Graduation today
1620 students to receive degrees
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Today, beginning at 10 am, MIT will bestow 1798 degrees in 1620 students at its 116th commencement exercises.

At the commencement, an unidentified student will release the number of students who had planned to graduate but were re- grettably not. The MIT Information Office stated Wednesday that 1695 seniors and graduate students would receive degrees. That afternoon, the faculty met to officially consider degree recommendations.

The ceremony will begin with an academic procession starting outside MIT's 77 Massachusetts Avenue entrance. Principals, Guests of Honor, Corporation Members, and the Faculty will lead the graduates to Killian Court.

Katherine Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Company, will deliver the first MIT commencement address given by an outsider since 1963. The previous eighteen commencement addresses were presented by MIT's President. Following Graham's speech, President Paul E. Gray '54 will briefly address the graduates and confer each graduate's degree. As each stu- dent receives a degree, the student's name will be announced in the year of this or her school.

Rev. Robert Marant, CSP, religious counselor for MIT's Catholic community, will deliver the invocation. Music for the academic procession will be provided by a brass ensemble led by Herbert Philipps. Kilman Court music will be provided by the John Oliver Charade, led by its founder, and a brass ensemble led by John D. Cortley, Jr.

This year's commencement marks a century since William Marvin Rogers, MIT's founder, collapsed and died during a commencement address in 1882. A public exhibition in his honor is now open in the Margaret Hutchins Compton Gallery, room 10-150.

Today's exercises are the fourth held outdoors in modern times. Previous commencement sites included MIT's Rockwell Cage and Symphony Hall in Boston.