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In the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Professor Stever succeeds Professor Joseph H. Keenan, '22, who has resumed full-time teaching and research; and in the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering he succeeds Professor Laurens Troost, who retired in 1960 to return to Holland.

Professor Stever received his doctorate in 1941 at the California Institute of Technology and first came to M.I.T. as a member of the Radiation Laboratory's staff. He was formerly chief scientist of the U.S. Air Force, was associate dean of the School of Engineering from 1956 to 1959, and is currently president of the Institute of the Aerospace Sciences, Inc.

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Professor Zimmerman has been a member of the Faculty since 1946 and is associated with Professor Samuel J. Mason, '47, of two recent books, *Electronic Circuit Theory and Electronic Circuit Systems*, and *Systems*.

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