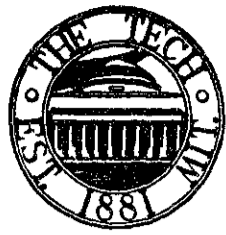


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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Dramashop Presents "Busman's Honeymoon," Audience vs. Detective

Tickets In Building 10
All Seats Priced \$1.50
Fri. & Sat. Evenings

Tonight and tomorrow night, spines will be left tingling in the Peabody Theatre by the thrilling murder mystery "Busman's Honeymoon," which is to be presented by the Dramashop, one of the few Institute activities which is entirely self-supporting. Employing a novel publicity technique, the Dramashop will "throw away" about 200 programs to the show on Friday afternoon, confident in the ability of a Tech man to know a good thing when he sees one. The programs will include, besides the usual list of credits, an analysis of the author and her style of mystery writing as exemplified in the play.

"Busman's Honeymoon," by Dorothy Sayers and Muriel Byrne, is being directed by Mr. John L. Bastian, department of English at the Institute. The play concerns the antics of a strictly English detective, Lord Peter Wimsey, whose honeymoon is interrupted by the inopportune discovery of the corpse of the former owner of the cottage in which he and his wife are staying. The clues which Lord Wimsey employs in solving the crime are presented fairly to the audience as the "plot thickens" so that the audience is conducting a subtle battle of wits with Lord Peter in a mental race to discover the murderer and murder weapon first. The murder weapon, a blunt instrument, is in the sight of the audience all through the play. However, do not think that even with this hint you will be able to have a lead. You would be surprised how many blunt objects can be assem-

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

"At the request of the Dormitory Committee, the Undergraduate Budget Board and Swimming Pool Committee have agreed to open the swimming pool on Sundays for male swimming only, from 2 to 6 p.m. over a trial period, Sunday, April 6, through Sunday, June 1, 1947.

"The squash courts behind the swimming pool will also be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays."

Inst. Com. OK's 5:15 Officers

Advance Ticket Sales Explained at Meeting

A Dormitory Committee complaint against the method of sale of tickets for the Tech Show occupied the spotlight at yesterday's meeting of the Institute Committee. It was charged that blocks of tickets were sold to several fraternities in advance of the general sale. Laurent P. Michel, '47, business manager of the Tech Show, replied that most of the choice tickets were saved for the general sale, but by offering some to the fraternities in advance an early rush for choice tickets was avoided.

Michel also gave a report on progress of the Tech Show, stating that over three-quarters of the tickets already have been sold.

A motion to approve the recent election of 5:15 Club officers was passed. These officers are William Haddon, Jr., '49, President; Albert A. Levingston, '48, Vice-President; Edward Chalmers, Jr., '48, Secretary; John A. Bergin, Jr., '48, Treasurer; Nicholas F. Yannoni, '50, and Gerald J. Grott, '49, Members-at-Large.

Tech Show Ticket Sales Going Well

Ticket sales for the 38th Annual Tech Show, which have been taking place daily since last Monday, March 31, are going well, according to Business Manager Laurent P. Michel, '47.

The 1947 Tech Show, a two-act musical comedy produced, acted and written by Technology men and women exclusively, will be performed Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, in Jordan Hall at Huntington Avenue and Gainsboro Street, Boston.

\$2.40 tickets in the orchestra are almost sold out for both nights with the exception of good single seats. In the \$1.80 seats, rear orchestra and front two rows of the balcony, a better selection of seats is available for the Friday night performance, although good tickets are still on sale for both nights. \$1.20 selec-

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Medical Dept. Will X-Ray All Students, Staff

Appointments May Be
Made Beginning Today
At Information Office

The Medical department, in cooperation with the Massachusetts State Department of Health, is planning to x-ray the chests of all members of the Institute students, staff and employees, starting next Monday morning, April 7.

X-rays will be taken every Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 24-031 until every member of the Technology family has been reached.

Appointments may be made beginning this morning in the Information Office, Room 7-111. It is hoped that as many as possible will make appointments today and tomorrow. X-rays can be made at the rate of twenty every fifteen minutes so there should be little waiting.

When the program is completed the Medical department hopes to have a chest x-ray of everyone who has not had an x-ray since January 1. There is no charge for this service.

As only outdoor garments must be removed, appointments for women, men and children can be made in order. It is requested that women wear only simple garments with no metal ornaments.

The Medical Department wishes to stress that this x-ray will replace the regular yearly examination for Sophomores and Juniors but not Seniors.

If for any reason the x-ray taken on the 70 mm. machine, used by the state is unsatisfactory, another x-ray will be taken on a full-size plate in the Institute's regular X-ray machine. About 5 per cent of the plates will have to be repeated so there should be no cause for alarm if a reappointment is requested by the Medical department.

All personal records concerning the x-rays will be kept confidential and no employee of the Institute need fear any change in his status at Technology because of any findings made in this survey.

WMIT Lays Cable Under Mass. Ave.; To Extend Service

By SANDER RUBIN

WMIT is expanding by leaps and bounds, or rather by creeps and crawls. In order to extend the carrier current service to the Graduate House, members of the WMIT staff have been crawling around on their hands and knees laying cable for the past several weekends. Service to the Graduate House is expected to commence within two weeks.

The cable itself is rather spectacular stuff. There's 6,500 feet of it worth about \$2,300. Nobody had to sell his right arm to get it, however, the Technology acoustics lab just happened to have it lying around left over from their war contract. Since WMIT and the E. E. department are pretty chummy WMIT got the cable. It's rugged stuff, too; two conductor, two steel supporting strand, shielded, rubber covered, submarine towing cable. Incidentally, if WMIT returns the cable drums for the deposit on them, they might show a profit on the deal.

The station staff members are becoming experts on manholes, steam-ducts, sewers and snakes. The first lap of the cable connects the Wood Dorms with Building 8. There happened to be a steam duct with manholes running under the parking lot between the two buildings. One of the worms who was

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Class Elections To Have Three Voting Booths In Bldg 10, 1, Walker Mem.

FEATURED SPEAKER



Dean Everett M. Baker will lecture at the T.C.A.-sponsored Tech Embassy next Wednesday.

TCA Schedules "Tech Embassy"

Dean Everett M. Baker
Is Featured Speaker

The T.C.A. has announced that its Eleventh Annual Tech Embassy will take place on Wednesday, April 9. The featured speaker will be Dean Everett M. Baker, who will speak on "Religion for Scientists."

The Embassy, which is a program of religious discussion, will begin at 4 p.m. in the Emma Rogers Room, 10-340. The first event is a reception for Dean Baker and the guest speakers of the evening. Also present will be a representative from each living group taking part in the Embassy.

At 5 p.m. Dean Baker will deliver his talk in Room 10-250. After Dean Baker's speech, the second part of the program will take place among the individual living groups. These groups have invited members of the local clergy to attend the dinner which will be followed by a religious discussion panel.

Feature speakers in the past years have been Dr. Karl Compton and Professor Erwin Schell.

Nomination Blanks May Be Obtained At Info. Office

Elections this year shall feature three voting booths to accommodate the large turn-out that is expected. The regular voting place in Building 10 shall run from 8:30 a.m. till 5:20 p.m. The two new voting places shall be in Building 1, at 33 Massachusetts Avenue, and in Walker Memorial, in front of the dining hall. The booth in Building 1 shall run the full day along with the booth in Building 10, but the booth in Walker Memorial shall run only from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nominations blanks are now available for the Annual Spring Elections in the Information Office in Building 7. Each candidate for

Any members of the student body who wish to be deputized as members of the elections committee, so that they can tend the voting booths and count votes on election day, may leave their names and telephone numbers in the Walker Memorial Committee office in Walker Memorial.

office must obtain twenty-five signatures of men in his class and submit these with his cumulative, activities record, a four by five photograph, and a two-hundred word statement of his policies.

These nominations are due at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, and should be placed in a sealed box in the Information Office. They shall then be processed for eligibility, and as many pictures and nominee platforms as possible will appear in The Tech the following Friday.

The Class of '47 shall elect a permanent class president, corresponding secretary, and three Senior Day Class Marshals. The Class of '47 shall include only those students graduating in June.

The Class of '48 shall elect a president, a secretary-treasurer, and two Institute Committee Representatives. This class shall include all students now in 4-1, 3-2, 3-1.

The Junior Class, '49, shall elect a president, secretary-treasurer, two Institute Committee Representa-

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No Reason For Fear Of Russia, Reiterates Professor Struik

By TOM HILTON '49

In a lecture sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee Thursday, March 27, Professor Struik presented a more refined version of the arguments that he had presented to the Veterans' Association two weeks previous. As before, Professor Struik came to what he believes is the inescapable conclusion: there is absolutely no need to fear Russia.

"Agreement with Russia is vitally necessary," said Professor Struik. And if you want to agree with Russia you do not call Russia "names," do not threaten, and do not stress differences—all of which we do regularly. Most of all we should try to put ourselves in the place of Russia. "This we have never done," said Professor Struik.

"Nevertheless, there are many significant areas in which we agree with Russia. We both want peace and both believe in the United Nations. We both favor the veto power in the Security Council of the United Nations and the full denazification of Germany. We both recognize each other's right

to national security, and both respect the dignity of labor."

"However," continued Professor Struik, "in American headlines, one gets the impression that we must fear Russia because it is 1) expanding, 2) totalitarian, 3) aggressive, and 4) a menace to our national security. The last item was given official sanction by President Truman in his recent speech to Congress."

"Actually each one of these claims is completely unfounded," said the speaker. He analyzed each separately.

As for the charge that Russia is expanding, Professor Struik said that Russia has not as much territory today as it had under the Tsars. Also the countries recently acquired by Russia joined the U.S.S.R. only after plebiscites in each one. Furthermore, Russia doesn't want hostile people "in their corporations."

"Totalitarianism," said Prof. Struik, "is a catchword that is used to transfer hate from the Nazis to

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Claude Thornehill, Soph Prom bandleader, balks as Frank W. Heilenday, '48, attempts to hawk THE TECH'S "Boston Daily Reamer," a take-off of the Boston papers.

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A WORTHY PROJECT

Beginning next Monday and continuing until the program is completed, the medical department is endeavoring to obtain a chest x-ray of every member of the Institute. The program is being carried out in cooperation with the State Medical Department, and the Institute personnel is one of the first groups in this area to be afforded the opportunity to carry out such an extensive program.

Tuberculosis, both in the state and the Institute, has been almost wiped out, but a program such as this will bring medical attention to the few afflicted, before sanatorium care is necessary and before they infect others. In short, it is a protective measure for all concerned.

It is expected that the program will take four weeks, with the machine operating at almost capacity. Thus it is necessary to get the program off to an auspicious start. Therefore as many as possible are urged to make appointments today and tomorrow for the early part of next week.

Sophomores and Juniors should welcome this opportunity to get their yearly medical check-up out of the way as soon as possible.

All in all, it is a worthwhile program that should have everyone's support, and we urge you to sign up for your appointment as early as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

We feel it in order, at this point, to interject a few words of commendation to the Sophomore Prom Committee for the general success of last weekend. The formal itself went off in fine style, and although the floor was a bit crowded, everyone seemed to leave satisfied. An extra note of praise should be sounded for the orchestra which played danceable music all evening rather than committing the all-too-common sin of playing too many fast numbers.

The real novelty, however, came on Saturday night with the highly informal party held here at Walker, which, if anything, was the climax of the weekend's activities. It was certainly a welcome change after the somewhat stuffy fraternity parties held in the past. In fact, the success of this affair coupled with the many expressions of approval by the prom-goers would seem to call for more of this type of parties on future prom weekends.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, THE TECH
 Walker Memorial

Dear Sir:

The Puerto Rico exhibit in Building 10 is shocking to those who know more details. Our colony of Puerto Rico is a national disgrace. You would not guess it from the exhibit. Here are some ADDED FACTS:

1. The exhibit states "Although school attendance is up 16% over 15 years ago, almost half the school-age population does not attend school." The ADDED FACTS are that the U. S. Government insists on a bi-lingual (Spanish-American) language system for the schools of the Spanish-speaking nation. So: textbooks and teaching are in "English" while both teachers and students fully understand only Spanish! Good teaching is impossible. The Insular Legislature has passed legislation four years hand running to remedy this situation, twice over the appointed U. S. Governor's veto; but the U. S. State Dept. and our President have killed it. We are stifling the natural language and education of Puerto Ricans.

2. The exhibit states "Because sugar cane grows on the best land, Puerto Rico imports even its staple foods—rice, beans, dried codfish." Puerto Rico has an admittedly unstable, one-crop economy. Why? The ADDED FACTS are that American shipping interests obtained legislation which killed off Puerto Rico's flourishing foreign trade in 20 major commodities with 37 countries shortly after we annexed the Island in 1898. The resulting monopoly is very profitable—to American shippers. Furthermore, American citrus fruit and shoe interests stifled major attempts to create new Puerto Rico industries in the 1920s. Only the sugar interests with their American refineries, Revere Sugar in Charlestown is the biggest, have been encouraged. Puerto Rico even imports \$2,000,000 of sugar candy each year. Result: 60% of all Puerto Ricans were unemployed throughout the war.

Luis Munoz Marin, president of the Puerto Rican senate, has long been saying "Puerto Rico does not want to be a colony."

When we look at the exhibit let us remember that the vast problems of Puerto Rico are in large part the results of our own country's foreign policies.

Roger Willcox
 ('47 Grad IV-B; '41 Grad
 Harvard Economics)

NOTE: Quotes from Luis Munoz Marin taken from May 11, 1946, article by Marin in THE NATION.



WOMAN ABOUT TECH

By GERI R. SAPOLSKY

OPEN THE DOOR, SCIENCE!

Even modern science is not infallible. The proof of this awful truth came to us in the lobby of Building 10. A chap who looked to us like a perfect scientist was walking at great speed through the lobby. He plunged at even greater speed through the electric eyes that operate that wonderful door.

But he must have caught the door at the end of a cycle because it didn't open and he bounced off its unflinching surface with a crushy thud. As he rebounded we heard him say in a disgusted voice that revealed how deeply his belief in science had been shaken: "Damn that door!"

A la Drew Pearson, we have scored again for democracy. Pearson uncovered the Columbians but this column, in league with two other liberty-loving colleagues, saved Technology from a Russian-style ballot. Naming no names (it was the General Manager), someone attempted to have last week's coupon on physical training printed with only a "yes" block. Maybe we don't deserve a CMH for it, but we do feel more righteous now.

This is probably as good a place as any to say that opinions expressed in this column are merely those of the columnist and do not reflect on the Managing board, the Editorial board, Institute Committee, the U. S. Army, President Truman, Generalissimo Stalin, or any other responsible body.

Have you heard that The Tech is selling want-ads at \$1.25 an inch? In line with our policy of lowering prices to decrease the HCE (high cost of existing) we hereby offer space in this column for sale at only \$.50 (that's only fifty cents) per 30 words. Applicants can drop us a letter containing the half-dollar and the ad c/o The Tech, Walker Memorial.

We feel it our bounden duty to recount the tale of our latest act in the guise of a Samaritan. The other Tuesday, the first day of school, we aided a first-term freshman. The chap, still damp behind the ears, thought that it was Monday and after sleeping innocently thru the first hour of 8.01 lab, was walking into an 8.02 lecture. We set him on the right path with nary a snicker.

Giving-credit-where-credit-is-due-dept.: We wish to thank our correspondents for their kind gifts. Received thus far are two dainty anti-macassars, one typewritten lovenote, and one slightly defective time bomb.

Stratton Prize Awards Will Resume This Spring

Annual award of the Stratton Prizes will be resumed this spring after a lapse of several years. The fund, which provides \$100 in prizes, was founded in memory of Samuel W. Stratton, late President of the Institute. All members of professional societies are eligible to compete.

Participation in the contest consists of writing and delivering a 15-minute paper on a technical subject presented so that it can be understood by people without technical backgrounds. Four contestants will be chosen at a semi-final trial to participate in the final competition. Semi-final judges will include two staff members from the department of English and one from an engineering or scientific department.

The finals will be held on June 12, the day preceding graduation exercises. Prizes of \$60 and \$40 will then be awarded at a program which will include music by the Glee Club and Orchestra. Informal dancing in Walker Memorial will follow.

Something new and different in the way of debuts was displayed last Saturday evening, March 29, in the famous Beaver Room of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The debutantes for whom the gala celebration was held are Miss Barbara Scovitch and Miss Rosemary Turerarund, both of whom are students at the Institute. The affair, strangely enough, called the Turnerarundascovitch Dance, turned out to be one of the season's most successful social events.

The Misses T. and S. were daintily attired in the latest designs by Lucien Leshart, the famous Parisian designer. Miss Turerarund's outfit consisted of a white shirt and a matching skirt and sweater in the new shade—Toujours Chartreuse, while Miss Scovitch was attired in a silver-grey skirt, white shirt and carnation-red bow tie. There turned out to be a little trouble, however, for every other girl who attended was dressed exactly in the same manner. This caused some consternation, but, except for a few hair-pulling contests and four black eyes, all was serene and quiet.

One reason for the success of the evening was the wonderful work done by the famous Maitre d'Hotel Andre, known to his close friends as N. R. T. McNaughton. His efficient management and sparkling humor made the event a gala one indeed. He was fortunate enough to obtain two artists from the New York stage to provide some of the entertainment for the party. They were the noted marimbist (that's a person who plays a marimba) Bascom Alabama, and the famous memory expert Dunninger Heikus. They were not, however, the only celebrities present, for among the guests were Dimitri S. Judson, the renowned composer; Sir Isaac Kunstader, famous physicist; and a host of others.

The evening combined dancing and entertainment to give a very novel twist to the usual type of event at the Beaver Room, and if the Misses T. and S. see fit to remake their debuts next year, I strongly advise everyone to make a point of attending—you will not regret it.

Elections

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tives, and ten members for the Beaver Key Society. The class shall include all students now in 3-1, 2-2, 2-1.

The Sophomore Class, '50, shall also elect a president, secretary-treasurer, and two Institute Committee Representatives. This class includes those students now in 1-1, 1-2.

This year, for the first time, three men shall be elected to represent the Institute at the constitutional convention of the National Students' Organization in Madison, Wisconsin, this summer. Three runners-up shall be selected to go to the convention as observers for the Institute.

All voting shall be by the preferential ballot. This method of voting is designated to elect the man who receives the greatest support from the student body. Each voter writes down his first, second, third, and as many choices as there are candidates. When the votes are counted, the man receiving the majority of votes is elected. If there is no majority on the first count, the man with the lowest number of votes is dropped, and the next choice, in this case, number two, is used for the other candidates. This procedure is carried out until one of the nominees is elected by a majority. In the event that there are two or more men to be elected for the same office, as is the case for Institute Committee Representative, the first man is elected by the majority, and then his name is cancelled from the running, the number two choice on his ballots going to the other candidates for the office.

A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE

At the most recent Beaver Key meeting last Thursday night, the athletic honorary society unanimously decided to relinquish what has up to now been its main function, namely that of holding intramural sports tournaments. Although most members would have liked Beaver Key to keep holding the tournaments notwithstanding the time and effort required, they felt that the Institute would be better served if the Athletic Association assumed the function.

Actually, the matter was not entirely up to Beaver Key. At an Institute Committee meeting that afternoon, it had been decided to let the society keep the tournaments on a probationary status to see how Beaver Key could handle the intramural sports program under the proposed athletic director. The implication was that the job, a greatly expanded intramural program, would prove too big for Beaver Key and that A.A. would take over sooner or later anyway.

Beaver Key's action was not a face-saving gesture, however. Many members sincerely wanted to keep on running tournaments and to prove the society's capability by holding "bang-up" swimming and softball tourneys to end the spring sports season. This will undoubtedly still be done. But an argument advanced for relinquishment of the tournaments seemed important enough to outweigh all other considerations. It was decided that Beaver Key should turn wholeheartedly to its actual key function, namely that of welcoming visiting athletic teams to the Institute.

Compared to conditions at other schools, Technology has not spread out the best sort of welcome mat for visiting teams. Students returning from a sports contest at McGill were flabbergasted over the attention and money spent on them including dinner engagements, dances, comfortable lodgings and so forth. While conditions at other schools are perhaps not so favorable, it must be conceded that Technology has not been doing its job properly in this department.

The fault cannot entirely be laid to Beaver Key. Coaches of sports have not cooperated with the society in the welcoming of teams and offers of help have often been rejected.

The new set-up next fall will present a different and a better picture. The Athletic Association will be in charge of the intramural as well as the intercollegiate sports program and will solicit students of athletic background with lots of time on their hands to help run the greatly enlarged program. Beaver Key, meanwhile, will be in charge of welcoming opposing teams and with a little effort should help in creating an impression of Technology in the minds of opposing players—let them remember M.I.T. as a good host if not a push-over at sports.

I.F.C. Dance Plans Include Sat. Parties

Four Afternoon Parties To Follow Friday Dance

Highlighted by several Saturday afternoon cocktail parties, plans for the I.F.C. Weekend, May 9 and 10, are rapidly taking shape. The big formal dance will be Friday evening, May 9, in the Hotel Statler with Boyd Raeburn and his popular new band supplying the music.

At least four fraternities will give I.F.C.-sponsored cocktail parties according to present plans. No official parties are being planned for Saturday evening because, as committee chairman Stuart G. Farnum, '47, explains it, the emphasis is to be on a fraternity weekend. In that way each house may have its own private or bid party on Saturday night.

Because of the anticipated student interest and the increased fraternity enrollment, admission to the dance will be limited to fraternity men. Farnum pointed out that, while it is not the intention of the I.F.C. to bar non-fraternity men, the number that may attend is limited and the preference should go to fraternity men.

The tickets, which are \$8.40 per couple, will be distributed through the houses within the next few days. Each senior and, if possible, each junior will get one ticket. Any remaining tickets then will be divided proportionately among the houses.

Student Societies Sponsor Lectures

Math Society: The Wednesday series of lectures in Room 4-270 at 5 p.m. is to be continued indefinitely. Next Wednesday, April 9, Professor Struik will give a lecture on Zeno's paradoxes. Among future talks will be one on topology by A. V. Martin, another on combinatorial problems by Raymond Kilheffer, and still another on applications of Boolean algebra to electric circuit theory, to be given by Albert Perry.

A.S.M.E.: Carlos de Zafra, member of the Corporacion Fomento of the Chilean government, will give a talk on the industrialization of Chile at 5 p.m. this Monday, April 7, in Room 10-250.

Metallurgical Society: Monday, April 7, will be the date of the annual spring chowder party, which will be held in Building 35 at 6:15 p.m. Minn Destur will speak on "Metallurgy in India." Prices will range from 75c to 90c.

Rocket Society: Professor W. M. Rohsenow will, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, give a lecture on the principles of heat transfer in 6-120. Membership applications for the spring term will be accepted then.

Drill Team: Regular meetings, which convene in front of the rifle room, are held every Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. Freshman non-coms are especially urged to attend these meetings, for special instruction in the manual of arms for the M1 rifle will be given.



Physics Society: Professor Slater will speak on the electronics research laboratory next Friday, April 11, in 6-120 from 5 to 6 p.m.

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tion in the balcony is still excellent for both nights, according to Michel.

It is to be stressed that in a small theater such as Jordan Hall (seating capacity 1000) "almost any seat is a good seat."

General Manager Robert B. Hildebrand, '47, and Jack C. Kiefer, '47, Production Manager, announce that rehearsals are getting along fine.

Struik

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the Soviet Union." The number of political parties in Russia (one) has nothing to do with the degree of democracy. Anyway, it's none of our business, he said—it can't be exported.

Further denying the charge that Russia is totalitarianism, Professor Struik said that it's a peculiar dictatorship that has for twenty years promoted equality of sex, religion, and of laborers.

Likewise he claimed that Russian aggression is a hoax that has been fostered by constant repetition. "Stories about Communists being Russian fifth columnists are without the slightest bit of evidence," he said.

The charge that Russia is a threat to national security was born in 1919 by France and England to justify their formation of the "cordon sanitaire" around Russia. Today we are attempting to make a new "cordon."

Immediately after Professor Struik concluded his talk a very agitated question period began. The first objector was Dr. A. V. Martin of the Institute Mathematics department who first offered several examples of what he believed was Russian totalitarianism: the 1937 purge, the absence of any opposition to Stalin, and the report that

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Army Will Grant Commissions To Former Officers

Requirements Include Honorable Discharge And Degree By July 15, 1947

Details of a plan whereby former commissioned officers who are now seniors or graduate students may receive commissions in the Regular Army were announced this week by the Military Science department.

Veterans applying for commissions in the Air Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Department, Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Veterinary Corps and Chaplains' Corps, to qualify, must have been commissioned in the Army between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, have received an honorable discharge and must have received a college degree or completed graduate work before July 15, 1947.

Veterans applying for commissions in the Coast Artillery Corps, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Infantry, Corps of Engineers, Finance Department, Ordnance Department, Quartermaster Corps, Transportation Corps, Signal Corps, Chemical Corps, and Corps of the Military Police must have been commissioned in the AUS or any of its components subsequent to July 15, 1944, must be less than 28 years of age as of July 15, 1947, must have received an honorable discharge, and must have received a degree or completed graduate work as of July 15, 1947.

The Adjutant General's office upon request will forward application forms plus an Evaluation Report Kit which the veteran will turn over to the member of the faculty most familiar with his work. Requests for applications should be received by April 15.

Further information may be obtained from the Professor of Military Science and Tactics. It is expected that a roving screening center will be set up at Technology for personal interviews.

Women's Glee Club Calls For Singers

The Women's Glee Club is in need of more voices to fill out its ranks.

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Tickets Half Sold For Spring Frolic

Program Will Feature Dancing By Louis Young

Louis Young, '50, will be a featured entertainer at the Dormitory Dance Committee's Spring Frolic, to be held Friday evening, April 11, in Walker Memorial. Young has had years of dancing experience and was in great demand in his home town of Detroit. The performance at the Spring Frolic will be Young's first appearance in Boston.

More than half of the available tickets for the informal dance have already been sold, and the Committee feels that the remaining ones will not last much longer. As previously announced, the music will be by Bert Edwards and his Orchestra, who proved popular in his last engagement at the Christmas dance. The Spring Frolic will last from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., and there will be open house in the dormitories that evening.

Chaperons for the dance include Dr. and Mrs. Karl T. Compton, Dean and Mrs. Everett M. Baker, Professor and Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton, Professor Avery A. Ashdown, Professor and Mrs. Hans Mueller, and Professor and Mrs. Paul Pigors.

AWAY FROM THE GRIND

Attention Walker pinball enthusiasts! Talents which manifest themselves in the proper nudging of those mechanical nickle-snatchers are being appreciated somewhere. At Charlottesville, Va., the University of Virginia gave their "Lead Gumdrop Award" to a student who came through with a perfect 25 submarines torpedoed to Davy Jones' locker on the new Corner shop nickle-snatcher. Students list pinball machines as a required object of study for a really successful summer session. That award winner must have been a senior in pin ball engineering.

Dramashop

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bled on one stage at once. In the course of solving the murder, Lord Wimsey and his detective fiction-writing wife encounter a multitude of "characters." Originally written as a mystery book, the play achieved a good deal of notoriety. The end of the play, involving a re-enactment of the crime, is rumored to be a tricky bit of stagecraft.

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Struik

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if opposition is discovered it is eliminated. Secondly, contradicting Professor Struik's claim that Communists in countries outside Russia are patriotic to those countries and not to Russia, he pointed out that Maurice Thorez, party secretary and boss of the French Communists, sat the war out in Russia. Thirdly, Dr. Martin asserted that Russia objected to the Baruch Plan in order that they can stall long enough to "pile up weapons in the meantime." "Therefore," concluded Dr. Martin, "we must declare war on Russia!"

Said Professor Struik in answer to Dr. Martin: "If Thorez had not escaped to Russia, Daladier would have imprisoned him and he would have been executed by the Nazis when they found him. The Baruch Plan would admit American big

WMIT Presents Two New Wednesday Night Programs

WMIT, Technology's carrier current station, initiated last Wednesday its first fully sponsored half-hour program, Sheldon's Jazz Rarities. Heard every Wednesday at 10:00 P.M., the program features collector's items in jazz recordings from the collection of Sheldon's Record Shop of Cambridge, the sponsor of the show.

A week from next Wednesday the first of another new series of programs is to be aired, Music of the World. This program will alternate with Latin American Rhythms in the 10:30 to 11:00 P.M. spot on Wednesdays. Each program will compare the popular and classical music of a different country.

business into Russia and this would upset Russia's 5-year plan.

Next, a member of the audience who had recently lived in Greece presented a very impassioned denial of Professor Struik's claims regarding Greece, saying that the Greeks do not want the partisans that live in the mountains. "They are all Trotskyites that want only to be masters of Greece."

Another member of the audience objected to the absence of habeas corpus in Russia. Answered Professor Struik: "As far as I know, Holland does not have habeas corpus either." And also he mentioned that Russia had a very democratic constitution.

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crawling through and pulling the cable found his way blocked by a sewer pipe crossing right through the duct at right angles. Someone had to crawl in from the Building 8 end and drag the cable the rest of the way.

Chopped Snake

The layers ran into difficulty trying to bridge the last gap from Building 1 to the Graduate House. They found appropriate manholes on the opposite sides of Massachusetts Avenue and succeeded in opening them with the aid of a four foot screw driver borrowed from the Buildings and Power Department. However, when they pushed their snake through, they found it wasn't long enough. In order to check this, they stretched the snake across Mass. Avenue, but they didn't reckon on the Boston Elevated Railway who, probably with malice of forethought, ran a trolley car over the snake chopping it neatly into three pieces.

Technology ingenuity was undaunted by this contretemps, however. One of the worms found a twisted pair running through the duct which when tested proved to be quite dead. It was but the work of a moment to cut the pair. The cable and another line were tied to the severed pair and pulled through from the other manhole, where the cable was detached. The second line was then used to pull the twisted pair back to its former position; it was then spliced and soldered to restore it, more or less, to its original condition.

Through The Basement

The going was a lot easier when

Irgunist Delegate To Lecture Here

The Hillel Society of Technology in cooperation with the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America will sponsor a talk by a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Palestine underground organization, on Thursday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4-270. Hillel and the I.F.Z. are presenting the speaker "in order to present the uncensored story of the situation in Palestine."

Irgun Zvai Leumi is a Palestine military group that has been using terroristic methods in attempting to drive the British out of Palestine. The Irgun considers that it is conducting illegal war with the British for the liberation of their nation. The British take a dim view of this, however, contending that the Irgun is neither the military arm of the Palestinian Jews nor is it a legal existing group.

The British have declared that Irgunists are agents-provocateur and that membership in the Irgun is punishable by death.

It came to running the cable through the basement of Building 1 and 3. The architect had thought fully provided holes in the walls for existing pipes through which the cable could be pulled. At one time however, worm Stephen Temmer '50, found himself in a particularly cramped position hauling on 1,200 feet of cable three inches at a time or so he says. In the basements of Buildings 4 and 8 several fire walls were discovered which had to be by-passed with the aid of a star drill.

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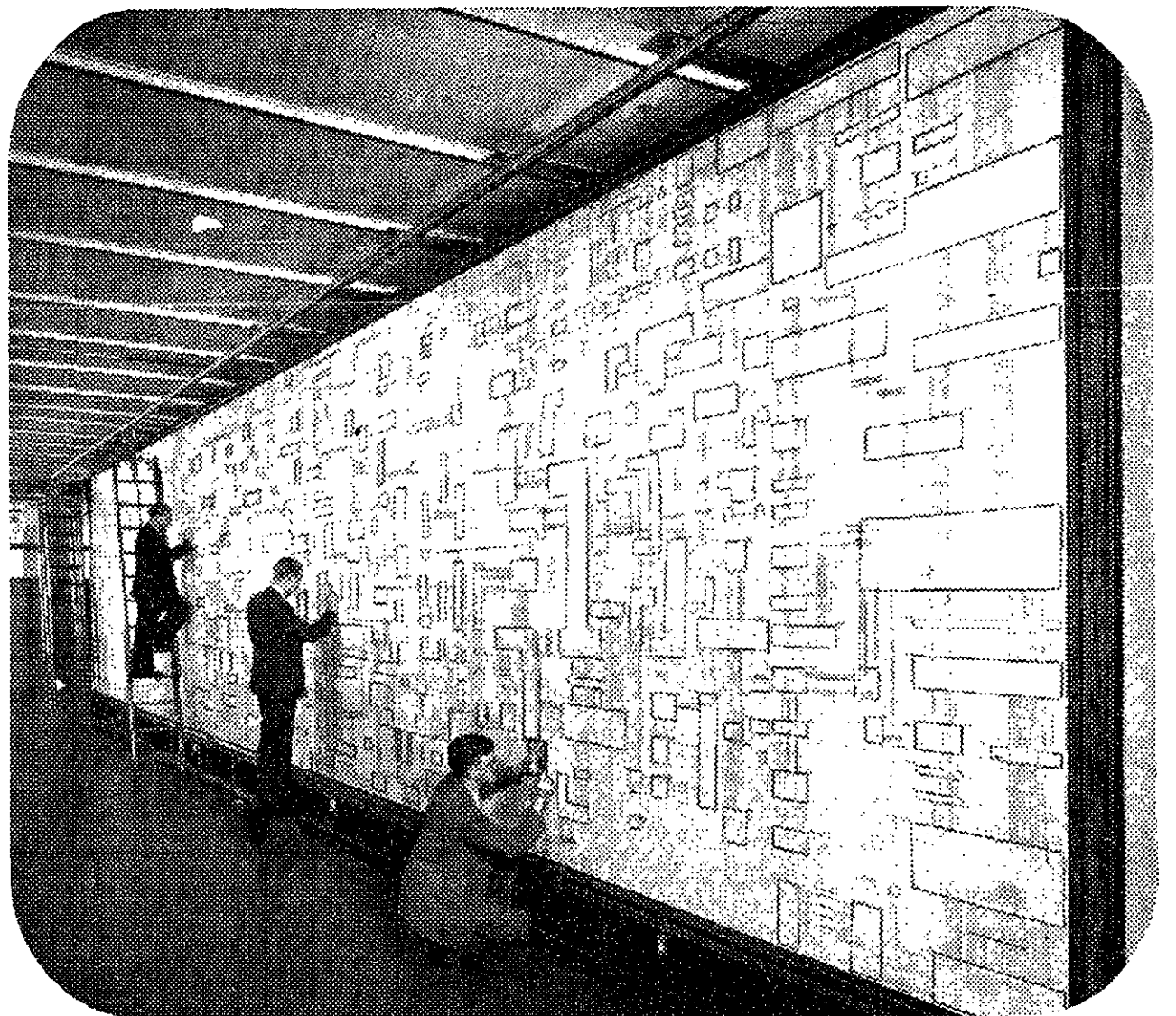
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250 Learn Ropes Of Sailing Work At Shore School

Probably the largest group of its kind in the country, the Nautical Association's Shore School completes its closing session this afternoon. Under the guidance of Jack Wood, sailing master, approximately 250 students interested in cruising the Charles enrolled in the two-week course to learn the elements of sailing.

Open to all helmsmen, a school for racing skippers will begin Monday afternoon at the Sailing Pavilion. The school, consisting of four sessions scheduled every day next week except Thursday, will be conducted by John Fennessey, chairman of the race committee of the Nautical Association. Instruction will cover racing tactics and the Provisional North American Rules for racing.

Three, or possibly four, Technology crews will initiate spring competition for the M.I.T. sailors as they complete in a Pentagonal Regatta next Sunday morning, April 13, in the Charles River Basin. Crews from Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Middlebury will vie with the Techmen for dingy racing laurels.

Technology's fleet of 40 dinghies will be made available to sailors from Boston College, the University of New Hampshire, and Northeastern University on Saturday, April 12, in a Northeastern-sponsored regatta on the Charles River Basin.

Tracksters Close Indoor Season; Mile Relay Sports Best Record

By JAN HOEGFELDT

The recently completed indoor track season can be considered a success when viewed in an over-all perspective. Coach Oscar Hedlund had a real job in building a mile relay team, as he had only two holdovers from last year's competitors—Harold Ingraham and Douglas Vitagliano. Wayne Carter looked like a sure third man, but he developed heart trouble and could not compete. As good quarter milers were few and far between, Coach Hedlund developed two high hurdlers, James Prigoff and Robert Baldwin, into quarter milers.

The center of interest during the indoor season is usually the one mile relay, with the teams of the different colleges being entered in the Saturday evening track meets at the Boston and Madison Square Gardens. In this respect a striking feature of the recently completed season was the number of times the Beaver quartet raced against the Tufts relay squad and defeated them.

Three Wins Over Tufts

The first time that the Tufts and Tech mile relay teams met was at the Boston Knights of Columbus meet, held in the Boston Garden on January 25th. In a hard-fought race, the Tufts team, led by Palmieri, edged out a victory over the Tech mile-relay team in 3:34.4. The next meeting of the two teams was down at the 40th Millrose Games in New York on February 1st. This time, Tech lost a stiff battle to the Penn team, but left the Tufts

tracksters trailing by a very short distance. The winning time for this race was 3:32.0.

A third meeting between the Tech and Tufts teams was at the 58th B.A.A. Games in the Boston Garden on the following Saturday, and for the first time in their indoor season the Tech tracksters triumphed. Again, after a close race, the Tech anchor man, Vitagliano, edged out a finish over Palmieri of Tufts, by inches. Tech's winning time was 3:31:0. The last contest involving the Tufts and MIT teams was the NYAC Indoor Games at Madison Square Garden on February 15th. At the beginning of the race, Royce Crimmins, former Tech man and holder of the Tech record for the 440-yd. dash (49.7 sec.), took a 25 yard lead for Brown over the Tufts and MIT runners. Then, both the Tufts and Tech men picked up on Brown's second man, but with Ingraham running a terrific third lap for Tech, in 51.2, the Beavers moved into the lead. The finish of the race was the same as it had been all season, with Palmieri and Vitagliano fighting it out all the way. Vitagliano came through once more to win by a margin of three or four yards.

The final race of the mile relay was in the special New York Knights of Columbus meet March 8th. Tech was matched against stronger competition than ever before, as the Beavers ran against Georgetown and Yale. Getting the baton in last place after two laps, Ingraham once again caught up with the competition and passed Yale, with Georgetown a yard ahead. Vitagliano ran his usual fine anchor leg, but Sausa of Georgetown proved too much. As Sausa won by a foot, the Tech relay team came through with a time of 3:30:0 seconds, only two tenths of a second of their best time.

Two-Milers Have Tough Season

Although the mile relay team had a successful year, the two-mile relay did not fare too well. In the Boston K. of C. games, Oscar Noss, Mark Kirchner, Randy Cleworth, and Warren Spear placed second to Tufts in a team race involving six New England colleges. Noss, Kirchner, Spear and Hank Henze got lost in the shuffle in the two-mile relay race at the BAA meet and placed fourth. The two-mile team next tried its luck in the I.C. 4A championship meet in New York, but once again got stampeded in the thirteen team race.

Frosh Take Inter-Class

With the Inter-class meet divided into two groups, A and B, the numerous freshmen won the competition with 101½ points, as the Sophomores topped the group A competition with 52½ points. The Class of '49 placed second in the totals of the meet with 75½ points, the Juniors were third with 40 points, and the Seniors last with 32 points.

Wood And Hayden Win In The Season Openers Of Dorm Softball League

B. K. VOLLEYBALL

Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Chi have taken the leads in the round-robin portion of the finals of the Beaver Key Volleyball Tournament. Last Thursday's games saw Sigma Nu take Phi Delta Theta 15-8, 12-15, and 15-13; Phi Kappa lost to Sigma Chi, 15-5 and 15-10. Tuesday night saw Phi Kappa lose to Sigma Nu 15-13 and 15-12, while Sigma Chi was beaten by the Phi Deltas 15-3, 10-15, and 12-15.

The next games will see the Phi Deltas paired with Phi Kappa, and Sigma Chi teamed up with Sigma Nu.

Westgate, 5:15, Barracks D And Seniors Victors

Baseball blew in from the south on the tail of a high wind last Saturday afternoon, as the Dorms engaged in the first outdoor athletics of the spring. Despite the cool weather and high winds, the Dorm softball league managed to play most of the games scheduled. Several teams have already evidenced great strength, but as things shape up now, there should be a close battle for the league leadership.

Led by their star pitcher Leon Mark and their hard-hitting third basemen John Goldson, the Wood team took an 8-5 win over Bemis. Though Mark was wild, walking 7 men before settling down, Bemis got only three hits—the only solid one being a fourth-inning home-run by Karl Goldberg. Goldson led the Wood hitting with a home-run in the first to put his team off to a quick 3-1 lead. The lead changed hands twice before Wood drew ahead with a rally in the fifth, and clinched the victory with single tallies in the last two innings.

Westgate, with a pre-season reputation as the team to beat, found the going not too easy as they bested another good team, Monroe, 8-4. Westgate's star pitcher Fred Woods and Monroe's Eph Sparrow hooked up in a pitching duel that kept the game close until Don Marshall, Westgate first sacker, blasted out a three-run homer to clinch the win.

Hayden had the easiest game of the day as they subdued Barracks A, 15-9. Behind the excellent pitching of Bob Cadieu, Hayden piled up a commanding lead in the early innings and coasted to victory. The hard-hitting Haydenites took full advantage of the sloppy Barracks play, and led by Hudok, hard-hitting shortstop who smashed out two home-runs in the early innings, they poured across most of their runs in four quick innings.

Making their 13 hits count for 11 runs, the 5:15 Club showed itself to be another contender for the league title as they whipped Goodale 11-6. Captain Herb Kurinsky, who contributed a home-run and a single to the Commuter cause, used three pitchers and substitutes in almost every position as the 5:15ers inaugurated their Dorm league play. Among a team which

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The Beaver Barkes

By DAVE ISRAEL

There is little doubt that one of the most neglected features about Technology activities has been the publicity given to them. This has been especially true in regards to sports. Although the formation of the Public Relations Committee may materially aid this situation in regards to the scholastic activities as reported in the Boston papers, it appears that there will be little continuous coverage of sports under the P.R.C. setup.

It is also evident that the befogged situation in regards to publicity in the school itself needs to be adjusted or corrected. The bulletin boards around the Institute clearly show the effects of this condition. There is not enough space for every activity, and each activity has little or no consideration of the publicity of another activity. Sports always comes out second best in the muddled surroundings.

The Athletic Association's budget does not allow very much money for posters to announce coming sports events. The publicity managers of the A.A. have had a difficult time trying to put out publicity for some 15 odd sports—especially when the cost of the posters for just one activity runs about \$15. Add to this the difficulty of finding space to hang the posters, and you have a good idea of the job facing the unfortunate individual who has charge of the A.A.'s publicity.

The struggle for poster space reached such proportions that several weeks ago the separate groups putting up the Soph Prom posters

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Beaver Key Will Hold Swimming Tournament

Cards have been sent to all the Technology living groups notifying them of the forthcoming Beaver Key Swimming tournament, to be held toward the end of this month. The tournament will be held in two sections, tryouts and the actual tournament, and will probably stretch over two days.

Groups that intend to enter teams must send in their notification to Peter H. Spitz, '48, not later than tomorrow. The details of the tournament will be announced in the next issue.

Beaver Barks

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and lacrosse practice posters were conducting a little war of their own.

Tom Hudson, new publicity manager of the A.A., has been trying for several days to obtain permission to place a "Hash" board, of the type used by cafeterias to advertise their menus, in some conspicuous place in Building 7 or 10. With the movable type and with the board in a good position, the A.A. could easily get cheap and efficient publicity.

The A.A. has undertaken steps to provide the additional coverage which is now lacking under the present Public Relations Committee setup. Under the proposed system there will be men of managerial status attached to each sport. These men will send to chief publicity manager Tom Hudson a preview of each sports event several days before it takes place, and a resume of that event after it takes place. Hudson will send copies of each to the P.R.C. and to THE TECH. In this way the P.R.C. will be able to give almost daily coverage of sports to Boston papers, and THE TECH will be able to materially extend its coverage of sports. The practice of having a manager contribute to the writing of a sports story has been very successful, especially in that it provides more colorful, intimate and accurate reporting.

These men who cover publicity for each sport will not only have the advantages of being in a managerial position on the various squads, but will also be in the position of being a reporter and having his stories appear in local print. This being so, it should be assumed that there are numerous people who would wish to fulfill these positions. Profound experience in either the sport or in newspaper writing is not necessary, the only requirement being interest.

It is hoped that any men interested in this new plan will come up to the A.A. office any afternoon and give their names to the secretary or see Tom Hudson personally. The sooner the whole plan is put into operation, the better. For too long Tech sports have received too little attention in Boston papers and in the minds of Techmen themselves.

Best of luck to Tom Hudson!

Softball

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shines with a wealth of talent, Cullenen, Murphy, Grant, Levingston, and Lally all shared in the Computer victory. Yen Whitney and Dave Finnegan hurled for the Goodale nine, with Basta, the first baseman, hitting a home-run with bases loaded.

In the other game played, the Barracks D team soundly drubbed

their neighbors, Barracks C, 20-10. The Seniors won their first game by forfeit over Barracks B.

The games which will be played for this weekend are:

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| Saturday | |
| 1:30 p.m. | Wood vs Barracks A |
| 1:30 p.m. | 5:15 vs Barracks D |
| 3:30 p.m. | Westgate vs Barracks C |
| 3:30 p.m. | Monroe vs Senior House |
| Sunday | |
| 2:00 p.m. | Goodale vs Barracks B |
| 2:00 p.m. | Bemis vs Hayden |

Westgate Group To Hold Meeting

The seventh meeting of the Council of the Westgate Organization will be held in Room 5-112 at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9. The formation of the Westgate Organization was begun last November when a group of interested students planned to organize Westgate for social functions, athletic events,

representation in the Institute, and for consideration of community problems.

Since its conception, the Westgate organization has sponsored many community activities and at present they have as an objective, the cooperative buying of food and services for Westgate. The Westgate organization plans to include Westgate West in its scope, and the election of representatives from Westgate West to the Council is expected in the near future.

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