

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Minutes of Meetings

Computer Section

October 27, 1971:— The Section meeting was called to order at 7:45, by Al Rimer, Section Chairman, at the Boston Playboy Club. About 55 people were present. Al urged all present who were not currently on the Section's mailing list to fill out and leave a card at the door. With no further business besides the evening's speaker, the Chairman turned the meeting over to the writer.

Robert Logcher introduced the speaker, Dr. James N. Jackson of Engineering Computer International, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his topic, "Computerized Cost Estimating". Dr. Jackson spoke for 45 minutes, describing the problem of cost estimating and ways in which a computer

could improve this process. He described a system developed for and by Smith, Henschman and Grylls in Detroit, an architectural engineering firm. Input, hierarchical project description and development and a variety of cost report facilities were illustrated. A lively discussion period followed the end of the talk.

Al Rimer closed the meeting at 9:00 after announcing the next meeting on November 17 at the M.I.T. Faculty Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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