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Owen Death

April 21, 1959

To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to announce the death of Professor Emeritus George Owen on April 21 in Newton Centre. Well known in the yachting world as a ship designer and racer, he taught in the Institute's Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from 1915 to 1941.

A native of Cambridge, Professor Owen received the S.B. degree from M.I.T. in 1894. He was associated for a short time with the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company in Rhode Island, famous builder of yachts, and in 1907 began an independent career in shipbuilding and designing. By 1915, when he joined the Institute faculty, he had designed and raced several championship yachts. He designed the "Atlantis," research ketch of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Professor Owen's dinghies were introduced by the M.I.T. Nautical Association and are now widely used for collegiate racing. In appreciation for his enthusiastic support, the M.I.T. Nautical Association in 1940 established the George Owen Trophy.

Professor Owen is survived by two children, George Jr. of Milton and Mrs. Florence O. Preble of Addison, Maine.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Second Church in Newton, Highland St. The family requests that no flowers be sent.

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