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MEET OUR DEAN OF CURRICULA



Dean Lawrence E. Kinsler

The position, "Dean of Curricula," created in October of 1962 by RADM Dornin is held by a man very active in the field of Physics and a man who doesn't waste a minute of his spare time. He is the energetic Professor Lawrence E. Kinsler.

Besides his teaching duties, he now has the added responsibility of insuring that courses and curricula are developed and taught to satisfy academic and curricular requirements. He is a man most capable of carrying out this job.

Professor Kinsler, born in Los Angeles, attended the California Institute of Technology, receiving his BS degree in 1931 and PhD in 1934. From there he went to Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida until 1941 when he was called to active duty in the Naval Reserve, serving at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Four short years later

he became head of the Physics division.

He joined the faculty of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in 1946 and has held the rank of Professor of Physics since 1949.

Professor Kinsler also holds the rank of Captain in the Naval Reserve since 1956 and served as Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Reserve Research Company 12-8 from 1956 to 1959.

His primary work at the Postgraduate School has consisted of developing courses and guiding research in the fields of underwater acoustics and sonar. As an academic associate for numerous curricula he has assisted in the development of various curricula in underwater acoustics, mine warfare, and anti-submarine warfare.

In conjunction with Dr. Frey, he wrote the textbook, "Fundamentals of Acoustics" which merited a second edition in 1962.

He was honored in 1961 by his scientific colleagues and elected to the position of "Fellow" by the Acoustical Society of America. Tau Beta Pi, an Engineering Honorary Fraternity, Sigma Xi, and the American Association of University Professors all claim him as a member.

As busy a man as he is with his life's work, he is no less industrious in his private life. With the aid of his wife, Kathleen, he designed their home in Pebble Beach, cleared the land, and did much of the finishing work on the house. Their beautiful, well-planned home was given a full page spread in the Monterey Peninsula Herald in 1959.

As an author of two books on acoustics he is frequently asked questions on how to install the ideal stereo sound system in one's home. In order to answer such questions he, of course, found it necessary to build such a system into his own home. To quote him, "It sounds better than the real thing when operated at the proper level of loudness,

which unfortunately is always slightly louder than that appreciated by my wife."

Currently he is completing a pitch-and-putt golf course on the grounds of his home believed to be the only private golf course on the Peninsula. His wife is amused at his enthusiasm on this latest project since golf is not his favorite sport although he has played for many years.

A sportsman all his life, he gathered up several silver cups racing the Naval Academy's Spindrifft and Highland Light. While at the Academy, he also captured the Officers' Club Tennis Tournament trophy for 1941. Later, both in 1957 and 1958 he won the Postgraduate School's Tennis Tournament.

Still another of the Kinsler's interests is travel, having been to Europe, South America, and Australia. They aren't stopping now, however, but are currently planning a trip around the world.

Mrs. Kinsler leads an equally active life having served as treasurer, director, and president of the Staff Wives Club. Liking sports as much as her husband, she has brought home trophies in golf and bowling. It was Mrs. Kinsler who solved some house-keeping headaches in designing their home thereby meriting the story in the Herald. Her kitchen has been described as "ideal" and her cooking as "delicious." Other interests that fill up her time are gardening, dress design, and ceramics. Being a member of the Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Service, she spends a good bit of time on welfare work.

I feel that I have met a man most devoted to his work, a man who relaxes by doing, whether it's finishing up his golf course or improving his home, but always a man on the go. I hope you can meet him too.

—Mary Ann McCloskey

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