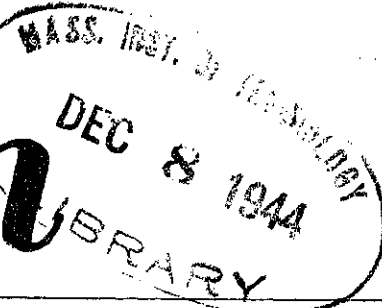


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F.C. To Hold Small Dance in Near Future

Halberstadt, Street Elected Treasurer, Member-At-Large

The Inter-Fraternity Conference at its meeting a week ago Thursday at the Smith House laid tentative plans for a small dance to be held sometime during this or the next term. The dance is still in the tentative state and complete plans are expected to be announced soon. The I.F.C. gave its approval at its meeting to a plan for an Inter-Fraternity Conference Alumni Advisory Board. This board will probably be composed of an alumnus from each fraternity. These men would elect among themselves an executive committee to advise the student I.F.C.

Halberstadt, Street Elected

Alexander E. Halberstadt, 2-46, was elected as Treasurer of the F.C. at this meeting to replace James F. Brayton, 6-45. Charles F. Street, 6-45, was elected as Member-at-Large, thus leaving another member-at-large to be elected at the next meeting.

A Blood Donor Committee was appointed as was a Housing Committee. This Housing Committee will function chiefly to allocate men, mostly naval officers who have not been able to secure rooms in the dormitories, as boarders to the various fraternities. A committee was also appointed to investigate what problems the fraternities can expect when veterans return to Technology.

Senior Week Committee Elections Are Announced

Elections for the Executive Committee of Senior Week were announced in their first meeting held last night. They are: Chairman, Harold Thorkilson; Secretary, Nicholas Mumford; and Members-at-Large: Walter H. Levy and Alfred Oxenham. Automatically on the committee is Kirk Drumheller, being president of the Senior Class.

Walter O'Connell Elected Secretary Of Senior Class

Institute Committee Probes Constitution Of Undergraduate Assoc.

The election of Walter H. O'Connell as Secretary of the Senior Class was approved yesterday at the regular Institute Committee meeting. He was elected to replace Kirk Drumheller, 6-45, who has become President. Jerome A. Patterson, 6-45, and John O. Atwood, were approved as members of the Senior Week Committee. David P. Flood, 6-45, was then appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the revision of the undergraduate constitution.

Next the new constitution of the Physics Society was read to the Committee, and the a quorum established by the Constitution to elect officers was discussed. At the end of this discussion the Constitution was approved.

The revisions in the constitution of the Dormitory Committee were approved. The only major change that has been made is lengthening the terms of office of the Dormitory Committee members from one term to two.

When the question of the status of the Hindustan Association was brought up, it was announced that it was being investigated by the Executive Committee; a report will be made in the near future.

M.I.T. Debates Norfolk Prison

The M.I.T. Debating Society will hold its annual debate with the Norfolk Prison Colony this Sunday at Norfolk. Technology will take the negative of the question: Resolved, that the United States should cooperate with Great Britain and Russia to form an Anglo-American-Russian Confederation to maintain world peace after the war.

Tonight, the Technology team will debate Clark University in Litchfield Lounge, Walker Memorial. Later in the week, there will be a debate with a team from West Point, another from Middlebury, and a third from Williams.

Jack Teagarden Replaces Wald At Christmas Dance; Ticket Sales To Continue

Central Library Exhibits Journal Of Royal Society

A facsimile copy of the entire journal book of the Royal Society of London, containing the signatures of the original members of the Society and also later ones which was given to Dr. Karl T. Compton in May, 1943, when he delivered the annual Pilgrim Trust Lecture, in London, is featured in an exhibit in the Central Library.

Also featured in the exhibit are a number of volumes, from the Library's rare book collection, written by some of the early members of the Royal Society. They include *Nova Experimenta* by Robert Boyle, *Mathematical Magick* by Sir John Wilkes, and *Astronomia Geometrica* by Seth Ward as well as the *Philosophical Translations* of the Royal Society from 1665 to 1800.

Film Series Begun By Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity will present the first in a series of motion picture programs dealing with the war Wednesday, December 13, in Room 10-250, at 5:00 P.M. The films which are Office of War Information releases are entitled "The World at War," and "The 957th Day."

The first film in the series portrays the story of aggression in the decade following the invasion of Manchuria in 1931 up to the attack on Pearl Harbor, while the other is composed of actual combat pictures taken on the 957th day of the Pacific war, including some which have never been shown in any other motion picture.

Morss Hall, Walker Will Be Decorated In Christmas Style

Jack Teagarden and his orchestra will replace Jerry Wald and his orchestra, who were originally scheduled to play at the Christmas Dance and Party, sponsored by the Dormitory Committee on Friday, December 15, it was announced this week by the Dance Committee.

Teagarden is regarded as one of the foremost blues vocalists and trombonists of all time.

Walker Memorial will be gaily decorated on the night of the dance. Present plans call for a festively decorated Christmas tree to be placed in the center of the dance floor. The lounges are to be open and will be decorated in the holiday spirit with roaring wood fires, floral displays, and mistletoe. The Lounge Bar will be open, as will Pritchett Hall. Refreshments will be served buffet style in Pritchett.

Lighting Effects Featured

Tables will be placed on the balcony, and special lighting effects will be featured. The large crystal ball on the ceiling of Walker, which revolves and scatters the beams of a spotlight, has been

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Frosh And Sophomores In Walker Competition

Twenty-six freshmen and Sophomores are now competing for positions on the Walker Memorial Committee. This group turned out at the smoker held on Tuesday, and is being instructed in the operation and functions of the committee.

In about two weeks, six of the candidates will be chosen as permanent members of the Walker Memorial Committee. Selection will be based on their general work in the office and on the ability they demonstrate in carrying out a special project.

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

The Institute Committee has taken cognizance of the need for a complete checking over of the undergraduate constitution, a job which previous Institute Committees failed to do, and has appointed the chairman of a temporary committee to investigate this document.

The first step in this investigation will necessarily be the complete check of the minutes of the Institute Committee for the past few years to determine what unrecorded changes have already been made in the constitution and by-laws. At present Article III, Section 11 of the By-Laws governing the Elections Committee states, "... a list of the nominees shall be printed in *The Tech* on the Monday preceding the day of election." Not since 1933 has *The Tech* published on Monday. A completely new Elections Committee constitution was adopted and approved in January, 1940, but has not yet been published anywhere. Obviously some check of past changes as well as new changes is needed.

One of the biggest questions is that of proxies. At present there is no definite ruling as to what constitutes a proxy, how he is appointed, or what powers said proxy shall have. At numerous meetings this question has been brought up but no final decisions were reached. This has resulted in a number of conflicting rulings being enacted in as many meetings, to the confusion of all.

Now that a committee has been formed to investigate the constitution this intelligent step should be followed by a process of continually keeping the constitution up to date.

Simmons Meets M.I.T. Tomorrow

Reuben Moulds To Lead Eleven Piece Orchestra

The Simmons-Tech Acquaintance Dance will be held tomorrow from 8:00 P. M. to 12:00 P. M. in the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium at 410 Stuart Street. 150 Technology students and a similar number of Simmons girls are expected to attend.

The music for the dance will be produced by Reuben F. Moulds, 10-46, and his eleven-piece orchestra, which is composed of 4 saxophones, 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, one drum, and a piano. According to Moulds, his music will be mostly slow with some fast numbers in between, he will also feature some specialty numbers.

Moulds is also vice-president of the Sophomore Class. He is a member of the Debating Society, and is on the Business Staff of the Tech Engineering News.

In order to sell only 150 tickets for the non-profit dance, tickets will be sold only at the T.C.A. office. None will be sold at the auditorium unless some of the tickets are still unsold on Saturday evening.

Professor Lewis Speaks To A.I.Ch.E.

Prof. Warren K. Lewis, acting head of the Chemical Engineering Department, will address the American Institute of Chemical Engineers on Tuesday, December 12, in Room 4-270, at 5:00 P. M. Professor Lewis will discuss the latest developments in the use of powdered coal for combustion, including details which up to this time have not been published. Inasmuch as the subject is important outside Chemical Engineering, students in all courses are invited to attend.

The monthly plant trip will be a visit to Building 38 on Thursday, December 14. The group making the trip will meet at the Chemical Engineering Bulletin Board.

A.S.M.E. To Visit Electrical Plant

The student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is conducting a trip to the new Edison Electric Company Mystic Valley Plant this Wednesday, December 12, at 2:00 P. M. Those members going must sign up either on the bulletin board outside of Room 3-432 or at Room 202 in the Graduate House by this afternoon.

The Mystic Valley Plant is one of the most modern power plants in the country. It is not entirely completed yet, and it will not be until materials are available after the end of the war.

Warren J. Harwick, 6-45, chairman of the Institute branch of the society, has announced that the Regional Meeting of the Student Chapters of A.S.M.E. in New England will be held here at the Institute on January 20, 1945. This meeting will include representatives from almost all the technical colleges in New England.

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Beavers Routed By Williams Swimmers

Eisenhardt Wins Dive Scores Only Tech First

The Tech swimming team was tidily whipped by a fast Williams team last Saturday in its second meet of the season, held at the Alumni Pool. The score of the meet was 59-16. George Eisenhardt captured Tech's only first, as he took up diving honors. Mort Goldfarb placed second in the diving for Tech.

The next match of the season will be held on Saturday, December 16, when Tech will face Wesleyan.

Letters Awarded M.I.T.A.A. Men

Members of Technology's undefeated cross country track team were awarded their "straight T's" after the team had enjoyed an undefeated dual meet season, and placed second in the N.E.I.C.A. and fourth in the I. C. 4A's. John A. Berrie, 2-46, Charles H. Goldie, 2-46, Howard A. Roy Jr., 10-46, Richard J. Poorman, 6-45, and Grant Umberger, 6-45, were the men who received the "T's." S. James Goldstein, 2-46, was awarded a "straight T" with a bar for his work as Field Day Manager.

Hal Thorkilson was appointed the new secretary of the M. I. T. A.A. to replace S. W. Moulton, 6-45, who is away from the Institute this term.

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Beavers Play Host To B.U. On Tuesday

Next Tuesday night Tech will open its 1944-1945 basketball season, when it plays host to Boston University on the Walker Memorial court. The Beavers' starting five probably will be Heuchling and Aitken at forward, Watson and Evans at guard, and Butler at center.

M.I.T. was scheduled to play at BU last Wednesday night, but their basketball court was not in playing condition; consequently the game was postponed.

This afternoon the McCarthy men will play a practice game with Northeastern in preparation for next Tuesday's tussle. Following the B.U. game, Tech will engage Trinity here on Friday evening, December 15.

Reds Play Whites In Squash League

Having lost the first three games of the present season, the M.I.T. "A" Squash team will meet the Union Boat Club Red team tomorrow on the U.B.C. courts. A strong Y.M.C.A. team defeated the squashmen, 3-0, last week. Captain Bill Pierce lost to George Waring, 0-3, Roger Sonnabend dropped his match to Vin Pipes, 1-3, and Tom Hewson was defeated by Ed Lebowitch, 0-3.

The M.I.T. Reds fared no better against the Harvard Grads, being defeated in their first encounter of the season. Rafe Scherer lost his match, 1-3, Rod Read dropped his games, 0-3, and Pete Wright lost, 0-3. The M.I.T. Whites likewise lost all their matches to the Y.M.C.A., Bob Toperzer, Glen Dorflinger and Frank Taylor all losing by a score of 0-3.

Trackmen Prepare For Indoor Season On Board Tracks

Looking forward to the coming indoor track season, Coach Oscar Hedlund is getting his charges in condition on the board track at Briggs Field. Although no definite plans for the season have been announced as yet, the tracksters are already running time trials and building up endurance.

With the coming of the cold weather, the board track has been completely laid down and all work is confined to the wood. Oscar has a definite assignment posted for each man every day under the headings of miscellaneous, one-mile relay, and two-mile relay. The latter two classifications include the former varsity and the more promising of the candidates.

Timed Sprints Held

Timed sprints are held for almost all men several times a week, the distances ranging from one lap to about the quarter mile with but a few running longer distances. Oscar is not having the men run at top speed as yet, but is rather developing their timing and trying to correct faults in their form.

M.I.T.O.C. Plans A Treasure Hunt

This weekend the Outing Club is sponsoring a Square Dance Saturday evening and a Treasure Hunt in the Blue Hills on Sunday morning. The dance will start at 8:00 P. M. in Memorial Hall, Harvard, tickets for which are \$40 a person. Al Smith will call the dances.

At 9:30 A. M. Sunday, December 10, members of the Outing Club will meet at the Park Street Under Subway Station from where they will start for the Blue Hills. The Treasure Hunt will consist of following the clues written on slips of paper hidden by one of the officers of the Club.

Phi Gams Tops In Beaver Key Football Final

Delta Kappa Epsilon Annexes Second Place; S.A.E. Drops To Third

The Phi Gams swept into first place in the Beaver Key Football play-offs, as they climaxed their drive with a 7-0 victory over a strong S.A.E. eleven. Meeting some of the toughest competition up to this point, the Phi Gams scored on a short pass to Walsh. This defeat dropped S.A.E. to third place, as the Dekes climbed into second with a double victory over the past weekend.

In the first win, the Dekes took the measure of Kappa Sigma with a 12-6 win, with the two Deke scores coming on a fumble and a run through the center, and Kappa Sigma counting on an interception by Van Meter. In the other victory, the Dekes scored on a sleeper play, to check a determined Wood Team by a 7-6 score.

S.A.E. Wins 15-0

To wind up the Beaver Key Football competition for the year, S.A.E. torpedoed Wood Dormitory by 15-0, as Speaker and Hoaglund scored on interceptions, and Wood was trapped behind its goal for a safety. This completes Beaver Key Sports, until the basketball season begins.

Voo Doo Sells 5 Copies At Wellesley; Harvard Next

After an encouraging first day sale of five copies at Wellesley, Voo Doo has decided to spread its horizons to the Woolly West . . . Harvard, The Tech learned today in an exclusive interview with the Managing Board, who were busily engrossed in counting and recounting the day's take of \$87. The official spokesman of the rag stated "There is no limit to the possibilities."

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Dorm Constitution Changes Approved By Institute Comm.

Walker Dining Committee Placed On Permanent Basis; Elliot Chairman

Several proposed amendments to the dormitory constitution were ratified last Monday at the regular Dormitory Committee meeting in the committee room in Ware. The changes, which have been approved by the Institute Committee are the following: 1. Members of the Dormitory Committee shall hold office for the academic year instead of for only one term.

2. A permanent Walker Dining Committee shall be formed as a function of the Dormitory Committee; its purpose is to meet with the management of the Walker Memorial Dining Hall to discuss difficulties encountered in the cafeteria. The chairman of the committee is to be elected by the Dormitory Committee, and he is to choose five dormitory residents to serve under him. Accordingly, C. Homer Elliott, Jr., 6-45, a member of last term's Walker dining committee, was elected chairman.

The Dormitory Committee further decided that open house should be observed from 8:00 P. M. to 1:00 P. M. Saturday, December 16 and from 3:00 to 7:00 P. M. Sunday, December 17 to accommodate those who attend the Christmas dance.

Alpha Chi Sigma To Pledge 20 Men

Twenty men were elected and pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma, the National Honorary Chemical Fraternity, at a meeting held in the Moore Room, 6-321, Wednesday evening, December 6. These men, who will be initiated on December 16, are: George R. Worrell, 2-46; Warren H. Chapman, 2-46; Boni P. Martinez, 2-46; John B. Vicini, 6-45; William J. Rapoport, 2-46; Francis Brown, 2-46; Albert Chollette; Robert P. Fried, 2-46; Hector M. Rodriguez; Preston Parr, Jr.; Walter A. Backofen, 2-46; Hugo C. Johnson, Jr., 2-46; Noel N. Coe, 2-46; Edmond T. Welch, Jr., 2-46; Richard T. Krueger, 2-46; Ogden R. Smith, 6-45; Antonio C. Nunes, 2-46; Roger B. Hickler, 2-46; Robert L. Potter, 2-46; and Alan Scattergood.

Christmas Dance

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taken down and cleaned for the first time in six years especially for the dance.

The sale of tickets for the dance is progressing, and will continue as long as tickets hold out. The limit is 400 couples. Tickets may be purchased in the Dormitory Office up until the time of the dance, and they will also be sold daily in the Lobby of Building 10 from 11:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Dr. McEachron To Speak At First A.I.E.E. Meeting

Dr. K. B. McEachron will present an illustrated lecture on "Lightning" at 8:00 P. M. December 14. Admission to the lecture, which is to be held in Room 4-270 is by tickets only. These tickets may be obtained free in Rooms 4-202 and 10-206.

Student Nurses Invite Tech Men To Reception

The student nurses of the Massachusetts General Hospital will hold an informal reception and dance at 8:00 P. M., Friday, December 22, at Walcott House, 32 Fruit Street, Boston, to which Technology students are invited.

Wheelock To Sing With Tech Tonight

First Walker Concert To Be Held Since 1942

The Wheelock College Glee Club will be guests of the Technology Glee Club tonight at 8:30 P. M. in Morss Hall. This concert will be the first time the Glee Club has sang in Walker Memorial since the Army units were withdrawn, returning Morss Hall to civilian use.

Each club will sing two groups of pieces, and they will combine in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah," and Bach chorale, "O, Who Like Thee."

At the conclusion of the concert a dance will be held jointly sponsored by the two clubs.

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