

3 Institute profs selected

By Mike McNamee

Three faculty members were appointed to the rank of Institute Professor, the highest academic honor at MIT, according to an announcement released Monday.

Professors Philip Morrison of the Physics Department, Walle J.H. Nauta of Psychology, and Robert Solow of Economics joined six other faculty members in the post after the faculty voted to bestow this honor. Besides the nine Institute Professors, there are currently 15 Institute Professors Emeriti.

Institute Professor is a post bestowed by the faculty in recognition of "greatness as participants in, and contributors to, the intellectual and educational life of the Institute," according to a statement made by the Committee on Educational Policy last spring.

The three latest appointments bring the number of Institute Professors appointed this year to four. Gordon S. Brown, Profes-

sor of Electrical Engineering, was made an Institute Professor on February 9, and became an Institute Professor Emeritus when he retired on June 30.

According to the CEP statement, an Institute Professor is no longer directly responsible to his department, but related directly to the Provost. An Institute Professor "does not have specific departmental or school responsibilities." The statement added, "Appointment [as an Institute Professor] provides a special opportunity to work across departmental boundaries."

Institute Professors are also granted the right to serve half-time for five years past the normal retirement age of 65.

There are usually no more than twelve Institute Professors at any one time, and the CEP recommends that this limit be maintained under most circumstances. Nominations for an Institute Professor are made by MIT faculty members, and are considered by the Academic

Council and the Chairman of the Faculty.

The Chairman and the President then appointed an *ad hoc* committee to investigate the appointment, which reports directly to the President. The faculty then considers the nomination.

A listing of the professors who have met the standards in the past may indicate what the standards really mean.

— Victor Weisskopf, appointed in 1965, former head of the Physics Department, and a recent visitor to Mainland China.

— Chia-Chiao Lin, a professor of applied mathematics was appointed in 1966.

— Nobel Prize Laureate and professor of Economics Paul Samuelson was appointed in 1966.

— Professor of Mathematics Norman Levinson was elevated in 1971.

Former Institute Professors whose status has recently changed include Professor Manson Benedict of Nuclear Engineering, and Professor Arthur Ippen of Civil Engineering have both become emeritus Institute Professors, and Professor Edwin Gilliland, Warren K. Lewis Professor of Chemical Engineering has died.

Professors Emeritus, besides those named, include Professors Jakobsen, Kepes Rossi, Schmitt, Slater, Smith, Soderberg, VonHuppel, Zacarias.

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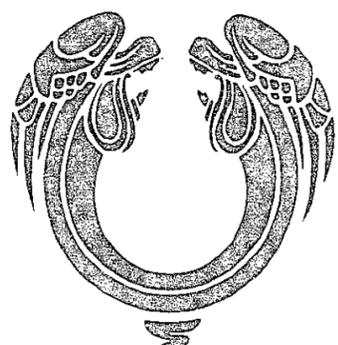
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