STS forum honors move

By Ivan Fong

Calling for a bridge in the gap in understanding between scientists and laymen, John M. Ziman, Professor of Physics at the University of Bristol, spoke on "Science, Technology, and Everyday's Life," before an audience of sixty at yesterday morning's Science Technology Symposium. The panel discussion, as part of today and today's symposium dedicating the opening of Building E51 on the program's new offices, was chaired by James K. R. Killian, Jr., '26, former MIT president and chairman of the Corporation.

Ziman began his talk by outlining models of the scientist's and public's perception of the research and development process. He claimed that scientists must be more aware of the social and technological implications of their work, while also understanding that risks often must be taken in directions of research in which the end result is unclear. The public, on the other hand, must expect scientific research and development to produce instant solutions to complex problems.

The second speaker, Robert A. Charpie, president of the Cabot Corporation, spoke from a businessman's point of view. For every man, according to Charpie, "expectations of great things from technology gives business its drive." The businessman capitalizes on the public's desire for the improvement of the human condition and instant value judgments of new technology to venture and follow new technology.

Dan K. Price, Dean and Weatherhead Professor of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, was the first of two documentaries. He commented that (please turn to page 7)