

## Toomre receives MacArthur award

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He had been accepted at the California Institute of Technology, which was considered to have the best aeronautical engineering program, but chose instead to accept a Marshall Scholarship to attend the University of Manchester in England. At Manchester, Toomre reasoned, he would not have to attend classes, but could begin doing research immediately.

Three years later, at the age of 23, Toomre returned to the United States with a PhD in fluid mechanics. MIT was recruiting people who could teach applied mathematics, and Toomre entered the Institute's mathematics department for what was originally intended to be a two-year stint.

The first two years were trying,

especially as he had to teach some subjects he had never studied, and was hard-pressed to stay a few lessons ahead of his students, but he discovered that he enjoyed teaching.

He returned to MIT for good after a year at Princeton University.

Although a member of the mathematics department, Professor Toomre does extensive research in theoretical astronomy. The bulk of his work is on the dynamics of galaxies, and he has published many articles on that subject.

Of the prize, he said, "It's a wonderful antidote to middle-age depression." Perhaps the most gratifying fact for him is that the professional astronomers recognize Alar Toomre, a mathematician, as "one of them."

## Committee to review MIT alcohol policy

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use and abuse."

Dartmouth, like MIT, requires large social events that are advertised to be registered in the campus police office. Smaller parties need not be registered.

An extreme example of students rejecting restrictions on the use of alcohol occurred this year at Illinois State University at Normal. Last June the Normal Town Council passed an ordinance that requires parties for more than 300 people to be fenced in and

prohibits kegs of beer to be sold or transported after 10 pm. Undercover police officers visited campus parties to make arrests for the sale of alcohol to minors.

1000 of ISU's 20,000 students rioted through the town to protest the restrictions. Chanting "We want beer," they stopped traffic, tore down street signs, vandalized university property, and threw beer bottles, eggs, and rocks at police and passing cars. Police finally dispersed the crowd with tear gas.



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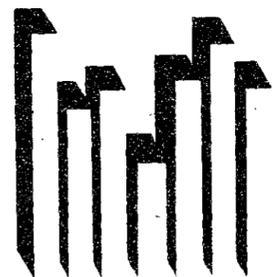
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