Davenport surveys future of EE

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(changes of one's views of the world, the way we look at it and describe it, have very often been coupled to what we can build, what we can work with — on that day we'll lose something important.)

I'm not a computer scientist, but I have been around the periphery of the field for years, and it's very interesting to see how the views of you can and can't do evolve with the state of the art in memory and devices. The change from relays to vacuum tubes to transistors to integrated circuits to large scale devices is very fast. You can't evolution.

In the change from core to active integrated circuits to large scale devices, we've seen the evolution of things you want to do that you didn't think of before.

The Tech: What do you see ahead for the department?

Davenport: Some time ago, one of the things that disturbed me was that a number of our seniors got to graduation time and in fact didn't really know of our faculty on a close basis. This breeds a certain feeling of panic at that time because of the question of getting references. I've been concerned over a somewhat different issue, that while we have UROP and project labs, as well as an undergraduate thesis, we in fact didn't really know of any of our faculty on a close basis. This breeds a certain feeling of panic at that time because of the question of getting references. I've also been concerned about the doing of engineering, as opposed to the studying about the doing of engineering.

I would like to see our education get the students more involved with the doing of technical work. I'm talking about getting into situations where part of the problems. Sometimes they are technical, sometimes they are social.

Take the cable TV business for example, I would like to see our students have hands on experience with that kind of thing. I would like them to be involved with other people working on problems, and people at all levels from technician on up to professional.

Frat door emblems taken

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nameplate Friday night.

"We heard a noise and looked out the window," said Steve Beiler '77. "There were three guys running down the street." Several BTPi's gave chase, but they could not catch the culprits.

By Monday morning, BTPi's reached had signs that were not intended. Several nameplates were gone. Of the houses not hit, most did not have a nameplate to be stolen. Only four fraternities reached had signs that were not touched.

Several nameplates are reported to have been stolen by the BU raid five or six years ago. At that time, someone was able to identify a car used to get away, and the car was traced to BU. The BU police cooperated with us, taking it up among their fraternities, and eventually five of the nameplates were returned.

No such lead has been found at this time, according to Oliveri, who plans to contact the BU police and notify them of the recent wave of thefts. "We've worked together on a number of things like this in the past," he commented. "We've helped them get a few flags back from MIT people."

Most of the house reported little damage done, aside from the theft of the nameplates. Of the other universities in the area that were contacted, none had received reports of thefts of a similar nature from their fraternities.

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