Press cited for science policy contributions

By Sarah Bingman

"We are sorry he's leaving; we wish him well and the best of luck to him and the National Academy of Sciences for the next six years," offered Francis E. Low, Provost and moderator of a symposium in honor of Frank Press last Friday in Kresge Auditorium.

Press, Institute Professor, former Head of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, and former Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and science advisor to former President Carter, will assume the presidency of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) this July.

John G. Sclater, Professor of Marine Geophysics, and Irwin I. Shapiro, Professor of Geophysics and Physics, spoke at the symposium of their association with Press as well as their respective fields of research. Jerome B. Wiesner, President Emeritus and Institute Professor continued by addressing problems facing Press and the NAS.

"He has done a wonderful job setting up joint programs at Woods Hole and MIT, and he's the right person to continue his optics endeavor," said Sclater. He also praised the high standards that Press achieved in the department and the Woods Hole program.

Sclater's technical talk on plate tectonics was entitled "Oceans and Continents: Similarities and Differences in the Mechanisms of Heat Loss," in which he discussed thermal boundary layers and heat convention.

Shapiro thanked Press for his support in research projects, and credited Press with the encouragement necessary to support in research projects, and convention.

The location will be used by MIT for the Zeta Psi fraternity.

According to Bruce Pritchard, spokesman for Revolution Books, "For them, it's a small victory, substantial but not significant." Presently, the store has no definite place at which to relocate. Pritchard noted that when the movers came Monday morning, they removed the red flag from the store. When they asked where they should bring it, they were told to "bring it to Central Square." It was delivered in the square next to supporters of the store. Pritchard noted that the flag is like the issue at hand. "It may temporarily be seized, but the red flag will reappear in the hands of the people." - Kenneth Snow

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Revolution Books was evicted yesterday morning from its store at 233 Massachusetts Avenue.

The store was occupied by MIT for the Zeta Psi fraternity.

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“Through a Lens Brightly: Gravitational Images in Space,” the subject of Shapiro’s talk, concerned images in space caused by massive bodies. Shapiro’s speech included the history of the theory and its founders’ trials and triumphs.

Wiesner praised Press for his many interests outside of science, his “amusing intellect,” and his “many contributions,” especially the joint Woods Hole degree program. He recalled that Press decided to accept a professorship at MIT only after “he fell in love with the students” during a visit.

Wiesner listed many of Press’s accomplishments with both foreign and domestic governments. Wiesner thanked him for initiating technological exchanges, especially with China, and for increased scientific and technical understanding with Russia. As to Press’s contributions to improving respect for science in America, Wiesner commented, “He has played an important role in bringing the role of science advisor back into important issues.”

However, “The government doesn’t want advice,” Wiesner warned, reflecting on budget cuts in the National Science Foundation.

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