movies...

By Andy Seidenfeld

Billy Wilder has done it again, or has he? That funny man who gave us such great hits as "The Apartment," "Some Like It Hot," is now trying to make use of his name on publicity for his latest film, "Kiss Me, Stupid.

The basic idea of the film is obviously to produce laughter, as a whole the audience will find this film quite funny. As far as I can see, the Tech audience will enjoy many of the jokes they will hear.

What do you think would happen if some amateur songwriters had the opportunity to sell a song to a popular recording artist by making use of one of the writer's wilder talents? Well, it happens in "Kiss Me, Stupid."

Harvard Studies relation with NASA

At Harvard a special five-man faculty committee and officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration have begun exploring the University's relation to the new $30 million space center to be built in Cambridge.

Primarily interested in getting members of the space center staff into the University, they are investigating the possibility of liberalizing their rules concerning part-time study. There seems to be little opposition to this idea at Harvard; however, they don't want Harvard simply to "provide services.

James Web, director of NASA, had originally listed proximity to Harvard and MIT as one of the main reasons for NASA's decision to locate in Cambridge. Thus a "bright, young scientist" on its staff could attend the University, they are members of the space center's staff into the University, they are members of the space center's

MIT phone system to be IEEE topic

"The Institute Telephone System" is the topic for the next meeting of the MIT Student Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Bush Room (19-106).

Professor Carlton Tucker, Department of Electrical Engineering, is scheduled to speak. He has had considerable experience with the New York Telephone system that serves MIT. Prof. Tucker was responsible for much of the internal telephone system which serves dormitories and the Electrical Engineering Department.

The first IEEE meeting next term will be on the subject of high fidelity and solid state. D. R. Van Reckhinghausen, Research Engineer at J. H. Scott, Inc., will be the speaker.

W. McTigue joins Educational Council

William H. McTigue '54 has been appointed as executive secretary of the MIT Educational Council. Announcement of the appointment was made in December by Malcolm G. Riper, Vice President for Academic Administration.

Approximately 800 MIT alumni throughout the world are members of the Educational Council, who counsel technically qualified high school students through schools and civic groups. Mr. McTigue will also have the title of Associate Director of Admissions.

McTigue's professional activity has been in the field of engineering and heavy construction. He received a bachelor's degree from Course I in 1944, and an M.S. in civil engineering from the New York College of Engineering in 1946.

Office work in Europe is interesting

SUMMER JOBS IN EUROPE

Grand Duchy of Luxembourg - The Luxemburg government invites 500 summer working in Europe next summer.

The American Student Information Service is also giving travel grants of $100 to the first 500 applicants. Paying jobs in Europe include office work, resort, sales, farm, factory, child care, and seafaring work. Application and complete details are available in a 10-page illustrated booklet.

"Kiss Me, Stupid" needs a few more piano lessons, because he certainly is not very convincing as a piano teacher.

Cliff Osmond, the other inst, also 3-quarters of the songwriting team, is the only true comedian in the film. He is actually amusing. Just watching him move around is often enough to cause the audience to start laughing. I hope that we will be seeing more of him in the future.

Felicia Farr is married to the piano teacher. She is very good looking, the most beautiful woman I have seen in several years, and fits into the film nicely.

The photography is typical, nothing out of the ordinary. The screenplay is good; it is interesting to note some of the fine details that might go unnoticed by the audience, yet invariably present in Billy Wilder films. One such example is the name of the local dairy company. The color scheme is a bit too gray, possibly because the movie is in black and white. The use of color would have undoubtedly been of great assistance in making this future more enjoyable. "Film Me, Stupid" does not have the self-effacing nature of either "One, Two, Three" or "Some Like It Hot" yet both of these pictures succeeded with cut of the use of color.

The casting is good enough that this film does neither require nor contain much real talent.

"Kiss Me, Stupid" is a funny film, but coming from Billy Wilder, one would expect it to be much better.

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