MIT tackles solid waste

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Elaborate plant was directed at Agency's Solid-Waste Management's sponsored under a grant of the

The research program was outlined by the two principal investigators, David Gordon Wilkson, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Stephen D. Senturia, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at the meeting held

The seminar also included the showing of a film of the construction of the several components of the model plant, and showing the operation in a working mode.

Professor Wilkson said that the recycling process being developed at MIT "offers alternative to solid-waste incineration," and could be "competitive or even less expensive" than current methods of waste disposal being used in the United States.

The system as described by Wilkson: Trash is dumped directly from the municipal packer trucks into the plant. The refuse is then passed under a series of processors which remove plastic and (Please turn to page 9)