Bisplinghoff did stress research
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Bisplinghoff served as Director of NASA's Office of Advanced Research and Technology. He believes that the research initiated in that time into propulsion, guidance, structures, and re-entry problems will culminate in manned planetary missions in the 1980's or early 1990's.

His governmental positions also include being chief scientific advisor to the administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency. His recommendations in this capacity led, for instance, to President Johnson's decision to initiate the controversial Supersonic Transport program.

As a government administrator, Dr. Bisplinghoff's opinions on the role of government sponsored research in universities is straightforward. Such research, he believes, has a "very important role" simply because "through a series of circumstances, it virtually supports graduate education."

Active as teacher
At present, Professor Bisplinghoff is inextricably involved in the transition from NASA's Director of Research to MIT's Chairman of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Although he plans to teach certain design and systems courses in the near future, he is currently lecturing only on his department's freshman elective.

Sigma Xi to host panel discussion

The MIT Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi is sponsoring a panel discussion on "Origin and Final State of the Universe: When will we have an answer?" The discussion on cosmology will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Mezzanine Lounge of the Student Center.

Prof. Phillip Morrison, Department of Physics, will moderate the discussion. Other members of the panel are Prof. Bernard P. Burke, Department of Physics; Dr. Hsing-Yee Chin, NASA Institute for Space Sciences; and Prof. Daniel R. Lurie, Harvard College Observatory.

The public is invited to the seminar; light refreshments will follow the meeting.

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