

IN MEMORIAM: JAN BLOM (1927 - 1980)

Seven months after the death of Hendrik Mol we, once again, had to say a definite fare-well to a member of the staff of our Institute, Jan Blom, 52 years of age.

After finishing his studies as an electrical engineer at the Technological University of Delft Jan Blom worked, together with Mol, with the National Postal, Telephone, and Telegraph Services (PTT). And together with Mol he started his work at the University of Amsterdam in 1959 as a member of the staff of our Institute. Their technological contribution left a clear mark on the experimental character of the Institute. Because of his wide technical and statistical knowledge applied to phonetics, Jan Blom officiated as a versatile tutor for the whole new incoming staff during many years.

But we, his colleagues, shall remember him in another way as well: Jan Blom, the obsessed illusionist, parapsychologist, juggler, ventriloquist, ball-room dance champion, mountaineer, wanderer in the deserts, astray for ever in search of absolute perfection.

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