Dr. Irvin W. Sizer, MIT Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Department of Biochemistry, has recently been appointed Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Sizer will succeed Dr. Harold L. Hazen, who retires at the end of the academic year.

Dr. Sizer, who is probably best known for his studies of the fundamental properties and medical applications of enzymes, is currently doing research on the role of vitamins, especially Vitamin B6, as parts of enzyme systems.

Other research

Other research projects by Dr. Sizer is directed at discovering the role of vitamin B6 in embryonic development. He has also studied amino acid metabolism and the effects of vitamin B6 on organ culture systems, both in bacteria and in chemotherapeutics. Previous research projects concerned the role of the factors as chemotherapeutic indicators in the clotting of blood and the effects of vitamin B6 on amelioration of the toxic irritants in poisoning, for which he received an Elin award in pharmacology in 1949.

During World War II Sizer was associated with the development of enzyme biochemistry of collagen and the use of sheep gut and hoof tendons, found to be a promising tissue transplantation for the treatment of compartment syndrome. For his work, he was awarded the American Association for the Advancement of Science first War Merit Award in 1945.

Borne in Bridgewater, Massachusetts in 1930, Dr. Sizer received his BA from Brown University in 1951. He was awarded the PhD degree by Rutgers University in 1954, and was awarded a fellowship by the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Irwin W. Sizer

SIEI/C Chess Club upsets Harvard in New England Intercollegiates

MITE's Chess Club upset Harvard in the New England Intercollegiate Chess Tournament on Tuesday. The MIT team of Allen's College, Exeter, N. H., scored 16 total points against Harvard's team of Dunster House. Harvard University finished third. MIT's team was led by Professor of Mathematics Lloyd Kaufman '58, Larry Schmitt '59, Walter Hees '66, and Peter Meschter '69. The team scored 4½ in the 5round tournament, tying for individual first place in the tournament with William Robertson '67 of Harvard, and placing second ahead of fifteen teams, including Dunster House. Kaufman won second prize, Schmitt third, Hees the "B" class prize, and Rice, Schmitt '69, who also participated, the "Unrated" prize for scoring a creditable 3½ in his first tournament.

At the end of the first day of the two-day tournament, MIT had only 8½ points against Harvard's 16½ points. However, MIT was able to make up 16½ points to overtake Harvard on Tuesday. MIT's students won the game of attrition, scoring 8½ points against Harvard's 4 points. The tournament was won by the "Unrated" team, consisting of Dr. Irwin W. Sizer, MIT Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Department of Biochemistry, and former President of the Political Science department, and former President of the Political Science department, and former President of the Political Science department, and former President of the Political Science department.