IN HARMONY AT RLE'S CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS GROUP

Administrative Assistant Susan E. Nelson finds her busy position interesting and enjoys the varied nature of her work in RLE's Circuit and Systems Group. (Photo by John F. Cook.)

SHORT WAVES ......

In December 1991, Research Specialist Giovanni Alberti of the Digital Signal Processing Group was married to Darliette Simoes in a ceremony performed by the bride's father in Brazil. The couple is residing in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Works by Senior Technical Illustrator Robert H. Priest were part of a show by four new artists at the Akin Gallery in Boston. The show, which ran through March 3rd, was reviewed in "The Boston Globe" (February 27, 1992): "Robert Priest juxta-poses illustrational, linear drawings atop luxuriously painted grounds, implying an intimate relationship between disparate modes."

Thomas R. Westcott (3A), a participant in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), taught a class in American Sign Language during the Independent Activities Period. Tom's many activities to promote interaction with...
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A fresh supply of RLE coffee mugs is now available. Newcomers to RLE can pick up their free mugs when they sign in at the Headquarters' front desk (36-413). Extra mugs can also be purchased in the Document Room (36-412) for $4.00 each. Personal checks and MIT account numbers will be accepted.

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the hearing impaired were featured in Tech Talk (February 12, 1992). His UROP project in RLE's Sensory Communication Group involves hearing aid research. Tom has also teamed up with Corinne A. Bickley, a Visiting Scientist in the Speech Communication Group, to teach a sign language seminar that also addresses cultural issues associated with the hearing impaired.

Professor Daniel Kleppner and David E. Pritchard were inducted into MIT's Quarter Century Club on March 24, 1992. Professor Kleppner is RLE's Associate Director, and both he and Professor Pritchard are affiliated with the MIT Physics Department and RLE's Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics Group.

Administrative Officer Donna Maria Ticchi has been appointed to MIT's Administrative Advisory Committee. The committee was formed in 1987 by MIT's administrative vice presidents. It serves as a liaison with the MIT community to provide a forum to exchange information and ideas on administrative matters.

Facilities and Safety Officer Gerard F. Power received a Citizen Recognition Award from the MIT Campus Police on May 7, 1992, in appreciation of his outstanding assistance and community service.

IN MEMORIAM

Esther D. Grande of Hyde Park, 77, died suddenly on February 13, 1992. In 1958, Esther joined RLE as a Technical Typist and was promoted to Editorial Assistant in the Lab's Publications Office. She retired from RLE in 1982. Esther is remembered for her generous efforts to help the needy. For many years, she was a volunteer tax consultant for the American Association of Retired Persons in Hyde Park. She is survived by her son, Millard De Voll, and brother, George Dahlberg.

Donald S. "Ducky" Thibodeau, 71, died March 11, 1992. He served RLE as a Utility Driver and Technician from 1963 through 1976. He transferred to the Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory in 1976 and retired from MIT in 1985. Funeral services were held on March 14th at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. He is survived by four sons, Donald S., Jr., Richard, Steven, and William Thibodeau, and ten grandchildren. (1964 file photo)

Community Service Fund

Publications Assistant Mary Greene is RLE's solicitor for the Community Service Fund (CSF) this year. The CSF seeks to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between MIT and the Cambridge community by providing financial assistance to support MIT people in their voluntary activities in the community. Last year, the fund raised $57,000. Please take this opportunity to help those who help others and respond to Mary's request with your generous contribution.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

In January, the Plasma Fusion Group said goodbye to Edward W. Fitzgerald, Jr., a thirty-one-year veteran of the group. Ed, a member of RLE's Sponsored Research Technical Staff, has worked on the Versator project since it began in 1976. Now that the Versator project is finished, Ed has joined the staff at MIT's Plasma Fusion Center.

After fifteen years at MIT (thirteen with RLE), Maintenance Mechanic Edward R. Lavoie and wife Abbie celebrate on the occasion of Ed's retirement. The couple plans to travel across the U.S. and visit several national parks, including a return trip to Alaska.

Part-time Senior Staff Assistant, Kerry L. Gafney joined the Plasma Physics Group on March 9, 1992, working for Professor Bruno Coppi. A native of Patchogue, New York, Kerry attended the State University of New York at Potsdam and then transferred as an exchange student to the University of Hawaii at Oahu. After earning a bachelor's degree in Asian and Pacific Island History in December 1986, Kerry worked at Oahu's Mission House Museum (where James Michener researched his novel, Hawaii) and moved to Boston in November 1991. She enjoys swimming, reading and sight-seeing, and hopes to continue her education in history. (Photo by John F. Cook)

When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, then it must be true for the RLE Secretaries' Day Luncheon! RLE's Support Staff gathered for their annual pizza luncheon on April 22nd to celebrate Professional Secretaries Week. From left: Administrative Assistant Dorothy Fleischer, Administrative Secretary Nora Lusingo, and Administrative Assistant Cindy LeBlanc. (Photo by John F. Cook)

From left: Professors Mildred Porokof and Bruno Coppi, Ed, and Professor George DeKleef with a picture of the Versator reactor. (Photo by John F. Cook)

RLE undergraduates

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(Photos by John F. Cook)

Friends and family celebrate at the 1991 RLE Holiday Party last December. On the left, Research Specialist Jimmy Carter, Facilities Officer Gerry Power, Senior Staff Assistant Janet Bailey, Sponsored Research Technical Staff Ed Fitzgerald, and former RFE Harry Gay share the holiday spirit. On the right, it's a family affair as Principal Research Scientists Charlotte Wood and Pat Zador (mom and dad) dive into a five-foot-long sub sandwich with son John. (Photos by Dave Foss)

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