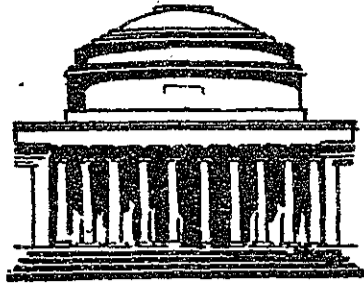


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## Musician's Poll In Swing Journal Ranks Band High

Sophomore Dance Band Judged Above Cab Calloway, Don Redman

Choral Effects to Support Kathleen Lane, Star Singer

Cocktail Bar Will Be Placed At Dancers' Disposal For Evening

Glenn Miller and his orchestra, who will furnish the music tonight at the annual Sophomore Dance, have the distinction of having ranked high in the recent poll which was conducted by Downbeat, the professional magazine of swing musicians.

The poll, which gave the professional musicians an opportunity to express their opinions about the popular bands of today, showed Miller's orchestra ranking well above many bands such as Cab Calloway, Don Redman, and Louie Armstrong. In the individual players' ranking the band ranked well too with the first saxophone player ranking among the first ten in the country and several other members winning individual honorable mention.

### Dance to Have Ideal Setting

The roof of the Parker House has been engaged for the dance and will furnish an ideal setting. Being fifteen stories high and entirely glassed in, the ballroom will afford an excellent

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Soph Dance

## Alumni Council Makes Plans For Gym Drive, Alumni Day Activity

Professor Hunsaker Speaks On Industrial Conditions In Germany

Organization plans for the alumni gym drive were discussed Monday by John E. Burchard, 23, vice chairman of the alumni drive, at the meeting of the alumni council.

The alumni drive is still in a preparatory state, and the plans discussed were of intensive concentration upon geographical areas.

It was decided that Alumni Day activities on June 6 would center about Rogers building, as a farewell from the men who have known it.

### Hunsaker Speaks on Germany

Professor Jerome G. Hunsaker told of the industrial activity which he observed on his recent trip to Germany. He said that there was a tremendous amount of research in progress in the physical sciences, especially in the fields which pertain to Germany's plan of self-sufficiency. Although there was obvious regimentation of manpower, he claimed, the people seemed to be satisfied.

## Chemical Engineers To See Oil Refinery

Two visits to the refinery of the Colonial Beacon Oil Company are planned by the Technology branch of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to take place on the afternoons of December eighth and fifteenth.

These groups will be the first groups to visit that plant in over twelve years. As each group is limited to only twenty men, those wishing to go should sign up on the course X bulletin board as soon as possible.

## Tech Open Forum Debates Religion

Dean Sperry of Harvard Argues Orthodox Religion With Donald Lathrop

That progress in science adds not to the glory of man for having discovered, but to the glory of God for having created was asserted by Dean Sperry, of Harvard, at the Tech Open Forum held Wednesday at 5:00 o'clock in Room 4-270. The topic of the debate was "Whether or Not Orthodox Religion is Necessary in the Formation of a Well Balanced Philosophy of Life." Willard L. Sperry, Dean of the Harvard Divinity School upheld the affirmative, Donald G. Lothrop, leader of the Community Church of Boston, the negative.

By way of introduction to the above statement Sperry said that we believe we discover nature's laws but "the uniformities of nature are there in advance." Lothrop's line of reasoning was: God by definition is an explanation of the unknown. As science advances we begin to interpret the unknown in terms of the known. Thus "God is on the defeat."

A question which arose later was, "Would the process of thinking cease if all humans should be obliterated?" Sperry's answer was No, that there is an eternity of thought. He said that "God means nothing more than the spirit and wisdom of the universe." He also stated that God is not to blame for any of the catastrophes that may befall us.

Lothrop opposed the necessity of religion citing Buddhists, Confucianists, the Stoics of Greece, and the

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Open Forum

## New Subscription Campaign Will Be Held By Technique

Technique will launch a new subscription campaign on Monday, December 6. The Seniors will lead the plan by delivering talks at the fraternity houses that evening. Salesmen will be selected at each house to solicit business, and a free copy of Technique will be awarded to those houses whose sales exceed sixty percent. This is to be followed up the next day in the main lobby.

Subscriptions may be had upon either the payment of four dollars or by signing a Bursar's pledge. These may be delivered to the fraternity representatives or in the lobby.

## Talks On Safety Given At A. I. E. E. Meeting

Economic and Practical Aspects Discussed by Speakers

Safety was the main topic of discussion at the meeting of the student branch of the A. I. E. E. last night. The meeting was opened with a talk by Professor Samuel H. Caldwell on the "Economic Aspects of Safety," and was concluded by a talk on "Safety Policies in the New England Power Association," given by Mr. John P. McCann, Safety Manager of that association.

Professor Caldwell spoke of the definition of an engineer and went on to tell of his need for safety, pointing out that the real cost of an accident is four times that of the actual apparent loss. Mr. McCann told of actual experiences in his company with the need of safety and answered questions from the floor when he had finished.

## "Father, Dear Father, Come Home With Me Now!"



Famous line from Dramashop's "Ten Nights in a Barroom"—Lisa Minevitch, '42, as Mary Morgan and James J. Sander, G, as Joe Morgan, her father.

## Dramashop Opens With Performance Of Saloon Drama

"Ten Nights In A Barroom" Plays to Large Audience First Night

Free Beer Served After Play

Playing to a near capacity audience, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," Dramashop's first major production of the year, opened last night at the Rogers Building, Boston. The performance will be repeated tonight and Saturday evening.

When the play was over, free beer was served to the audience; and the cast, responding to curtain calls, came to the fore to lead the audience in several rousing songs popular during the Gay Nineties, the period during which the action of the play took place. The songs, "Sidewalks of New York," "Bicycle Built For Two," and others, were printed on mimeographed sheets which had been distributed among the audience. Free beer will again be available after the performances tonight and Saturday.

In brief the plot deals with the age when Carrie Nation waged her swinging-door war with a hatchet. The production attempts to show the

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Dramashop

## THE TECH Inquires

Do you think the United States should invoke the Neutrality Act in the Far East war?

Burnett M. Pitt, 7 Kingsdale St., Dorchester, V, '40.

No. Non-participation in the undeclared war would be neutrality. If the United States should invoke the Neutrality Act against China and Japan, the latter would gain, a state of affairs which is not neutrality.

Joseph J. Casey, 328 Ashmont St., Dorchester, X, '40.

No, the Neutrality Act should not be invoked unless a state of war officially exists, which is not the situation. In any case the less we have to do with foreign troubles the better.

Frank J. Kearny, 241 Kent St., Brookline, II, '38.

No, to invoke such an act would immediately show sympathy toward Japan, in fact if not in theory. It is better, under the circumstances, to remain on the fence and let public opinion express the nation's feelings rather than official action.

Duane R. Barney, Graduate House, VII, G.

Inasmuch as neutrality has proven in the past to be unworkable, invoke

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## Dormitory Dance Has Date Bureau

Jacky Ford, Orchestra To Play At Affair December 10 In Main Hall

A date bureau, to secure partners for those attending the annual dormitory Christmas dance, has been established, the dance committee announced yesterday.

The affair, to be held December 10 in the Walker Main Hall, will feature the music of Jacky Ford and his ten-piece orchestra, who played at dormitory dances in 1935.

Dancing will last from nine until two. As has been done in the past, the tables in the dining hall are to be arranged in cabaret style.

Tickets, priced at \$1.50, go on sale in the Main Lobby next Monday.

Paul W. Sokoloff, '39, Thurston S. Merriman, '39, and Paul E. Sandorff,

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Dorm Dance

## Bull Session Dinner Planned For Dec. 7

All Students Invited By Dorms To Come, Bring Guests

For the first time since the inauguration of the plan, commuters and fraternity men as well as dormitory residents are invited to the Dormitory "Bull Session Dinner" to be held Tuesday, December 7, at 6:00 P. M. in North Hall Walker. Another deviation from the usual scheme is the extending of the list of those whom students can invite to include outsiders, industrialists, either men or women.

To make up a table, seven students should submit their names, together with the name of their guest, to either Lewis W. Hull, '38, or Willard S. Mott, '41, before Saturday, December 4.

Tickets are priced at 75c per person, the Dormitory Committee paying for all guests.

## Tau Beta Pi Luncheon Hears Talk On Ethics

At a luncheon of the undergraduate chapter of Tau Delta Pi, the national honorary engineering society, in the North Hall of Walker Memorial yesterday afternoon, Prof. Dugald C. Jackson, Professor Emeritus of the Institute and former head of Course VI, spoke on his interpretation of present day ethics.

His informal talk covered many pertinent facts concerning modern usage as applied to community, national, and international affairs, and touched on the present conflict in the Far East as its climax.

## Inst. Comm. Hears Several Budgets For Junior Prom

Dinghy Racing May Be Added To Field Day Events Of Next Year

Dance Elections Of Senior Class Approved At Meeting

Open House Budget Suggested For Event On April 30 Of Next Year

Three separate budgets for the Junior Prom which included recommendations for a ticket price range from five to eight dollars, were submitted by William Wingard, '39, Chairman of the Junior Prom Committee, at a meeting of the Institute Committee yesterday evening.

The budgets varied on whether dinner would be included, whether the Prom would be held in Walker or the Hotel Statler, and whether an expenditure sufficient to secure a well known orchestra should be made. For the price of five dollars proposed plans will include a dance to be held in the Statler with a budget of fifteen hundred dollars for the orchestra.

With eight dollar bids there are two alternatives; The Class of '39 may either hold a dinner dance in the Statler with a minor orchestra, or they may elect to hold a dinner dance in Walker with a corresponding difference in the cost of the orchestra secured. The recommendation was

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Institute Committee

## Gridiron To Sponsor Its First Tea Dance Tomorrow Afternoon

It Will Take Place of Annual Stag Banquet; Music By Leon Mayer

The first tea dance in its history will be held tomorrow afternoon by Gridiron. The honorary publications society will dance from 3:30 to 6:30 at the Hotel Kenmore. Leon Mayer's orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music.

Jay P. AuWerter, '38, president of Gridiron is in charge of the affair. This dance has been planned to replace the annual stag banquet usually held in the spring. Gridiron is composed of outstanding men elected from the staffs of The Tech Voo Doo, the Tech Engineering News, and Technique.

The dance will be closed and tickets are being sold only by members of Gridiron, there being no public sale of tickets. The dance will be finished in time for the evening performance of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" at Rogers.

The entire floor of the Kenmore has been reserved for Gridiron. This dance is intended to bring members of the publication staffs into more social contact.

## Dr. Hartog Speaks To Grads On 'Vibrations'

Dr. J. P. Den Hartog, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Harvard University, spoke on "Mechanical Vibrations" at the Graduate House Dinner Wednesday evening, December 1, in North Hall, Walker.

He demonstrated his talk with many experiments, and pointed out how problems in vibration are solved. Among his demonstrations were several apparatus showing vibrations encountered in aeronautical and mechanical engineering.

Having worked in the Westinghouse Electric Laboratories for eight years, and done consulting work since 1932, Dr. Den Hartog is an expert on vibrations. He joined the staff of the Harvard School of Engineering in 1931.

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## RELIGION

IS NOT ESSENTIAL

“IS ORTHODOX RELIGION necessary in the formation of a well-balanced philosophy of life?” — the nominal subject of Wednesday’s Forum meeting — can, we believe, be answered in the negative. The question holds great interest for Technology men, and while both speakers Wednesday were interesting, neither attacked the topic directly.

Any discussion of the subject depends to a large extent on one’s definition of religion. Ballard in his book on Social Institutions says: “Religion is the process, more or less rational, by which man so organizes his emotional life and its related activities as to give him a sense of security in dealing with the mysterious factors of his social situation.”

If this statement is accepted in its strictest sense, our question is answered in the affirmative, by definition. However, the definition probably is meant to, and the usual conception does limit it to certain types of “processes,” represented by what we have called orthodox religion.

A religious philosophy of life would be based, in general, on the ideas of God and immortality. There is no question that a well-balanced philosophy of life can be based on religion, for it has been done, although many religious philosophies have been far from well-balanced.

But today science and scientific knowledge have made ideas of God and immortality untenable to many people. Religious leaders must depend on such vague and essentially meaningless concepts as “An eternity of thought” or “The wisdom of the universe.” If a reluctance to admit complete severance with the old ideas makes people hold on still to some notion of a God, that notion, as Lothrop remarked, is such a complete abstraction that it really has no meaning at all. But what may the non-believer use as the basis for his philosophy of life?

We must recognize that there is a conflict between science and religion, in the broad sense of the terms, despite the wishful claims of religious leaders that they are two separate worlds, not applicable to each other. “Science” is not a body of facts as many assume or would like to believe, it is a way of doing things, a way of explaining things. “Science” does not mean “scientific knowledge,” which is constantly changing, it means “scientific method,” which is relatively fixed. As Lothrop pointed out, religion (or God) is also “a principle of explanation.” But the two principles, the two methods of explanation, are incompatible. And the scientific method of explanation is the better one, since it does not depend on rationalizations and wishful thinking.

But religion does more than explain. It

sets up standards, and it helps enforce them. However, our social sciences show that standards, morals, conceptions of right and wrong, are not eternal and unchanging. Though we rarely think of our own standards in this light, the “right” standards tend to be those which are best for the welfare of the group at any particular time. Ordinarily these standards are obeyed because of the pressure of indoctrinated beliefs, supplemented, of course, by civil laws. But if we discard religious compulsions, what has science to offer in their place?

Science offers the knowledge that intelligent conformity with certain standards or morals will benefit the group, and the individual. For an intelligent person, this knowledge should be and can be a much stronger reason for conforming with those standards than blind religious belief. In brief, then a “scientific” philosophy of life is one which is based on a scientific understanding of the effects and interactions of that philosophy, both on the group and on the individual.

Religion is not necessary for a well-balanced philosophy—science can serve as well or better; the sensible methods of science which we are taught to use in our professional work can apply as well to fields where the rationalized and in many cases meaningless abstractions of religion have formerly been almost unchallenged.

## SENIOR CLASS SPIRIT NEEDS ENHANCING

THE LAST YEAR in college should mean more to everyone than just thirty weeks of study. Seniors at the Institute, in general, are almost entirely lacking in class spirit. Certainly many of the advantages of the best college year should not be thrown away.

Senior Week has usually been the only really organized function of the entire class with them. A few more similar occasions earlier in the year might lend a hand in unifying the class of 1938.

In future years, the new housing facilities may enable the seniors to have frequent meetings and scheduled events. Anything that can be done to foster a better tradition of class spirit is certainly worth thinking about.

## WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT IS WORTHWHILE

WILL THE CORPORATION undertake to run an exhibition at the New York World’s Fair in 1939? The possibilities of an unusual type of publicity for the Institute in such an exhibit are excellent.

Presenting Technology to the layman is a difficult problem, as Open House committees in the past have discovered, but the World’s Fair is an excellent opportunity for the Institute to present itself to people from all over the country interested in science and education. Many corporations consider Institute graduates a necessary part of themselves, but “Science and Engineering” are not linked up with “Massachusetts Institute of Technology” in the public mind. A carefully prepared exhibit run by several undergraduates or recent graduates could help accomplish this linking.

## Letters to the Editor

### Gambling

Editor, The Tech:

A “prohibition” problem seems to be raising itself at present in the Institute and it is by no means a noble experiment. During the past few weeks there has been an increase in gambling here, particularly in the form of card games.

Although many rules may be broken with no noticeable effect, I think that infringement of regulations of this type has a bad effect on the morale of both players and onlookers. The eighteenth amendment was one of the most unsatisfactory laws ever made and this case is very analogous.

There is no definition of gambling even implied in the regulations and while card playing is definitely frowned on, there is no stigma attached to bowling “stickers.” There is nothing essentially immoral with gambling and possibly it should be allowed on the grounds. Public opinion, however, would be definitely opposed to anything of this sort at the Institute.

At present, round table conferences which are unmistakably card games, held in open rooms of the school, present a poor impression, particularly to outsiders. The authorities should either actively prevent open gambling or set aside private rooms for the games.

—Sophomore.

## ISSUES

**HOW TO DECIDE—THIS YEAR'S** Prom Committee faces the perpetual question and we expect the perpetual answer any day now.

Only one of the three possibilities can succeed—small band, supper dance. Big band, supper dance costs too much, even in Walker. Big band, hotel, no supper lacks appeal, for when everyone springs a big dance they cease to be in demand.

After all the Old Fashioned Prom has a lot in its favor. It (1) is unique among dances, (2) has years of tradition, (3) is the only Technology affair with “color.” We’re all in favor of seeing it continue.

**SOCIAL SUCCESS—FINANCIAL** failure brands the Boat Club dance

as members pay an additional \$5 to cover the loss. That with \$2.50 for a ticket brings the price in the class with the Prom.

And so it goes. Next to go under will be tonight’s Soph Dance. More men will be reaching in their pockets for money which is already in hock for the new gym, or the Starving Chinamen.

We’d hate to see the Prom climax the season with another deficit. \$2800 will pay for a great dance, but can anyone extract that amount from a Junior Class?

One dance will not see red. After four years of ticket selling, the Seniors know what to expect. Their dance will be free; they make just what they expect—nothing.

## Letters to the Editor

### Chinese Relief

Editor, The Tech:

Arising from my previous letter on Chinese war relief, some pertinent viewpoints have been stated in this column by “Another Graduate” and by Mr. Sun. Some of their opinions are perfectly plausible and conscientious, but others require amplification since they are erroneous when one uncovers their hidden flaws.

It was mentioned that my warning with respect to foreign entanglements is really a false alarm. I hope it is. The fact that there are latent dangers concurrent in the present Chinese policy is, however, exactly the reason

that they should be discussed. The humanitarian motive exemplified in this Chinese relief is certainly an honorable one, and one neither to be disregarded nor ridiculed. It is to be praised. Closer scrutiny will reveal, however, that it is just such policy which may draw us into war as have other previous valorous ideals. Have we not had wars for freedom, for honor, and for democracy? Have we not fought a war to end all wars? Why might not the next world war be one for the benefit of humanity?

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Letters to Editor



# They repeat



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Without repeater tubes, which amplify voice currents every 50 miles, telephony over very great distances would hardly be possible. **Incidentally, the telephone repeater tube was one of the first applications of the vacuum tube principle, which now makes it possible for you to talk across the continent as easily as just around the corner. Changing needs call for continuous telephone research to make your service more and more valuable.**



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# Icemen Meet B. U. In Opener Tonight

## Veteran Sextet Faces Terriers At Boston Arena

### Nine Tech Lettermen Return For Opening Encounter Of Season

### Engineers Have Heavy Schedule

Attempting to avenge the two losses which it suffered at the hands of the Terriers last year, the Beaver hockey team opens its season tonight at the Boston Arena, when it goes on the ice with the B. U. men at eight o'clock. The Terriers, who will start one of their strongest outfits in years, will find Tech much stronger this year than last.

The Tech squad this year has nine varsity lettermen skating in the cardinal and gray jerseys. Captain Muther, '38, Acker, '38, Minott, '38, Eddy, '38, Cook, '38, Drury, '39, Pickard, '39, Milliker, '39, Kettendorf, '39, all varsity lettermen, have returned. Langs, '39, Grace, '40, Small, '40, and Carnrick, '40, round out the squad.

### Tech Has Experienced Team

With Muther at right wing, Grace at left wing, and Minott at center, the Beavers will put an experienced forward line on the ice. The defense posts are also filled by veterans; Eddy is at right and, Hilliker at left defense for tonight's game. Carnrick, at goal, is the one new man on the starting team. He fills the post held by Rebori last year. The Engineers were rather weak at goal in the 1936-37 season, but the Tech nets will probably be much better defended with Carrick guarding the cage.

Starting with the Boston University engagement, the Tech icemen are in for a very busy season. They play a total of thirteen games, all but four at home in the Boston Arena. After meeting the Terriers, they take on Harvard on December 7, Brown at Providence on December 10, Boston College on December 14, Northeastern on December 17, Army at West Point on January 8, and Bowdoin on January 14.

### Season Ends Feb. 26

Following the Bowdoin game, come mixups with Colby on January 15, New Hampshire at Durham on February 3, Middlebury at Middlebury on February 5, Northeastern on February 10, Boston University on February 22, and the season's last game with Colgate on February 26. Statistics of the squad follow:

Name	Pos.	Age	Wgt.	Hgt.
Acker, H. '38	LW	21	160	5'10"
Eddy, R. C. '38	RW	22	150	5'10"
Cook, J. R. '38	C	21	165	5'10"
Drury, M. K. '39	RW	21	150	5'8"
Hilliker, C. R. '39	RD	20	159	5'11"
Minott, A. W. '38	LD	23	156	5'10"
Muther, R. '38(c)	RW	23	160	5'10"
Pickard, N. '39	LD	21	160	5'10"
Kettendorf, H. '39	RD	20	179	5'11"
Small, R. B. '40	RW	19	150	5'8"
Langs, T. E. '39	C	19	140	5'10"
Grace, G. W. '40	LW	20	162	5'11"
Carnrick, G. W. '40	G	19	140	5'4"

## Letters

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The Christian ideal of losing one's life for one's neighbor—here taken in the physical sense—is a splendid one, but why must anyone die? Why not prevent such a catastrophe as will evolve from another world conflict? Thus, why not employ the ounce of prevention which is worth a pound of cure? The procedure to be followed is not one of continuous relief, it is one of active participation in a movement to end the Far-Eastern war, along with others. If we consider ourselves reformed with respect to conquests of other peoples, then we should direct our energy into an intellectual development of an international code which will be agreeable to the world nations, and which will be respected. This is a tremendous task,

## SPORTS COMMENT

The winter sports program gets its big send-off tonight when the Beaver icemen meet the B. U. Terriers in their annual hockey tilt . . . for many years Tech has been clashing with Boston University in its opening contest and it's been since 1933 that the Engineers have brought home a win. With a veteran squad in all positions but goalie, the Tech boys should put on a good show at the Boston Arena tonight, so we urge and advise you to come down and cheer the boys home.

One team which has always won consistently in the past is the rifle team. When all the other sports have waned, the riflemen have gone right along taking match after match. Tonight, with two wins this season already under their belts, the sharpshooters meet the Beverly Rifle Club.

Next week the sports schedule really gets under way with the basketballmen, the wrestlers, the natators, and the squashmen opening their season. The basketballers travel up to Harvard to play against the Crimson in what promises to be another one of those traditional hard fought contests we always have with the boys from up the river. The wrestlers meet the Crimson too, while the mermen travel to Amherst to swim in the new pool Lord Jeff has built. The Summersmen open with Trinity.

especially since it necessitates for some a different outlook on life, but surely some such order can be developed if we are willing to work for it. Such a code will probably take more than a generation to evolve, but the best things in this world are often difficult to obtain.

Participation in a program of this type may be manifested in an organization like the World Peaceways. It was also mentioned that the United States would be unable to keep out of war if world equilibrium were disturbed as it was prior to the last war. This is certainly true. Our trade keeps our factories humming and our cities busy, and a complete embargo on foreign nations—as would be necessary to remain aloof from a war—would immediately result in panic.

The discussion returns, then, to the prevention of this situation. First Aid in China may show that we disapprove of Japan's activities, but it is not enough. The "inexpensive curtailing of Japan's activities"—vague in itself—will not prevent the above situation; it may invoke anger as does a bothersome tease.

Contrary to the statement that the world is not old-fashioned and that nations no longer "extend their territories by occasional invasions" are the modern conquests of Manchuria and Ethiopia. Contrary to the statement that "we now realize the importance of international laws and treaties" are again Italy's invasion of Ethiopia and Germany's disregard of the Versailles treaty. These are not all.

The fact that Chinese propaganda in this country is better because their pictures actually show conditions can be explained, it is true, by the fact that the Chinese are really the underdog. It is also true that Japanese armies are fighting Chinese civilians as well as Chinese armies. Remember, though, that the Japanese people themselves do not care for war; a few diplomats in control of the nation want it. Remember besides that American newspapers displayed propaganda against Germany during the last war, because that was the only propaganda available. The Germans were shut in. Now, although the Japanese are not shut in, we of the United States may not receive all the facts because of common prejudice against Fascism, which is preva-

lent in Japan.

Again I seem to be upholding the position of Japan. This seems necessary to survey the problem from a panoramic viewpoint. I am neither degrading nor forgetting Chinese suffering. I do not mean to pass by on the other side as did the priest and the Levite. On behalf of the Chinese, let us stop their suffering by preventing its further occurrence.

A Graduate.

## Reviews and Previews

Starting off the year's series of productions, Dramashop, last night gave an excellent interpretation of William W. Pratt's Ten Nights in a Barroom.

The cast was led by James J. Souder, G, who portrayed the part of the drunkard, Joe Morgan, and ably assisted by Edward K. True, '38, as Sample Switchell, Robert W. Pastene, '39, as Harvey Green, the gambler, Abraham I. Zimmer, '39, as Simon Slade, the landlord, Lisa Minevitch, '42, as Mary Morgan, the drunkard's daughter, Margaret Whitcomb, '39, as Mrs. Slade, I. Budd Venable, '39, as Frank Slade, Courtland C. C. Hill, '40, as Mr. Romaine, the philanthropist and Francis C. Blackwood, '37, as Mehitable Cartwright, a Yankee girl.

The play is one of the "must do" events for the weekend. The free beer puts one in a mellow mood so that the orchestra and the villain are truly appreciated (?). Nevertheless, it is evident that much planning and rehearsals were necessary to stage such a well balanced and melodious performance.

Dean Fuller, the director, should be ably praised for his fine work. More, we hope, is forthcoming.

—H. H. S.

METROPOLITAN—Two top-notch hands are pitted against each other this week in a battle of "swing," Jack Denny and his orchestra opposing Lucky Millinder with Mills Bule Rhythm Band, both orchestras appearing on the stage at the same time. From Red Book comes the screen feature, Second Honeymoon, with Loretta Young and Tyrone Power in a light bit of gay romance.

R. K. O. BOSTON—N. T. G. comes to the stage in person with his elaborate revue, the all-new edition of his Broadway Midnight Follies. The original Big Apple dancers from 'way down South invite the audience to come up on the stage and join in the fun. Danger Patrol is the week's screen attraction, featuring Sally Eilers and John Beal in a vivid story of workers in the Texas oil fields.

STATE AND ORPHEUM—Napoleon lives again in the stirring romance, Conquest, coming to town this week at both theatres. Charles Boyer is terrific as the power-mad Emperor, equaled only by Garbo's beautiful portrayal of the Countess Waleska, who forsakes home and husband to win over Napoleon and save her country. Supporting are Reginald Owen, Alan Marshall, and Dame May Whitty. The co-feature, Beg Borrow or Steal, features Frank Morgan in a riotous comedy.

BEACON — James Ellison and Harry Carey are sailors in Annapolis Salute, together with James Gleason and Zazu Pitts in 40 Naughty Girls continue through Saturday. Starting Sunday is Thin Ice with Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power, and Jane Withers and Walter Brennan in Wild and Woolly.

## Tech Inquires

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ing the present Neutrality Act would not solve the present situation and would probably do us more harm than good.

Frederick E. Lykes, Jr., Dormitories, XIII, '40.

The Neutrality Act, if invoked by the administration, would have the decided effect of aiding Japanese aggression and preventing us from actively supporting the efforts of other nations which desire a speedy cessation of hostilities. Also, the Neutrality Act would prevent us from protecting our interests and trade in China.

Martin S. Lindenberg, Dormitories, VI-C, '39.

There wouldn't be any need for action either way at the present time, since our decision now would not be able to affect the course of the war either way.

Vernon C. Winn, Dormitories, VI, '38.

No, because I'm interested in making money in the next few years and there will be more money in the country if the Neutrality Act is not invoked, because American business men will then do more business.

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## Beaver Riflemen To Meet Beverly

### Seeking Third Straight Win To Maintain Spotless Team Record

Seeking its third consecutive victory in shoulder-to-shoulder matches, the Technology rifle team will meet the marksmen of the Beverly Rifle Club on the Institute range this evening at 7:30.

This match with Beverly is the first of a pair of home and home matches whereby each team is given an opportunity to act as host to the other, thus putting each at the disadvantage of firing on a strange range. In past years the Tech riflemen have had a hard match against Beverly, but Sergeant McDonnell, the team coach, feels confident that his team, bolstered up by its new sophomore recruits, will take the match.

### Victorians In First Two Matches

The Institute sharpshooters have already vanquished the rifle team of the Yankee Division Post of the American Legion and of the First Corps of Cadets in shoulder-to-shoulder matches and have shot against U. C. L. A. and Brooklyn Tech in postal matches.

The team will be composed of ten men, each to fire ten shots prone and ten standing. From these ten total scores the high five will be selected to serve as a team score.

## Dorm Dance

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'39, are in charge of the date bureau. Professor and Mrs. James J. Jack have been invited to attend as chaperones. Among the invited guests are Dr. and Mrs. Karl T. Compton, Dean and Mrs. Vannevar Bush, Dean Harold E. Lobdell, Professor ar Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert L. Rhind, Dean and Mrs. Thomas P. Pitre, and Professor Avery A. Ashdown.

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# CALENDAR

## Friday, December 3

- 12:00 Noon—Placement Lecture—10-250.
- 1:00 P. M.—Mr. Sage luncheon—Silver Room.
- 6:00 P. M.—5:15 club dinner—Main Hall.
- 6:00 P. M.—Physical Society Dinner—Faculty Dining Room.
- 8:30 P. M.—Dramashop—Rogers Building .
- 9:00 P. M.—Sophomore Dance—Parker House.

## Saturday, December 4

- 1:00 P. M.—Chess Club—East Lounge.
- 3:30 P. M.—Gridiron Tea Dance—Kenmore Hotel.
- 8:30 P. M.—Dramashop—Rogers Building.

### Dramashop

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evils of a drunkard's life in its true light through Joe Morgan, the major figure in the plot, who in a climactic scene writhes in the grip of green snakes, and pink elephants before his horrified wife and child. One of the most touching scenes, from the standpoint of the mechanics of stage-handling and appeal, occurs when in a setting of dim blue lights and amid the weeping and despair of Morgan and his wife, little Mary dies and her spirit visually ascends to heaven.

Because it was believed that the play's popularity in its own right would serve as a means of promoting general interest in dramatics, "Ten Nights in a Barroom" was selected by Dramashop and its coach, Dean M. Fuller, for production, since the club will be without a theatre next year and will have little chance to maintain an active group.

### Professor Of Geology Gives Talk At Smoker

#### Speech Compares Gold And Oil In California

Professor Waldemar Lindgren of the department of Geology spoke at a smoker of the Geological Society of Boston, held Tuesday in the Walker North Hall.

The subject of his talk was the mineral resources of California. He made a comparison between the two principal mineral products of that state—gold and petroleum. Summarizing the history of both substances, he showed how the value of petroleum has increased until it far exceeds that of the gold mined.

Professor Hervey W. Shimer, head of the department of Geology and president of the society, made arrangements for the smoker.

### Inst. Comm.

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tabled for the present.

A revised system of scoring points was recommended by the Field Day Committee to include the addition of dinghy racing as one of the events between freshmen and Sophomores in future battles. Under the proposed manner of scoring, football and crew would count four points; the glove fight, the relay, and the tug-of-war, three points; and the new event would count as two. This would take a total of 19 points and eliminate any chances of a tie in the final score except when there was a tie in some event.

Open House Plans at Technology this year gained impetus when Fred Kolb, '38, chairman of the committee, submitted a budget for the event scheduled for April 30 of next year. It was urged that the activities make every effort to cooperate with the Combined Professional Societies in their attempt to restore one of the most important school events of former years.

The Institute Committee approved the election of John Cook, '38, chairman, Willard Roper, '38, Harry Hollander, '38, and Bernard Mehren, '38, to the Senior Dance Committee.

A change in the constitution of eaver Key, a Junior honorary society, to add two Juniors chosen from the Society at large to the executive committee of the Society, formerly composed of four Seniors only, was approved.

### Soph Dance

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view of metropolitan Boston and of the Charles River Basin. A bar and cocktail lounge located adjacent to the reception hall and a grill room on the floor below the ballroom will provide service for the dancers throughout the entire dance.

Vocal honors for the evening will go to Miss Kathleen Lane, Glenn Miller's star singer, who has appeared recently on several radio programs. The entire orchestra also joins in on some of the choral effects.

#### Miller Prominent in Music Circles

Glenn Miller has been very prominent in music circles in his own right. Before building up his own band he played with Bing Crosby and Paul Whiteman. When Ray Noble's orchestra arrived in this country from England, Miller worked with them in smoothing out their style. He also arranged the music for the great Broadway hit of a few seasons ago, Strike Up The Band.

#### UNDERGRAD NOTICE

##### Placement Lecture

The fifth of a series of lectures on placement training for Seniors and Graduate Students will be given at 12 noon, Friday, December 3, in Room 10-250.

Mr. R. E. Zimmerman, vice-president of the United States Steel Corporation, is to speak on "Opportunities in Industry."

### Open Forum

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fathers of the Constitution as people who have lived successfully without a formal religion.

A discussion of immortality and death followed both speakers agreeing that to contemplate extinction is one of the most stimulating experiences that any man can undergo.

The original subject of the debate was, "Does The Educated Adult Need Religion?" The speakers discarded this as it was not suitable for discussion particularly in the sense that it implied class conflict.

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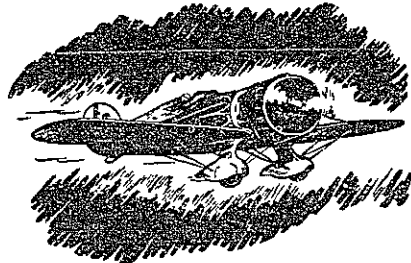
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