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## NEW DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

A new Department of Statistics has been created at the University of Michigan. The faculty of this Department for the 1969–70 academic year includes, C. B. Bell. R. Berk (on leave), P. S. Dwyer, W. A. Ericson, B. M. Hill, V. Kurotschka. R. J. Owen, E. Rothman, N. Starr and M. B. Woodroofe. The Department will offer courses of study leading to both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Statistics, including degree programs similar to those offered for many years through the Department of Mathematics. For further information concerning the Department of Statistics, its courses and degree programs, write: The Chairman, Department of Statistics, The University of Michigan, 1447 Mason Hall, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48104.

## MATHEMATICS RESEARCH CENTER AT NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

Dr. Alan Berman, Director of Research at the Naval Research Laboratory, has announced the establishment of a Mathematics Research Center within the Laboratory's Mathematics and Information Sciences Division. The move reflects the increasing importance of mathematics to Navy-oriented research. The mission of the new Center will be to conduct research in areas of mathematics that are vital to a complete understanding of physical and scientific phenomena governing the Naval environment. Among the initial areas of investigation will be functional analysis, ordinary and partial differential equations, special functions, approximation theory, functions of a complex variable, diophantine approximations, stochastic processes, control theory, and numerical methods. When fully staffed, the Center is expected to consist of about 10 permanent members and an equal number of term appointees, primarily holders of sabbatical appointments from universities and other government laboratories. A limited number of term appointments will also be available to outstanding young Ph.D.'s. In making the announcement, Dr. Berman noted that the Center would strengthen ties between government laboratories and the mathematics research community.

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