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Mermel, Ladd win IFC auto rally

Scott Mermel ‘68, and Gerry Ladd ‘68, drove their cars to victory in the "Seat of the Pants" and the "Cheered-up" divisions, respectively, of the IFC sports car rally, held Sunday, from the Sloan parking lot. The Rally was planned for Spring Weekend, although not a part of the weekend activities.

The Rally, a greater than fifty mile time-speed-distance event, began at 11:00 am. Two divisions raced, the "Seat of the Pants," which carried on calculating equipment of the "Cheered-up," which was allowed to carry stop watches and slide rules. A prize followed the racing events.

Winners in each division were:

'Seat of the Pants'
4. "Unsequiped!"

'Cheered-up'
1. Gerry Ladd ‘68, Driver; E. Copland, H. Einry '68, and D. Cred, Navigators. Car: Cheverolet. (1st Place)

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By Jack Katz

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Speakers

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For further information on the meeting, contact Steve Shalom ’69 (621-6922).

Entertainment highlights SW

Nearly 2,000 MIT students and their dates flocked to the many events of Spring Weekend and Wednesday. This year’s SW was set apart from those of previous years by the unprecedented number of performances. About 110 entertainers performed.

Most couples divided Friday night between the five "raft"-themed events. Of these, the '67 Brothers Four’s well-received concerts ran somewhat later than expected, but no one seemed to mind as everyone returned to the Student Center to witness the crowning of the SW Queen.

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Faculty members receive Chicago honorary degrees

Four of the twenty-six honorary degrees to be awarded by the University of Chicago at a special 75th Anniversary this Friday will go to MIT faculty members, Naom Chomsky, Salvador E. Luria, Franco Modigliani, and Robert M. Solow.

Chemistry, the Ferrari P. Ward Professor of Modern Languages and Linguistics, has revolutionized contemporary thinking about language and is considered to be at present the person exercising the most powerful influence on the teaching of the nature of the English language.

Microbiology Professor Salvador Luria, together with Max Delbruck, laid most of the foundations of bacteriophage genetics. Their study of the genetics of closely related phage particles led to a burst of activity on the part of geneticists.

Modigliani, Professor of Economics and Management, demonstrated clearly and rigorously how the macro-economic theory of prices levels and employment could be built up from the analysis of individual behavior employed in micro-economic theory.

Robert Solow, Professor of Economics, has repeatedly opened new areas of research. His work on economic growth, technological change, the integration of theories of investment and technological change, the elasticity of substitution production function, and the econometric theory of distributed lags have widely influenced subsequent study in each area.

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