

I.F.C. To Be Held Tonight At Statler

Magoun Gives Third Lecture

Discusses Results Of Statistical Studies

"Lessons From Statistical Studies Marriage" was the subject of the third in the current series of marriage lectures being given by Prof. Alexander Magoun under the sponsorship of the T.C.A. Over 600 people attended the lectures at 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. yesterday afternoon in Huntington Hall.

Professor Magoun's talk, which was illustrated with several slides, dealt mainly with the results of various studies, surveys and polls which were conducted to ascertain the conditions which made for a happy marriage. According to two of these studies, the most important single factor in determining if a marriage will be successful, is whether the couple's parents were happily married.

Captain R. H. Blair Given Promotion

V-12 Officer Has Been In Navy Thirty Years

Captain Roswell H. Blair, U.S.N. (et.), Executive Officer of Naval Affairs at Technology, was recently promoted from the rank of Commander to his present one by the Bureau of Personnel.

This promotion was given the Captain after thirty years of service as an officer in the United States Navy. It will be exactly thirty years ago this June that Captain Blair received his Commission at the Naval Academy. Following that, he was placed upon three battleships in succession until this country entered World War I in 1917, at which time he was transferred to a destroyer operating out of Queenstown, Ireland.

Attends Harvard

Following the war, Captain Blair served aboard three more destroyers, except for a period of two years, 1921-1923, when he was at the Naval

Senior Biographies Pictures Requested

Technique Men To Be In Building 10 Monday

From Monday, January 29 through Thursday, February 1 members of the classes of 2-45 and 6-45 are requested by Technique to sign up for Senior pictures between the hours of eleven and two in Building 10. Biographies may be turned in at those hours and additional blanks will be handed out.

Appointments absolutely must be made by the Seniors if the pictures are to appear in the yearbook. Expenses for an appointment are \$3.00, \$1.50 of which covers picture costs, the remainder being a deposit.

Mardi Gras Plans Announced By V-12

Marty Goldfarb's Band Will Play For Dancing

The Navy V-12 Unit's Welfare Committee is presenting a second "Mariner's Mardi Gras" as a sequel to last October's successful affair. The dance is set for Friday, February 9, in Morss Hall, Walker Memorial, from 8:00 P.M. to 12:30 P.M. The dance is open to men in the V-12 Unit, and special liberty is being granted to allow everyone the opportunity to attend. This liberty will extend for the two hours following the conclusion of the dancing.

Marty Goldfarb's Unit Dance Band which played at the previous "Mardi Gras," will again be the feature attraction of the evening. Other entertainment is being planned for intermissions. An abundant supply of refreshments has already been ordered, and all of the other facilities of Walker are being thrown open to the Navy on this occasion.

Every V-12'er is invited to attend, whether he brings a date or not. However, there will be no double-cutting.

Official Notice

Registration Material For Spring Term 1945

Registration material for the Spring Term, 1945, for all students should be obtained in Building 10 Lobby on Wednesday, January 31, from 8:45 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. After 1:30 P.M. material may be procured at the Information Office, Room 7-111.

This material must be filled in and returned to Room 3-107 before 1 P.M., Friday, February 16.

Reports For Fall Term 1944-45

Reports for the Fall Term 1944-45 will be mailed to the term addresses of both civilian and Navy students by Wednesday night, February 28. Civilian students who wish to have their reports sent elsewhere must call at the Records Office, Room 3-107, not later than Wednesday, February 21. Duplicate reports for civilian students who are under age will be sent to the parents.

No reports are sent to students who are candidates for the degree in February. Any

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Underground Agent To Give Lecture

The East and West Association is presenting a lecture by Mr. Jacob van Berkel entitled "Four Years in Europe's Underground" on Tuesday, January 30, at 5:00 P.M. in Room 6-120.

Mr. van Berkel left Holland in October, 1944 to come to this country at the request of the U.S. Government. During the past four years he has worked in occupied Europe as an agent of the Dutch underground movement. He lived for a time in Berlin while it was under Allied bombing attack, and he also spent some time in Warsaw and Prague during the German occupation.

Ruby Newman Will Play For Dance; Affair Is Formal

The annual I.F.C. dance will be held tonight in the Georgian Room of the Statler Hotel from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. The dance will, as in the past, be formal.

Ruby Newman, well-known in Boston party circles as a furnisher of good dance music, will play for the dance.

His orchestra has had many engagements at various Technology dances.

The dance is planned as a party rather than as a public affair. Each house has been asked to practice one of its fraternity songs, which will be sung during the intermission. Tables have been assigned to the various houses, and a list of these will be available at the door.

Henry M. Morgan, 2-46, Dance Chairman, requests that all house presidents turn in ticket money to Alexander E. Halberstadt, 2-46. It was also announced by Morgan that Clinton H. Springer, 6-45, is the head usher for the dance.

The list of chaperones as announced by the Dance Committee is: Mrs. Karl T. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Killian, Prof. and Mrs. Paul M. Chalmers, Prof. Avery A. Ashdown, Prof. and Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton, Prof. and Mrs. John B. Rae, Prof. and Mrs. Archibald W. Adkins, Prof. and Mrs. Ralph G. Hudson, and Prof. and Mrs. Raymond D. Douglass.

Junior Prom Committee Requests Suggestions

The Committee for the Junior Prom, which is to be held next term, has placed a suggestion box in the lobby of Building 10 to determine what the majority of the student body wishes to do on the Saturday night following the Prom. Any student who has a preference or a novel idea is asked to write it out and deposit it in the box during the coming week.

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GOOD SHOW

A few weeks ago it was announced that there would definitely be a *Technique* volume for the Classes of 2-45 and 6-45, provided that sufficient interest was shown in its publication. It is now apparent that these classes will not only have a volume of *Technique*, but they will have a good volume, comparable in size and format to those of past years. This has been made possible by a display of real interest on the part of the upperclassmen, not only in working directly for *Technique*, but in turning in their biographies promptly.

But we should not let this fine showing end with the volume of 6-45. The enthusiasm shown in getting out this volume of *Technique* should not dwindle. At present there is an adequate number of Seniors working for *Technique*, but there is a serious lack of men from all the lower classes. The men of 6-45 have shown themselves capable of organizing and putting out a yearbook under extremely difficult conditions. The continuance of *Technique* for succeeding classes requires that there be men of sufficient caliber trained to follow in their footsteps. At this time, the men of the lower classes have shown little interest.

The publication of a yearbook under wartime conditions requires extremely fast and accurate work. Deadlines must be set early to insure that the book will be finished on time, not late as it was this year. There is no time to coax people to get things done, to get their biographies in and picture appointments made on time and to get the book itself made up. In the past, a few enthusiastic and able men have managed to put out a volume of *Technique*; today the willing and enthusiastic support of the entire class is required. We believe that *Technique* is a very important part of Institute life and that the lowering of its position would be a poor reflection on the undergraduates of the Institute. With the wholehearted cooperation of succeeding classes *Technique* can remain, in spite of serious difficulties, one of the country's finest college yearbooks.

Reviews & Previews

Shades of medieval melodrama were abroad last Saturday eve at Dramashop's production of "The Drunkard," held at New England Mutual Hall. The 23 scene, 5 act vehicle, drawn out and sagging in the center, managed to keep the audience of slightly more than 260 mildly interested through some rather good acting and also a great deal that was not so good.

The laurels for the evening's work go to Robert Connor, who was outstanding as the stock character, villainous, mustachioed Cribbs; Claude Brenner, who gave perhaps the most intelligent performance as Edward; and Mary Sullivan, the almost-always effective spinster, Miss Spindle. Honest Billy Dowten, played by George Oliver, with his timely appearances routing the powers of darkness, and his ingenious homilies adding humor, should be included with the afore-mentioned group, along with John Gaffney and Alan Draper, who were particularly realistic as hard-working, God-fearing New England farmers. Not the least enjoyable part of the evening was the ensemble composed of Parker Symmes at the piano and Robert Davis with the cello which entertained before the play began and during the intermission.

There was not enough of most of the minor parts to allow judgment in either direction. Unfortunately this was not true of the other more important characters, who displayed in varying degrees, immaturity, simpleness, and a lack of understanding of the people they were trying to portray, which made the audience laugh at the wrong times and fall asleep at others. Part of it was due to the fact that no one, including the cast, knew whether the play was to be done as a melodrama, a farce, or something in between the two. The result being that it was "all things to all men" and at different times. A great deal could have been done to eliminate the lag by skillful abridgement and combining of the over-
 numerous scenes.

Those parts which didn't depend

absolutely on the treatment of the play as a whole, or where the individual had enough ability or good sense to choose a point of view, were played well and saved the evening. They held the performance together and highlighted it with a few scenes like the one between Cribbs and Miss Spindle where the facts of her breach-of-promise suit are discussed, and Edward's struggle with the "little green men" brought on by his continued imbibing.

The stage crew, with few exceptions, did an efficient job of handling the backstage machinery, complicated by the many scene changes, particularly in the removal of the ghost of Mrs. Wilson, providing one of the evening's lighter moments.

R. B.

Official Notice

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senior who desires a photostatic copy of his complete record at the Institute should leave an order at the Records Office, Room 3-107. There is a charge of \$1.00 for the first photostatic and \$.25 for each additional copy ordered at the same time. These will be available about the middle of April.

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Varsity Squash Team Smashes Yale 5 To 0

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Technology's Varsity Squash team mauled the Yale Squash Team Saturday by a score of five to zero, losing only three games in five matches. This is its second intercollegiate meet, and the second that the team has triumphed over nothing, having swamped Harvard by the same score. Rogabend played in the number one spot, Bill Peirce in number two, Hewson number three, Ralph Per number four, and Rod Read number five. The experience that players have gained in the former Boston League matches is helping to show up very favorably in the intercollegiate loop. Yale has a chance to retaliate on March 10.

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Hayden, Wood, Victors In Dorm Bowling Tourney

Hayden kept its tight hold on the place in the Dorm Bowling Tourney as it rolled over Monroe, Monday, January 22, at the former Alleys. The totals for the tourney were: Hayden, 2034; Monroe, 1875. In the other contest of the tourney, Wood toppled Goodale. In the match, the scores were closer as Wood won by just 24 pins. Goodale had bested their rivals by copping the second game, although the third game went to Wood. There are no records broken and S.S. continues to hold all individual records and Hayden all team records.

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Skiers Take Third Place

Meet At West Point Scheduled For Sat.

Journeying to Middlebury College to take part in their annual Winter Carnival, the Tech Ski Team, showing unexpected strength, took third place among nine teams, representing the best intercollegiate skiing talent in the East. In placing third the team beat Williams, West Point, R.P.I., Middlebury, and New Hampshire in that order, losing only to Vermont and Dartmouth.

The highest scorer of the team was George Macomber, 2-47, who tied for third in the downhill, placed fifth in the jump, and tied for eighth in the combined downhill and slalom.

Journey To West Point

This weekend the team journeys to West Point to race the same team again, Wilson, Macomber, Metcalf, Mac Johnson, Gof Johnson and Welch doing the honors.

Coast Guard Five Defeats Tech, 47-32

Last Tuesday night in a contest played at the Coast Guard pier in Boston, the Boston Coast Guard defeated the Tech team, 47-32. The score, however, does not indicate the relative strengths of the two fives, as two of the key Beaver first-stringers were unable to play because of illness. Ray Evans and Lee Butler, both of whom had assumed important roles in M.I.T.'s earlier triumph over the Sailors, were forced to remain at home. At the present time, Butler is still absent and it is doubtful whether he will be available for the next game.

43-32 Swimming Victory Over Rensselaer Marked By Thrilling Relay Event

Beaver Key Basketball Commences This Week

The annual Beaver Key Basketball Tournament is scheduled to get into full swing this weekend with two opening games slated for Saturday afternoon and four more contests on Sunday. Games will be played in the Walker gymnasium.

By February 4 all but six entries will be eliminated from play. Competition will rest at this point until next term, when the six undefeated quintets will engage in Round Robin play to determine a champion.

Beaver Trackmen Meet Brown Sat.

Crimmin Wins 1,000 Yard Run In Y.M.C.A. Meet

This Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. the Beaver trackmen will meet Brown on the board track at Briggs Field. This will be the first meet held here this season and will be the third competition for Coach Hedlund's charges in as many weeks.

In the 50-yd. dash, Tech will enter Casey, Grant, and Geigel. Running in the 45-yd high hurdles will be Jackson and Prigoff; in the 300, Casey, Grant, and Jenkins; in the 600, Goldie, Shay, Chapman, Shindel, and Forward; in the 1,000-yd. run, Crimmin, Serrie, Brace, Collmus, and Dickey; and in the mile run Poorman, Umberger, Ray, Wilson and Keegan. In the only field event, the shot put, Oscar will have Ray, Oeschle, Donahue, and Boul competing.

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Result Hangs In Doubt Until Final Race; W.P.I. Swims Here Tomorrow

By triumphing in the final event, the 400-yard relay, the M.I.T. varsity swimming team last Saturday chalked up a thrilling 43-32 victory over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the Alumni Pool. Entering the last race, Tech held a four-point lead, which would have been wiped out by the seven markers awarded to the winner if R.P.I. had taken the relay; after Chabot had yielded about five yards to his opponent in the first 100. However, Callahan, Foust, and Smith swam home in excellent time to nose out the R.P.I. combination by ten yards. The time was three minutes, 55.6 seconds.

After Tech had won the opening 300-yard medley, the opponents forged ahead by virtue of victories in the 220 and 50-yard freestyle. Eisenhardt and Goldfarb then restored Tech's margin by excelling in the dives, but R.P.I. retaliated by taking first and second in the 100-yard freestyle. M.I.T. immediately wiped out the three-point deficit, however, when Mumford and O'Shea led the field in the 150-yard backstroke and Buckman and Morgan finished first and second in the 200-yard breaststroke.

R.P.I. Wins 440

With the scales definitely tipped in favor of Tech, the visitors reasserted themselves by picking up eight points in the 440-yard freestyle. Thus the stage was set for the closing relay, with Tech two points short of victory.

In a preliminary meet Exeter

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Bull-Session Dinner Planned For Dorms

Each Group Will Dine With Member Of Staff

A bull-session dinner sponsored by the Dinner Committee of the Dormitory Committee is now being planned for dormitory undergraduates and will be held Wednesday, January 31, at 6:00 P.M. in Pritchett Hall, Walker Memorial. A definite number of staff members will be present as accommodations are limited to 7 groups of 7 students and a professor, and 3 groups of 5 students and a professor.

Activity at a bull-session dinner is limited to conversation on subjects of general interest to the group, preferably not pre-arranged, and every effort is made toward keeping the discussion an informal free-for-all. Each of the groups of 5 or 7 dormitory residents is voluntarily formed and will invite a staff member of its own choice with whom to dine. Each group is responsible for the issuance of an informal verbal invitation and the usual courtesies extended to a guest.

The cost of the dinner will be \$1.50 per plate, \$.50 of which will be paid by the Dormitory Committee. For information on how to arrange a dinner group, J. Spencer Standish, 6-45, Chairman of the Dinner Committee should be contacted.

M.I.T.O.C. Skates With Wellesley Tomorrow

Joining with neighboring colleges, the M.I.T. Outing Club will journey to Wellesley College tomorrow. Those making the trip will spend the afternoon skating on Lake Waban, if the weather permits.

In the evening the skaters will dine at Wellesley, and after dinner will indulge in general merry-making. Tentative plans have been laid for square dancing after the meal, but if this is not realized a song fest will be held. The Outing Club extends an invitation to all Technology students to participate in the afternoon of fun.

Tech Morale And Morals Descend To New Depths

It's unfair! The haggard mass of students turn toward the conclusion of the term wearily reaching for respite and relaxation, and are handed instead the newest issue of Voo Doo, which emerged today crapping the unwary with a seductive and misleading cover. Clutching worn coins in their grimy paws, they shuffled over to the sales counter, hardly glancing at the flushed and flurried secretaries turning from the same counter after being refused a copy on the grounds that they are unchaperoned, deposit the coin slowly and hide the magazine under their tattered lab aprons.

Afterward, when alone, each will peruse it, spending long hours gazing at a poem about a mountain lion with pictures, an "arty" photograph of a girl "without a soul?" and some drawings on the theme of this issue which begins with an "S." We say no more.

Lecture On Confucianism To Be Given January 30

The third Lecture in the current series entitled "The Major Faiths of Man" will be given Tuesday, January 30 from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. in Room 10-200. "Confucianism" is to be discussed by Joseph Nie, a graduate student. These T.C.A. sponsored lectures, are open to all who are interested.

Swimming

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downed the Tech second string team, 47-19.

Meet W.P.I. Saturday

In a contest on the slate for this weekend M.I.T. will encounter W.P.I. at 3:00 P.M. Saturday in the home pool. The final major event to take place at the Alumni Pool this season will be the New England Intercollegiate Swimming Association Meet, which is scheduled for February 10.

Prof. H. Hazen To Speak At Next AIEE Meeting

Professor H. L. Hazen, head of the Electrical Engineering Department, will speak on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 5:00 P.M., in Room 4-270. His talk entitled "Electrical Engineering: A Look Ahead" will contain information concerning the future and the opportunities available to Electrical Engineers.

Admission is free and all those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Prof. Struik Talks Before Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, held a dinner meeting Tuesday, January 23, at the Smith House. Professor Dirk J. Struik of the Mathematics Department addressed the gathering on "The Soviet Union and the Atlantic Charter," showing how the writings of Lenin and Stalin propounded the theory of national free determination, and its application in countries already occupied by the advancing Russian armies. An hour-long discussion period followed the talk. Professor Struik is executive director of the Massachusetts Council for Soviet-American Friendship.

The final dinner meeting of Tau Beta Pi this term will be held on Monday, February 5.

Squash

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17, when the team will play at New Haven.

This Saturday, the racket-handlers face Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter. P.E.A. has its entire last year's team in action again, a team which lost to Tech 3 to 2 and 4 to 1 last year. This will be a real test, as both teams are undefeated so far. The lineup will be the same as lineup for the Yale match, except that Toperzer will replace Read as number five man.

Last Friday the Reds beat Harvard Reds 2 to 1. Scherer and Toperzer won, but Condie lost. Yesterday in the A League, the Varsity defeated the Union Boat Club Reds 3 to 0, Peirce, Sonnabend and Hewson all winning. Also yesterday, in two B League matches, the Reds lost to the Harvard Club 2 to 1, and the Whites lost to the Boston Y.M.C.A. 3 to 0.

In the Intramural tournament, the Greens beat the Greys 4 to 1, to climb into an undisputed first with a standing of 11 matches won. The Blues beat the Browns 3 to 2 to tie each other for second place. Beginning Monday the Tournament enters the last half, each team having four more matches left to play.

Track

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Last Saturday afternoon, Tech competed in the Y.M.C.A. track meet. Crimmin won the 1000-yd. run and Serrie took third. This event was run in two heats on a time basis, and although Serrie won his heat he placed third in time. Charlie Goldie took second in the 600 which was won by McKinley of B.C., and Bill Casey took third in the 45-yd. handicap.

Boys' Work Div. Will Hold Dinner

Prof. William H. Timbie To Be Principal Speaker

The Boys' Work Division of T.C.A. will hold its annual dinner meeting next Tuesday, January 27, at 6:30 P. M. at the Smith House. Professor William H. Timbie, of the Department of Electrical Engineering, who is a member of the T.C.A. advisory board and once was an ardent boys' worker himself, will provide entertainment after dinner by telling some of his popular yarns.

This term the boys' work division embodies over 40 actively engaged workers who are leading various youth groups and clubs in more than 17 settlement houses throughout Greater Boston. About half of these men are V-12 students, and most of the others are freshmen. However, since the demand for volunteers continues to exceed the supply, the T.C.A. will welcome anyone who is willing to work with an athletic, craft, photography, or stamp group.

Captain Blair

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Academy and also at Harvard post graduate student. In 1924 Captain Blair was transferred to the position of Commander of the Cruiser Division. Relieved of this position in 1926, the Captain was assigned to a tanker in 1928. At the end of this time he was transferred to the staff of the Commander of Scouting Forces and served on a battleship again in 1931.

Given Own Ship

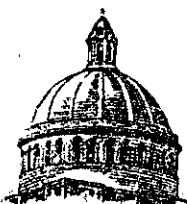
In 1933 Captain Blair was placed in charge of a destroyer, soon moved, and put in command of another. In 1935 he was transferred to cruiser duty, and was made commander of the U.S.S. New Orleans and later commander of the U.S.S. Tulsa, serving on the Asiatic Station. Following that, the Captain was transferred to shore duty and was graduated from the Navy College in 1939 and served in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1941 to 1944. Since then, the Captain has been stationed here at the Institute for the past several months.

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