Math, Physics, to offer VI options

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and it will involve many of the people in experimental physics, the people they need in industry, Lazarus said.

This option could also appeal to potential EECs majors who are interested in physics.

The Department of Mathematics is developing a degree which could appeal to students interested in mathematics and computer science.

The Committee on Curriculum approved the mathematics department's alternative in Course VI, a new degree entitled "Bacher of Science in Mathematics with Computer Science," according to Chairman James R. Guttag, a mathematics professor.

The Committee on Educational Policy, the faculty, and the MIT Corporation must approve the proposed mathematics program before it can become a degree. This is because, unlike the physics option, the mathematics program is not just an option for an existing degree.

"The program is an alternative for people who, while interested in math and computer science," be said.

The new degree is "not a joint program with Course VI," Munkres said. The program was developed by Assistant Professor Thomas Leighton and Associate Professor Michael Sipser, who both specialize in theoretical computer science in the mathematics department.

"The VI-3 committee felt the proposed program would offer students a solid education in the core of computer science and en-
courage the mathematics department to proceed," said Associate Professor John V. Guttag, chairman of the Curriculum VI committee.

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