

# Alumni News

## Winter Dinner Meeting

*Life* wrote, "Few maritime exploits in history have so startled the world as the silent, secret trans-polar voyage of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine *Nautilus*, and none since the age of Columbus and Vasco daGama has opened, in one bold stroke, so vast and forbidding an area of the seas." Aboard the *Nautilus* on this epic undersea cruise marking the opening of the fabled Northwest Passage was an all-inertial navigation system built by Autonetics and Autonetics' man to see that it functioned properly — Tom Curtis.

Mr. Curtis will be the speaker for this year's Winter Dinner Meeting of the Caltech Alumni Association to be held at the Rodger Young Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Thursday, January 22. His talk, titled "96



Hours Under the Polar Ice," will give a first-hand story of the *Nautilus* voyage and sister submarine *Skate's* subpolar excursions.

At Autonetics, Mr. Curtis is Section Chief of Guidance System Test Engineering, with responsibility for the supervision of the engineering assembly, test and evaluation of inertial navigation systems. He is a 1939 graduate with a BS in EE from the University of California. During World War II, he was officer-in-charge of the Combat Information Center on the flagship, *USS Augusta*, in the North African, Normandy, and Southern France Campaigns, and now holds the rank of Lt. Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve.

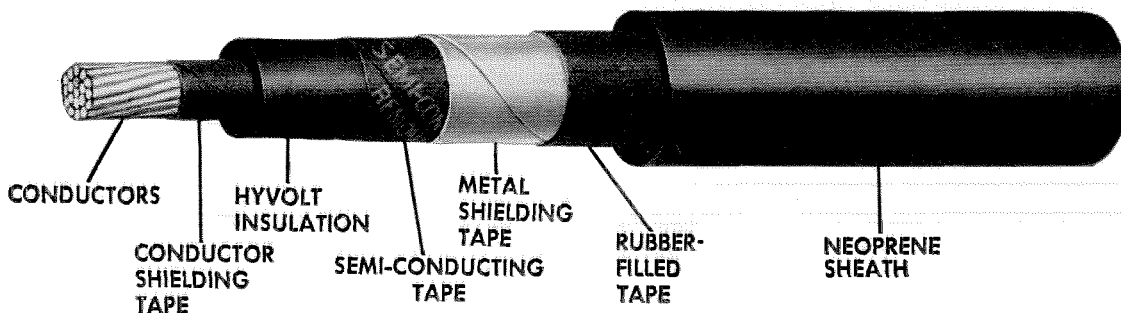
— Hiroshi Kamei, Chairman

## Dinner Dance

The Annual Alumni Dinner Dance will be held again this year at the Candlewood Country Club at 14000 Telegraph Road in Whittier on Saturday, March 7. The bar in the poolside lanai opens at 7 p.m. A fried chicken dinner will be served in the Gold Room at 8 p.m. The Candlewood Country Club Orchestra, the same that you danced to last year, will play for dancing during dinner and for the evening. If your party prefers to come for the dancing only, join the party at 9:30. Notices will be mailed late in January.

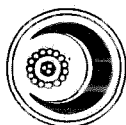
— Howard G. Preston, Chairman

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