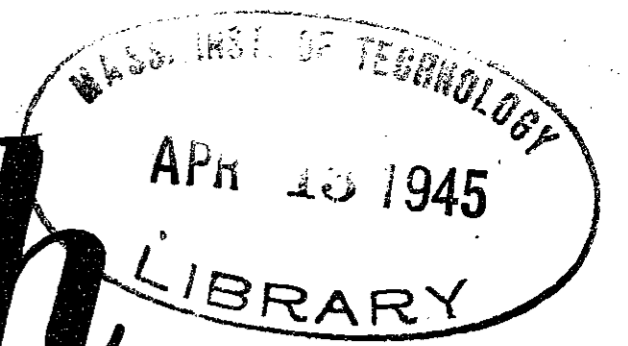


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## EDITORIAL

### TRAGIC LOSS

All freedom-loving people of the world were terribly shocked last night to hear of the untimely death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Regardless of petty political prejudices, one cannot help but feel that his passing is, in the words of Dean Robert G. Caldwell, "certainly an enormous loss to the world."

Fortunately President Roosevelt lived to see the war, which he prosecuted so vigorously, be brought to a point where victory is assured, and to see definite plans made toward reaching the goal of a lasting peace. The American Armed Forces, of which he was Commander-in-Chief, are today pounding the gates of Berlin and clawing at the heart of the ill-gotten Japanese Empire. Any international organization set up after the war will stand as a monument to his perseverance.

President Roosevelt was liked by many and hated by many, but he was universally respected as a great thinker and a great

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### Kellett Receives A.X.S. Frosh Award

#### Scattergood Talks On Teaching Of Chemistry

John W. Kellett, 2-47, received the Alpha Chi Sigma freshman award at a meeting held last Tuesday at the Smith House. The award was made on the basis of excellence in freshman Chemistry and was presented by Prof. Avery A. Ashdown.

At the same meeting, which was the initiation banquet for the group initiated April 7, Dr. Allen Scattergood, head of the Sugar Research Foundation at the Institute and one of the initiates, gave a talk on how Chemistry should be taught in colleges.

#### Suggests Course Changes

Dr. Scattergood stated that there should be three different courses for freshmen. One would be for those who had not had Chemistry in high school, another for those who are going to major in Chemistry, or an allied subject, and a third course for those who were not going to pursue the subject further. He suggested that the laboratory work should consist in teaching, not preparations and principles taught in high schools, but it should consist in studying

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### J. P. Door Prize Is Champagne

#### Hangover Party Held In Walker Sat. Feature

If you want a chance at some champagne-on-the-house get to the Junior Prom early. Bottles will be awarded as door prizes during intermission to a number of the couples who enter the Imperial Ballroom before 8:45 P.M. on the night of Friday, April 20. This is an inducement offered by the J.P. Committee to insure an early start and thus a full evening to the revelers. The receiving line will function from 8:15 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. only.

The Saturday dance at Walker Memorial has been aptly dubbed the Hangover Party. Ken Reeves and his orchestra will supply the music.

The location of one of the Saturday night fraternity parties has been changed from the S.A.E. house to Phi Sigma Kappa.

Today and tomorrow are the last days for the redemption of options. A table in Building 10 will be provided for this purpose from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Last minute details such as table changes can be arranged on Wednesday, April 18, in the Lobby of Building 10 from noon to 1:00 A.M.

### Halberstadt Is Elected I.F.C. Head

#### New Executive Comm. Also Includes Taylor, Schield, Spoerl, Craig

At a dinner meeting of the Interfraternity Conference at the Fox and Hounds Club last night Alexander E. Halberstadt, 2-46, was elected chairman of the Conference for the next school year. Also elected at the same meeting were: Robert N. Taylor, 2-46, secretary; William H. Schield, Jr., 2-46, treasurer; Robert E. Spoerl, 2-46, dance chairman; and James S. Craig, 2-46, member-at-large.

Chairman-elect Halberstadt expressed his admiration at the way in which retiring chairman, John J. Freiburger, 6-45, had conducted the affairs of the conference for the past year. He stated that he hoped to be able to follow in his footsteps

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### Comedy 'Biography' Is Dramashop Play

#### Tickets Now On Sale At T.C.A., Info. Office

The Dramashop has chosen for its spring term production "Biography," a modern comedy, by S. N. Behrman. The play will be presented on two nights, Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at the Peabody Playhouse in Boston.

Tickets for either performance are now on sale, and may be purchased at the T.C.A. the Information Office or from any member of the Dramashop, for \$1.00 including tax.

Cast in the lead as Marion Froude is Eleanor E. Dorste, 2-46; other members of the cast and their parts are: Durga S. Bajpai, 2-46, as Feydak; Claude W. Brenner, 2-47, as Richard Kurt; Robert W. Connor, 2-46, as Orrin Kinnicott; Thomas B. Inglis, Jr., 2-47, as Warwick Wilson; Frieda S. Omsky, 6-45, as Slade Kinnicott; William M. Siebert, 2-46, as Bunny Nolan; and Catherine M. Sponable, 2-46, as Minnie.

### Prof. Magoun Delivers First of Marital Talks

#### Series Of Lectures Sponsored By T.C.A. Draws Large Crowd

Reiterating his statement that there should be more analysis of love before marriage and more analysis and more love after marriage," Prof. F. Alexander Magoun yesterday gave his first lecture in the spring series entitled "Preparation for Marriage." The talk was given twice yesterday before large audiences; once at 7:30 P.M. and again at 5:00 P.M., in Huntington Hall, 10-250. Prof. Magoun's first lecture was entitled "Period of Engagement."

Although given under the same general title, the present series of lectures differs from the winter series which was given during January. The winter series dealt with marital problems, while the present series of four lectures deals with those problems encountered in marriage.

Prof. Magoun described the period of engagement as one of preparation. During this period an engaged couple should attempt to find out all that they can about each other. In this line, Prof. Magoun discussed various lengths of engagement. Although he does not believe in short engagements, Prof. Magoun remarked that he definitely does not agree with a statement that the best engagement would last for five years, but rather that there is a happy me-

Among the other figures which were given by Prof. Magoun was that two people cannot live as cheaply as one, but as cheaply as one. In backing up his claim for short engagements, he stated that as a result of the Massachusetts law which requires that a couple wait for five days between the time that they apply for their license and the time that they receive it, 6 per cent of the applicants for licenses never get married. Statistics revealed were that in Massachusetts there are 55 marriageable men to every 100 marriageable women.

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humanitarian. The students and faculty of the Institute join the nation and the free world in mourning the loss of a great man.

## GOOD IDEA

At a recent meeting of Alpha Chi Sigma, the national honorary chemical fraternity, Dr. Allen Scattergood suggested a rather sweeping change in teaching freshman Chemistry at Technology. The essence of his plan is to teach the course in three groups—one for those students who did not study Chemistry in prep school, another for those students who studied Chemistry in prep school but who intend to follow a course based mainly on the physical sciences, and a third for students who intend to register in a course based on Chemistry. The Institute does not require Chemistry for entrance, and for a long time many students have been handicapped because freshman Chemistry is taught so that it really presupposes a knowledge of the fundamentals of the subject. Dr. Scattergood's plan would enable all freshmen to get the most out of their Chemistry course, and does not seem to involve a great deal of administrative difficulty.

## LET'S HAVE MORE

Last Saturday night the Dormitory Committee held a very successful dance in Morss Hall. This "Spring Frolic" was the second large dance to be held in Walker since it was turned back for civilian use. The Dormitory Committee is to be complimented on its work in arranging and conducting the dance.

In years past it was the custom to hold many more large dances in Walker than is the practice at present. Twice the Dormitory Committee has shown that big dances in Walker are practical and successful. Now seems a good time for other organizations to follow their lead and do much to improve social life at the Institute.

## Dr. Scattergood

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properties of materials. Lab reports should be of the fill-in-the-blank type.

Organic Chemistry should be taught the second year of college, according to Dr. Scattergood, and Qualitative and Quantitative should be saved for the third year and be taught along with Physical Chemistry. Or, it might be a good idea to leave qualitative out completely and substitute a good course in the Chemistry of the metals.

He stressed that equipment in all the labs should be brought up to date, and should follow the lead of industrial equipment in making use of the latest devices and inventions.

## Pledge Award

An award was made to Frederick W. Gray, 2-46, as the pledge who had made the best showing. This award was first given at the last initiation banquet in December, when Antonio C. Nunes, 2-46, received it.

## I.F.C. Meeting

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and continue the policies set down by his predecessor. Halberstadt said that the primary problem facing the new executive committee was one of attendance. He expressed the hope that in future

## Sigma Xi To Hear Talk Dr. McLaughlin On Peru

The M.I.T. Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi will join with the Harvard Chapter at 8:00 P.M., Monday, April 16, to hear an address by Dr. Donald H. McLaughlin, "Applied Science in the High Andes of Peru." Dr. McLaughlin is President of the Homesteading Mining Company, and Vice-President of Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation, and formerly Professor of Mining Geology at Harvard University.

The meeting will be held in the large lecture hall of the Fogg Museum, 32 Quincy Street, Cambridge. All those interested are invited to attend.

the member houses would show more interest in being present at every meeting.

## Alumni Board to Meet

At the business meeting after the elections, Chairman Freiberger stated that a meeting of the newly created Alumni Advisory Board had been tentatively set for Monday, April 23 for the purpose of organizing this group. He asked each house to submit the name and address of its alumni representative to the conference as soon as possible. At the close of the meeting the conference gave the retiring executive committee a rising vote of thanks for their work during the past year.

## COLLEGE FADS AND FANCIES, CLASS OF 1850

Fads and fancies in college costumes are by no means modern phenomena. Here is a gay undergraduate of the Class of 1850. Observe his flowing collar and tie, his super-expansive Panama brim, and his studied air of nonchalance.

This was in 1850, when America was basking in peace. The Golden West was opening up, and Express Service was keeping pace. Today, there are few fads and fancies on the college campus. They have given place to the uniformity and efficiencies of war time. Thousands of students are concentrated on the needs of the nation in arms.

Railway Express is devoting its nationwide services, both rail and air, primarily to speeding war materiel. To help all concerned, you can do three simple things with your 1945 home packages and baggage: Pack securely—address clearly and adequately—avoid abbreviating state names.



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# Sailors Take Oberg Trophy

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Opening their season, Tech's crews swamped the Harvard, Northeastern and Tufts yachtsmen Sunday, when they took first in every race of the semi-annual Water Boston Dinghy Championship for the Rudolph O. Oberg trophy.

Commodore Chuck Bloomer, with Brite and Al LaFountain led four firsts apiece in their respective divisions to rack up a perfect score of 60 points. Harvard was second with 42 points, Northeastern third with 36 points, Tufts last with 26 points.

This Saturday the team will race in Annapolis, competing against Johns Hopkins, Cornell and Navy. On Sunday there will be a dual meet between Navy and Technology.

On Sunday there will be an exhibition meet on the home waters of the Charles River Basin. Colleges are to be represented. More School is to open on April 15 with classes from 5 to 6 every afternoon for two weeks. All those who would like to learn to sail are invited to attend.

# Yacht Team Beaten at Naval Academy

The Tech golf team was defeated last week by the United States Naval Academy 7-2, on the victors' course at Annapolis, Md.

Frank King and Bill Little, both seniors, were the only members of the Institute team to win their matches. Low man for the Navy was Ted (Gus) Wellings, who completed the 18-hole course in 74. The record for the course is 71.

## SPRING TRACK SCHEDULE

### VARSITY

- April 21—Harvard at Tech.
- April 28—Tech at Andover.
- May 5—Tufts at Tech.
- May 12—N. E. Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association Meet.
- May 19—I.C.4A at West Point.
- May 26—Williams at Tech.
- June 2—Tech at Exeter.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

- April 25—Governor Dummer at Tech.
- May 16—Tech at Milton Academy.
- May 24—Tech at Moses Brown.

## Tracksters Face Heavy Schedule

Opening Harvard Meet  
To Be Here April 21

Benefiting from the ideal spring weather, the track team, further advanced in condition than is usual for this time of the season, is preparing for the inaugural meet of the current campaign with Harvard a week from Saturday. Tomorrow afternoon the all-important trials for the season's opener will be held, so that it is imperative that all squad members appear for the Saturday session.

The track squad this year faces a particularly inviting fare of competition. Varsity dual meets are slated with Andover, Tufts, Williams, and Exeter in addition to the Harvard contest. On the J.V. schedule are Governor Dummer, Milton Academy, and Moses Brown. The New England Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association champion track and field events and the I.C. 4 A Meet round out the spring program.

## Tech Plays Draw With B.L.C., 3-3

Lacrosse Team Meets  
Tufts Here Tomorrow

The Tech lacrosse squad saw its first action of the season last Saturday on the home field against the Boston Lacrosse Club. This opening encounter, of the nature of a practice game, in which Tech employed some forty-eight men, resulted in a 3-3 deadlock. The initial intercollegiate engagement of the season this Saturday pits Tech against Tufts again on the home field.

The game against B. L. C. was a see-saw affair in which Tech, after gaining an early advantage on Chuck Wellard's score, was finally forced to come from behind in the fourth period to assure itself of the draw. After M.I.T. had fallen behind, 2-1, Captain Jim Brayton knotted the count, only to have Boston step ahead once more. In the final session Ciccone came through in spectacular fashion to end the scoring.

After only two weeks of practice the many reserves, supplementing the eighteen veteran members of the squad, performed creditably. Tech this year promises to produce a stronger defense than was displayed last season through such men as Wilson, Peirce, Aitken, Vinci, Harrington, Fegley, Feldstein, Cahill, and Green. Ten games are scheduled at present.

## LACROSSE SCHEDULE

- April 14—Tufts at Tech
- April 21—Harvard at Harvard
- April 25—Andover at Tech
- April 28—Exeter at Exeter
- May 5—Army at West Point
- May 12—Tufts at Tufts
- May 19—Stevens at Stevens
- May 26—Dartmouth at Tech
- June 2—Harvard at Tech

## S.A.E. Defeats Theta Chi, 27-24 To Win Tourney

Sigma Chi, Theta Chi  
Runners Up In Beaver  
Key Basketball Finale

The much prized Beaver Key Basketball championship was won by the S.A.E. quintet after their thrilling victory over a fighting Theta Chi five last Monday. The S.A.E.'s overcame a two-point deficit at half-time to triumph by three markers, 27-24.

The contest was by far the most exciting and the most important of the whole schedule as the smooth, expert S.A.E. was, for the first time, forced to put on the pressure to win. Although it is only fair to say that the champs played this final game without the services of one of their star players, big Jim Hoaglund, the fight shown by the Theta Chi, in spite of the odds, was good to see. The speed exhibited by the victors and Dick Krueger in particular was a little too much for the scrappy Theta Chi's led by Bill Whalen and aided greatly by the accurate shooting of Bob Wilson and little Bobby Murray.

### Theta Chi Routs Phi Delt

The previous day, the Theta Chi's had proved themselves a club to be respected when they whipped the Phi Delt, 32-9. By virtue of the victory, the team finished third in the tourney, just behind the Sigma Chi squad, both teams of course finishing after S.A.E.

## Wood Shatters Records In Matches Of April 9

Wood rolled up its eight victory in the Dormitory Bowling League by defeating Bemis, 4-0, last Monday. Walcott defeated Goodale in the other match. Wood broke both team records, establishing 823 and 2164 as the high single and high three string total records, respectively, for a team.

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# CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, APRIL 13

5:00 P.M. Hillel Discussion Group—Faculty Lounge.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 P.M. I.O.C.A. Square Dance—Harvard Memorial Hall.  
8:00 P.M. International Club Dance—Pritchett Hall.

## MONDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 P.M. Opening of Shore School—Sailing Pavilion.  
8:00 P.M. Spring Carnival—3 Church St., Harvard Square.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 M. to Junior Prom Committee Desk Open—Lobby, Bldg. 10.  
1:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship—Room 7-145.  
5:00 P.M. Mathematical Society Meeting—Room 2-47.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

4:00 P.M. Marriage Lecture, Professor Magoun—Room 10-250.  
5:00 P.M. Marriage Lecture, Professor Magoun—Room 10-250.

## Reorganized S.A.E. Meets With Fales

Prof. Dean A. Fales will lead a discussion-meeting of the Technology Student Branch of the Society of Automotive Engineers on Wednesday, April 18, from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in Room 31-261. The meeting will be informal and various automotive topics of current interest will be discussed.

The group, which was recently reorganized after a three-year period of inactivity, attended the regular meeting of the New England Section of S. A. E. at the Engineers' Club last Monday and heard a talk by Mr. James W. Crawford.

## International Club Plans Dance With Girls' Colleges

The Technology International Club will hold a dance with girls from Wellesley and Emerson Colleges on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. in Pritchett Hall. Refreshments will be served. Admission to members is 60c; to non-members, 84c.

## Spiritual Support Prof. Schell's Topic At Tech Embassy

On Wednesday, April 11, Professor Erwin H. Schell delivered an address entitled "Spiritual Support and Personal Accomplishment" at the Ninth Annual Tech Embassy, which is sponsored by T.C.A. He first outlined the successive steps of personal accomplishment all built one upon the other: working for ourselves, then for others, the community, and finally, the future. No

man can be a complete success however, Professor Schell continued, if he accomplishes all this without spiritual support of some sort, for he can achieve more if he draws

upon all the resources available him. Anyone desiring copies of the address may secure them at the Tech office.

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