New Revisions In Curriculum Begin In July

Course Consolidations And Added Humanities Form Main Changes

Extensive changes will be made in the entire undergraduate curriculum beginning with the Summer term in July 1945. These changes, which were approved recently by the Faculty, will be included in the new catalogue now in preparation. Prof. Earl B. Millard was in charge of the Faculty Committee which prepared the revised program.

The essential points in the new curriculum are:

1. There will be a standard first year curriculum for all courses.
2. The second year curriculum will also be standardized, but it will contain two sub-divisions—an engineering group and a science group. This will allow engineering students to take Applied Mechanics (2.00), while science majors take Chemistry (5.11) and Physics (5.12). Furthermore, between eight and twelve units will be required for graduation.

Magoun To Deliver Marriage Lectures

Series Of Four Talks Sponsored By T.C.A.

The first lecture in Prof. F. Alexander Magoun's annual spring series, "In Preparation for Marriage," will be given on Thursday, April 12, in Huntington Hall, Room 19-256. These lectures, sponsored by the Technology Christian Association, are to be presented from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and again from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on the consecutive Thursdays April 12, 19, 26 and May 3. The four lectures will be concerned with the problems arising after marriage.

The spring series "In Preparation for Marriage" is a continuation of the previous lectures, which were attended by a total of 2,500 persons. Repeat lectures are planned to accommodate the expected large audiences.
PROF. ALFRED V. DE FOREST

Yesterday the Institute received the sad news that Prof. Alfred V. de Forest, '12, had died suddenly at his home. This is the second loss that the faculty has suffered in the past two weeks.

Professor de Forest, a full professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department, was world-famous for his work in that field. Although physically handicapped, Professor de Forest carved a prominent place for himself in the engineering world. His achievements and his persistence in overcoming his handicap should be an inspiration to all of us at the Institute.

FOOLISHNESS

Last night the Institute Committee, governing body of the students at the Institute, held its regular biweekly meeting. The meeting was principally notable for its length and the incredible ignorance displayed by the members.

As members of the governing body, members of the Institute Committee are expected to know more about the problems of student government than the average student. Yesterday they showed that they might know even less! The agenda of the meeting was, published and posted sufficiently in advance, to be haggled over, and other matters to be presented at the meeting. Only a half-hearted attempt was made to ascertain whether or not the activities slated to be declared defunct were really defunct. An hour was wasted while the members haggled over this and that activity and its relative inactivity. It certainly seems that the only action to take with activities which have been defunct for a year or more is to declare them defunct. The motion to do so failed to receive the necessary vote largely because of the confusion brought about by bringing up trivial details when a matter of principle could and should have been decided.

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Sailing Pavilion Opens Season; Race Saturday

Sailors Will Compete For Oberg Trophy Against Three Teams

The Sailing Pavilion opened for the summer last Monday, April 2, and the first regatta of the season will be held this Sunday, when the winner of the Oberg Trophy will be decided. Two of the skippers for the meet are Chuck Bloomer and Lee Britz; the third is still undecided. The team will have competition from Harvard, Northeastern and Tufts. The practice meet with Annapolis, scheduled for this Saturday, has been cancelled.

Shore school for all those interested in learning to sail will start on April 16 and last for two weeks, with classes from 5 to 6 P.M. Another group will be started on May 7, with classes from 6 to 7 P.M. Jerry Reed and Thomas Gouzoule are in charge of the teaching staff.

Sonnabend Takes Emerson Trophy

Roger Sonnabend captured the Institute Squash Championship and the Emerson Trophy last Tuesday when he defeated Tom Hesnow in three straight games. Glen Dorringer tucked away the J. V. Championship on the same day by defeating Frank Taylor, also in three games.

The Trophies, if they can be obtained, along with letters and numbers will be awarded to those who have earned them at the annual Squash Team Banquet to be held at the Fox and Hounds Club at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 12, instead of Tuesday, April 10, as previously announced.

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New Curriculum
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be devoted to introductory profes-
sional subjects.
3. Third and fourth year subjects will be more standardized in size in
the future, and there will be a revi-
sion and consolidation of some sub-
jects, especially where there are in-
stances of the same course being
taught to certain groups in one
term and being spread out over two
terms for other students.
4. There will be wider latitude in
term loads without an increase in
definite time for an academic year.
5. The present English, Economi-
ecs, and General Study program will be replaced by a coordinated four
year program in the social sciences and
humanities which meets the mini-
num requirements of the profes-
sional societies or other accrediting
agencies with respect to non-
professional work in professional
schools.
6. Substitution of other subjects
for those that are required will be
restricted.
7. Different options will not be
provided in the early years in the
separate courses, except in the case of
Biology, General Science and En-
gineering, and in Business and En-
gineering Administration, where the
options were considered as being
practically different courses.

First Year Program
The first year program will re-
main substantially the same. The
main difference will be that En-
gineering Drawing (D11) and De-
scriptive Geometry (D12) will be
back on a six hour a week basis.
The English will be the same as in
the past for most students, although
foreign students may take English
under the department of Modern
Languages, studying it as a foreign
language.

Second Year Program
In their second year, students will
take the usual Physics, Calculus,
and Military Science, as well as
a course much like the present E21T
and E22T, The United States in
World History. On top of that, the
men in Engineering and Architect-
ural courses will take Applied
Mechanics (2.00), and those in
Scientific courses will take Chem-
istry (5.11 or 5.12), and each stu-
dent will take one professional sub-
ject depending on the course he is
in.

Third Year Program
The third year courses will be somewhat different from what they are
now. Subjects of small unit
value will be eliminated and the
material in them will be added to
other courses of larger unit size;
other courses of similar content
may be consolidated. The third
year students will not have any
choice of options, except in Courses
VII, IX, and XV. Therefore, the
necessary specializations are to be
obtained from a limited list of spec-
fied subjects or by a single elective

Prof. Schell Speaks
At Tech Embassy
Religious Program
Sponsored By T.C.A.

The Tech Embassy, a religious program held annually about Easter
time and sponsored by the Technology Christian Association,
will be held this Wednesday, April 11.
The program is divided into two
parts. Professor Erwin H. Schell,
head of the Business and Engineer-
ing Administration Department will
be the speaker for the afternoon ses-
tion, to be held at 5:00 P.M. in
Room 10-250. The topic of his half
hour lecture is "Spiritual Support
and Personal Accomplishment."
The second part of the program
will be the private dinners at which
certain clergymen and laymen will
speak briefly and lead the discus-
sion groups. The speakers have
been invited to the dormitories and
fraternities where they will encour-
gage the members to express their
views on the subject of discussion.

Fourth Year Program
In their fourth year, students will
be confronted with much the same
arrangements as in the third. In
addition, a thesis of at least nine
units will be required in all courses.
Seniors will also have a non-tech-
nical subject. The choice will be
among History of Thought, Music
and the Fine Arts, Western World
Literature, and International Rela-
tions. It is expected that the stu-
dent will follow the same field
through both terms.

Social Sciences
The Humanities and Social
Science program closely follows the
suggestions outlined in a report of
the Committee on Engineering Ed-
ication After the War. It elimin-
ates all of the present General
Studies, but not the languages. For
a while, a few General Studies will
be offered to fill in a few hours that
students need to make up their
quota. For instance if four more
units are needed, the student could
take a General Study, but if there
were more units needed, he would
have to take an eight unit humanity
or social science course. However,
if there is a group of students that
are interested in a certain General
Study, it may be possible to ar-
range evening hours in which the

Dr. Lowdermi
Speaks Mond

To Discuss Prospects
Of the Jordan Valley

Dr. Walter C. Lowd
ermill, aagna of "The
Jordan Valley Authority," on
April 9, 1945, at 5:00 P.M., in
Room 6-120, to the students and
T.C.A. of M.I.T. Dr. Lowdermill, a
native of the United States of
America, is Assistant Chief, Soil
Conservation Service, U.S. Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

During 1939 he traveled
miles through Arab lands
spent eight months in the
East. While on this trip he
able to observe at close range
needs and the advantages of
Jordan Valley.
In his T.C.A. sponsored talk
Lowdermill will discuss his
fully and will endeavor to
show that the Tigris-Euphrates
river can be turned into irrigated
land which can support 30,000,000
people instead of the present popu-
lation of 3,500,000.