Dr. Marvin Wilkening, Dean of the Graduate School at Tech presented an enlightening view of Enrico Fermi and his associations with him on the Manhattan Project. His personal reminiscences were appreciated by a broad spectrum of the Tech community who packed the Weir lecture hall to hear a glimpse of the great physicist. Dr. Wilkening spoke briefly on the role of metallurgy as it related to the uranium fuel rods and other aspects of the first reactor design.

During the latter part of the summer of 1976, Dr. Marc Meyers also presented a view of shock loading research in Brazil. Dr. Meyers, formerly an Associate Professor in the Materials Science Department at the Institute Militar de Engenharia in Rio de Janeiro and now on the faculty of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, also discussed some new theoretical and experimental approaches to shock wave propagation in polycrystalline metals.