

Symposium to investigate radar telescope structure

Some 200 radio astronomers, structural engineers and architects from throughout the world will meet at MIT Oct. 18-20 for an international symposium on the structures technology of large radio and radar telescopes. Papers will be presented describing work on "large dishes" in the US, USSR, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and West Germany.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together leading representatives of diverse disciplines who can contribute to the general problem of designing and building very large radio/radar telescopes that, despite their size, retain the structural integrity and shape that is vital to accurate astronomical observations. Some papers will emphasize stress analysis in complex structures. Others will deal with the instabilities that occur in radomes, the giant spherical structures used to enclose large telescopes and protect them from the elements.

The program is being co-sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and MIT. Co-chairmen are Prof. James W. Mar, Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Dr. Harold Liebowitz of the Office of Naval Research, Washington, DC. Professor Edward Purcell of Harvard University will be chairman of the opening session Wednesday morning. Provost and Institute Professor Jerome Weisner will welcome the delegates. All sessions will be held in Kresge Auditorium.

Inscomm interviews for Parents' Weekend, Spring Weekend posts

Interviews for Parent's Weekend Committee Chairman and for members of the Spring Weekend Committee will be held Thursday in the InsComm Office (W20-401). All interested persons should sign up for an interview with the secretary in the InsComm Office by tomorrow.

The elections for these positions will be at the InsComm meeting Sunday at 2 pm.

Letters to The Tech

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Collegiate Sampler

To the Editor:

Since 1960 the Collegiate Sampler program has primarily enabled thousands of student, faculty and staff members in the Boston area to save money while at school by giving free admission to theatres and plays as well as discounts at restaurants and shops.

In seven years there have been remarkably few incidents involving an establishment not honoring their contract.

We are pleased to announce that the Esquire theatre chain is at present once again honoring their contract which does expire September 30, 1968 not September 30, 1967 as previously reported by their general manager.

The statement that the Esquire theatre chain offers half price with or without a Collegiate Sampler to student, faculty or staff members appears also to be erroneous.

Although this incident at the Esquire chain was not our fault, we will still honor the Collegiate Sampler guarantee to any MIT

student who was refused admission at the Esquire chain. If he will contact us at the address in the booklet, we will offer at least one coupon of equal or greater value at no charge.

We would like to thank MIT students who notified us of Esquire's breach of contract so that we were able to have rectified the situation in a short space of time.

With every good wish for a successful and money-saving year to all Tech students.

Kenneth C. Barron for the Collegiate Sampler

Tiddlywinks

To the Editor:

Can somebody please tell me how an MIT activity can become sufficiently developed to warrant funds from Finboard? The MIT Tiddlywinks Association is sending a team to Waterloo, Canada at the end of October to the North American Tiddlywinks Championships being held in conjunction with the Univ. of Waterloo's Tenth Anniversary Week, and we were counting on Finboard's demonstrating to us that there is an

advantage to being an official MIT activity, that bureaucracy has its purpose. But no, 1½ years growing on our own, and we are not sufficiently developed, yet I know that two years ago, in order to help develop a new activity, Finboard financed the 12-man (½ our size) Debate Club to the tune of \$6,000. Moreover, I know that our organization is proudly pointed to in order to show freshmen the wide variety of activities MIT has to offer and I know also that MIT is also looking for publicity which our appearance in Waterloo (which will most likely be on Canadian National TV) will certainly provide.

More than just a gripe against Finboard, this letter is a plea to the MIT Community to help us raise the \$200-\$250 we will need to send an 8-man team to Waterloo. I appeal to any organizations on campus with some money (like the Debate Club?), but much more to my fellow-students. Anything is welcome and will be used only towards bringing the North American title back to the US.

Thanks very much.

Peter Wulkan '68

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