

Killian Inauguration April 2

Techsapoppin Opens Friday With B. U. Game and Dance; Beauty Contest Saturday

The second annual Techsapoppin weekend will officially get under way Friday night with the Beaver-B.U. basketball game. Friday's entertainment will also include a dance, which will introduce several features never seen at the Institute before. Two orchestras will play at the dance; a seven piece ensemble in the gym and an eleven man group in Morss Hall.

Dancing 'Til Two
Unlike most dances the Tech-

TECHSAPOPPIN DANCER



Pann Merryman, acrobatic dancer, will appear at the Techsapoppin Dance Friday night.

sapoppin event will last 'til two o'clock Saturday morning. Never before has Walker been open so late for a school function.

The two orchestras, both part of Brad Kent's dance band, will play continuously except for twenty minutes while several professional and amateur exhibitions will be presented. Miss Pann Merryman, who recently appeared at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. and the Mount Royal in Montreal, will present an acrobatic ballet routine.

B.U.-Harvard Challenged

Institute athletics, both at the varsity and interclass levels, will be prominent this weekend. On Friday the Basketball team will meet B.U. at the Armory. B.U. won last year in a close game.

A scrappy hockey team will represent the Institute against Harvard at the Arena. The Techmen boast

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Dormitory Society Selects Initiates

Twelve residents of the dormitories were recently selected to become members of Dorclan, an honorary dormitory society, according to an announcement by Charles W. Davis, '49, president of the society. Members of the group consist of juniors and seniors chosen in recognition of their contribution to and interest in Technology extra-curricular and dormitory activities and on the basis of their record for fellowship as residents of the dormitories.

The men selected were Guy C. Bell, Jr., '50, William A. Black, Jr., '49, Thomas E. Dillon '49, John E. Gulick '49, Timothy L. Hanley '49, Charles N. Johnson, Jr., '50, Robert L. King '49, Blair L. Manning '49, James A. Miller '50, Fred J. Rayfield '50, Henry Simmons, Jr., '50 and Conrad J. Wroblewski '50.

Harvard Incident Was Originated At Bull Session

A review of the plan of nine Tech students to imprint the letters "MIT" in the turf of Harvard stadium reveals that the idea was conceived in a bull session a few weeks ago. The Monday night before the game, the plotters first surveyed Harvard stadium, acquired and tested eighty feet of primacord, then implanted it about four inches deep in the center of the playing field.

However, Harvard's cleanliness proved to be the Techmen's disaster. In the Monday reconnoiter, the field was found littered with trash. By Wednesday morning, this was all cleaned up with the exception of "hoards of it" under the temporary bleachers, which gave the Techmen the opinion that they were only cleaned once a year. This thought, along with coming daylight and a lack of splicing tools, led them to bury their only exposed bit of wire among the trash.

Made Test Explosion

Previous to the planting of the primacord, the students set off an eight-foot test charge under similar circumstances which left a V-shaped "crater" about four inches wide and, at deepest, carved only one inch beneath the surface, with some dirt flying up to "about five feet."

One Boston newspaper went so far as to say that the charge would have blown up Harvard stadium and wrought havoc to the surrounding community. This theory was contradicted by one Military Science Colonel who stated to his class that he would not be afraid to stand on the charge of primacord when it was set off.

The disciplinary committee, made up of deans and faculty members, suspended six of the Harvard game pranksters until February, and the two leaders until next June. One was put on probation.

Students Pay Detectives

Also, the pranksters will pay for the extra detective force hired to catch them, besides a fee for resurfacing the turf where the primacord was planted.

One of the leaders of the engraving act, a Tau Beta Pi man, remarked at being suspended until June: "In view of the pressure apparently applied by Harvard and considering the grossly exaggerated treatment in the Boston newspapers, absurd sensationalism, but none the less damaging, we feel that the disciplinary action was justified."

Want To Write Abroad? NSA Will Find Addressee

The National Student Association at M.I.T. announces a plan to promote exchange correspondence with students and instructors abroad. This is an opportunity for the dissemination of information on American life and Technology in particular among the countries of the world.

Anyone wanting to write to anyone anywhere should contact the NSA office in the basement of Walker between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Election Outcome Not Released; Constitutional Amendment Fails

Comm. Asks Candidates To File Activity Affidavits

Results of the November 23 election for Senior Ring Committee Chairman and Junior Prom Committee will not be announced until December 8, after activity statements of the candidates are investigated for fraudulent claims.

Paul D. McNaughton, '49, Elections Committee Chairman, is requiring each candidate for office to submit affidavits for every activity listed on the nomination petitions or asserted in campaign material. These affidavits are to include reports of the time spent in activities and of the extent of participation.

Candidates are to file their statements with Miss Mary Burke, Institute Committee Secretary, by Friday, December 3. The Elections Committee will check the statements for any false campaigning or violations of election rules.

Institute Committee, at its meeting Wednesday, December 8, will decide the final outcome of the election upon the findings of the Elections Committee.

The results will be published in The Tech on Friday, December 10.

Small Turnout Of Voters Causes Refer. Defeat

Because only 16.7% of the undergraduate body voted in the election last Tuesday, the proposed amendment to Article Four of the Undergraduate Association Constitution was not passed.

A two-thirds majority of 25% of the students must vote "Yes" in order to pass a referendum, according to the constitution of the Undergraduate Association. This referendum would have legalized the present practice of representing all Class A activities on the Institute Committee.

An executive committee of the Class of 1949 recently appointed Eugene M. Wroblewski, '49, to fill a vacant position on the Senior Week Committee.

This post was not taken in the election because only nine Seniors applied for positions on the committee, and ten are necessary for a complete membership.

The unopposed men who were elected to the Senior Week Committee on a white ballot are: Russell N. Cox, David D. Gaillard, Daniel W. Greenbaum, Robert L. King, William C. Mitchell, Robert L. Nesbitt, Leonard F. Newton, Louis G. Peloubet, Paul E. Weamer.

To assist in the convocation activities and the inauguration of Dr. Killian, planned for March 31-April 2, 1949, a special subcommittee of the Institute Committee has been formed.

The Institute Committee appointed Otto E. Kirchner, Jr., '49, chairman of this body, to be called the Student Hospitality Committee.

Students Will Air Criticisms Through New Rating System

Plans for a new instructor rating program have been virtually completed by the Student-Faculty Committee.

The various professional societies will handle the actual mechanics of the plan, each working in the courses from which its membership is drawn. Toward the end of the term, questionnaires, asking for specific criticisms of the instructor's technique, will be distributed to students in various sections. After going over the individual criticisms, a report, containing a consensus of the criticisms, will be sent by the committee to the instructor.

All proceedings will be in strictest confidence; instructors will have no knowledge of who has made the criticisms, and the results of the individual polls will be made known only to the instructor involved. A general account of the students' attitude toward the average of instructors in each department will be forwarded to the department head.

The plan has been attempted in the past, notably in Course X, several years ago under the auspices of Tau Beta Pi and Alpha Chi Sigma, when extreme satisfaction with the results was registered by both students and instructors alike. The present Student-Faculty Committee is the first to plan a permanent program.

CARE Packages Donated By Colloid Chem. Class

In a gesture to the students in Europe unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner in the American style, the 10.661 (Colloid Chemistry) course of Professor Ernest Hauser contributed enough at their Wednesday class to purchase two CARE packages for the colloid chemistry students in the Technische Hochschule of Vienna, Austria.

Installation After Three Day Forum; Top Men Expected

Dr. James R. Killian, '26, will be inaugurated as the tenth president of the Institute on April 2, 1949, in a ceremony that will climax a three day convocation on Science and Society at which world leaders in science and politics will speak.

The program, as announced by Dean John E. Burchard, '23, at the meeting of the Committee on Financing Development, will also initiate the active phase of the Institute's fund raising drive for \$20,000,000.

While at the present time none of the speakers have been approached, plans call for invitations to be sent to men internationally renowned in their respective fields. The keynote speech, to be given on the afternoon of March 31, will be "The State of Science," a philosophical review of science as it is today.

Open House Cancelled

Open House, originally planned for this Spring, will be cancelled in order that the full efforts of the Institute may be devoted to the convocation. The decision to hold the convocation in lieu of Open House was made because of some student and faculty antipathy to repeating last year's efforts, the necessity of holding an inauguration for Dr. Killian, and the desirability of holding some significant event in conjunction with the fund drive.

Much of the program will be held in the Rockwell Memorial Cage, the only building in the Institute capable of holding the large numbers of people that will attend. The contractor working on the New Senior House has stated that it will be ready by March 31 so that the new building will be available for housing many of the Institute's guests.

Technology in Society

Among the questions to be discussed in the forum on the place of "Technology in Society" will be: Production, Distribution, the Danger of Over-Specialization, Spiritual Considerations, the Role of the Individual, and the Role of the State. The discussions are to be moderated by members of the Institute faculty.

Mitchell Is Chosen To Fill Coop Post

Budget Committee Head Represents Technology

At their last meeting, the Harvard Cooperative Society Board of Trustees elected William C. Mitchell, '49, as the student board representative from Technology. The Coop board must always contain one member who is a Technology student, selected by the board itself.

Mitchell has a long record of participation in student activities since his freshman year. He has been a member of the Student Faculty Committee for four years. Starting as a freshman, he became organization editor of "Technique" in his sophomore year and managing editor as a junior. He was general manager of *Bench Mark*, the Camp Technology publication. As a Phi Gamma Delta, he was elected secretary of Interfraternity Conference, and was also a member of the Junior Prom Committee.

At present Mitchell is chairman of the Budget Committee, which makes him ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of Institute Committee.

VETERANS ATTENTION

The final date for requisitioning books and supplies from the "Coop" under the G.I. bill (Form 1950A or P.D. 16) is Friday, December 17th. All veterans are urged to anticipate their needs, particularly those writing a thesis, for the balance of the Fall Term and obtain requisition blanks in Room 4-132, before Friday, December 17th.

Mistletoe Adorns Annual Xmas Dance

Tickets for the Christmas Dance sponsored annually by the Dormitory Dance Committee will sell this year at \$1.80 per couple. The dance is to be held in Morss Hall of Walker Memorial. Sales are scheduled to begin this week in the lobby of Building 10. Only couples in formal dress will be admitted.

Featured at this year's Christmas Dance, which is to be held on Friday, December 10, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight, will be Chappie Arnold's band. Refreshments will be served by the Dormitory Dance Committee during intermission.

Among the decorations to be supplied by the Dance Committee, a fully trimmed Christmas tree will be the most prominent. Additional Christmas spirit will be supplied by mistletoe and pine boughs. All lounges in Walker Memorial will be open during the dance for the use of those attending.

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Let the punishment fit the crime. This famous bit from Gilbert and Sullivan with its connotations seems to have been ignored in the recent decision to suspend eight of the pranksters in the explosion episode. Much emphasis has been put on the fact that it could not be considered a prank when possible injury might have resulted. The basis for this idea is the decision of the "explosives expert" called in to testify on the danger of the primacord and also seems to lean heavily upon the distorted and widely played up articles in the local press.

To examine these points more closely it is doubtful if the opinion of one expert should have been taken without support. Contrary opinions have been expressed by qualified men concerning the power of the explosive. Any explosive is dangerous but even here at the Institute materials just as dangerous are handled every day.

Certainly much pressure was put on the Institute to take drastic action. The words of the press were inflammatory and, though based on few facts, stirred up enough adverse opinion to force the issue. The question of whether Technology should allow itself to be influenced by the uninformed opinions of the press is another problem. Certainly in this case the severe punishment was inflicted in a degree to appease the public.

All of the men involved were in their Junior and Senior years at the Institute. Many of them stood high in their class, and all of them had at least demonstrated the ability to become engineers. The action of suspension throws back their chances of receiving their degrees. The expense involved amounts to the extra tuition and any tutoring they may have to take in the interim. In this case the men all intend to return to the Institute to receive their delayed degrees but there are bound to come those times when the individual is unable to afford the cost. Is it fair to deprive him of a degree?

It is said that the severity of the punishment was caused by the severity of the crime. The plan was well thought out and a number of checks were made to determine that no one would be hurt. It is possible that these plans might go awry but that chance is taken in almost everything we do and some risk is involved in the most innocent of plans, which admittedly this was not.

In addition, the point is made that punishment inflicted now will discourage similar attempts in the future. This is the system by which we are punishing ourselves out of circulation. The very spirit now being encouraged by the Institute is at the bottom of this escapade. The attempt to enliven the game with the name of M.I.T. is laudable. Attempts to draw the student body together with school spirit are laudable. But if the punishment for these activities is to be expulsion or suspension it will have the effect of killing one of the most expressive modes of school spirit.

A final point is that there are no punishments to fit the crime. With the Institute set up the way it is, expulsion or suspension are the only ways disciplinary action may be taken. In this respect Technology is in the wrong for not investigating the situation with respect to finding more gradations of punishment. The extreme cases should be left for examples of cheating, thievery, etc., while lesser events classified perhaps as pranks could be punished less severely. It is difficult to envisage an "on bounds" rule, but the difficulties might be overcome with effort. It has worked elsewhere in similar instances where the men were kept on bounds under the supervision of their fraternity president or dormitory board. This is admittedly an honor system but honor systems have worked in other fields and the gravity of the problem would place extra emphasis upon cooperation.

Another system which works elsewhere is forbidding the offending person to participate in extra-curricular activities or sports. This form might not be as applicable in the case of Technology since the emphasis is not so much on these items. On the other hand any man interested enough to go out for these activities may be considered interested enough to wish to

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Boston Baedeker

Movies

This week, and probably for the next few weeks, the Majestic Theater is showing the British film: "The Red Shoes." The movie concerns itself with the rise to stardom of a young ballerina, who is portrayed beautifully and capably by Moira Shearer. The climax of the movie is when the director of the ballet company, a character who bears a great resemblance to the Russian Diaghlevy gives Miss Shearer the chance to dance the lead in his new ballet adaptation of Anderson's fairy tale of "The Red Shoes." At this point the film presents the entire ballet which is unquestionably one of the most superb realizations of dancing as portrayed on film. The ballet, rather than being confined to the narrow limits of a conventional stage wanders through an array of phantastic surrealistic sets; the brilliant technicolour distorts what realism has remained into an abstract play of colours, and finally the dancing by Miss Shearer and Leonide Massine create a fascinating choreographic pattern. Unfortunately after this ballet sequence the film deteriorates into a rather melodramatic mess. Yet this fault is overcome by magnificent shots of the Riviera, Paris and London, by convincing acting, and comparative realism in which the back-stage life of a ballet company is presented.

The music, which is so vital in any ballet, is rather weak and ineffective, despite its lively performance by Sir Thomas Beecham and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Concerts

This Wednesday and Thursday The Harvard Glee Club, Radcliffe Choral Society, and the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra will present Handel's "Messiah" at Sanders Theater. The concert will begin at 8:15 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the Harvard "Coop" or at Jordan's.

Also this week on Sunday, the M.I.T. Symphony orchestra will present a concert in combination with the Wellesley College Orchestra at Wellesley's Alumni Hall. You do not need tickets to enter, and the concert starts at 4:30 p.m. M.M.K.

Grad House Forms Snow Shovel Crew

The impassable aspects of the Harvard Bridge after one of Boston's snowstorms has inspired Robert B. Green, G, and other riverside dwellers to do something about it. Under the auspices of Boston's Police Department, Green and a group of Technology men will clean one of the bridge's sidewalks after every storm, at the hourly pay rate of regular emergency workers.

The morning after every major storm, phone calls will round up as many available men as necessary, and the crew will meet at Metropolitan District Police headquarters. Here transportation and equipment will be provided by the city. Pay for jobs such as these last year was over one dollar an hour, according to Green.

So far, the group includes fraternity men, over-the-river roomers, Graduate House residents, and Westgate men. Other interested parties should contact Mr. Green in Room 3-166 or at 443 Beacon Street, phone CO 7-1120.

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Techsapoppin

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Don Lea, high scorer last year among New England colleges.

Skits at the Cage

Saturday evening, after the athletic events are concluded, Rockwell Cage will be taken over by the Techsapoppin Show. Skits will be presented by various fraternities and dormitory groups. They will compete for the Techsapoppin Cup, a perpetual award to be given to each year's winner.

At the Friday dance forty girls will be chosen as finalists for the Queen of Techsapoppin, with the queen and her court to be selected the next day. Tentatively, the judges will be President James R. Killian and Dean Everett M. Baker.

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Fraternity Findings

By Joe Fleming and Ed Stringham

The Alpha Club has put out a cry for aid for next Saturday night when the Revenooers are expected to strike at 155 Bay State Mountain. Their stills will be working at full tilt to supply Kaintucky Moonshine for those who have come to help them in their fight.

The Phi Kappas have made arrangements for a Christmas Party to entertain 50 orphans from the

Catholic Children's Home on December 18th. Natty Lentold is in charge of this party.

To: The Right Honorable Members of the Guy Fawkes Association.
From:—The Girls from Beebe Hall, Wellesley.

Now listen my children, and you shall hear

A tale that was told to me,
Of the Jolly eight,
Who risked their fate,
To bring fame to the name M.I.T.

'Twas back in the year 1948,
At the game between Harvard and Yale,

The plan was to blow up
A name that would show up
To all, on a grandiose scale.

The fifty-yard line was chosen the site,

TNT put beneath the sod,
At the blast all would see
The name M.I.T.

And, but for the Grace of God,

The thing would have worked, and
all would rejoice,

And a different story tell,
But there came a man
With a rake in his hand,
Who shot the plot to . . .

No seconds were lost 'til Harvard was told,
And they fixed the plan to miss,
So everyone knew
But our brave little crew,

Whose ignorance was their bliss.
The tension was high on that fateful day,

But, ah! what a bitter cup!
The Police were there;
Harvard-Yale took the glare,
But M.I.T. never showed up.

Tolerant minds will never forget,
The innocence and the glee,
Of the jolly eight,
Who risked their fate,
To bring fame to the name M.I.T.

Goodbye, Goodbye, we breathe a sigh,

Our sorrow, it is deep.
Next time, we plead,
That you'll take heed,
And look before you leap.

Frosh Hopes High As Opener Nears

With their season opener only one day away, Tech's freshman hoopsters are ready and waiting for action.

At the moment frosh Coach Warren Berg is bemoaning the loss of his ace pivot man, Cliff Herdman, by way of a shoulder injury. Nevertheless, with Hank Horost and Larry Garthe alternating in the keyhole, Coach Berg can still put a formidable five on the court.

Although lacking in height, the frosh bucketeers are loaded in speed and scoring ability. Some of the squad of 21 who will see a good deal of action by virtue of their scoring prowess are Mike Nacey, Herb Glantz, Johnny Matson, Dick Jankowski, Lou Lee, Bill Hecht and Ed Porter.

The freshman schedule for this year lists fifteen games starting with the New England Textile contest on December 1 and continuing through a clash with the University of Connecticut on March 5.

Hoopsters Open '48-'49 Season Tomorrow Night

Technology's basketball team, under the captaincy of Jim Madden, will tangle with the squad of New Bedford Textile School tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Walker Gymnasium in the season's opening encounter.

Coach Ted Heuchling is confident that his hoopsters will take this initial contest but has made no prediction as to the outcome of the other nineteen games on the schedule. As yet the starting lineup or even the probable starters has not been announced.

Practice for the basketball season started formally during the latter part of October. Both the freshman and varsity squads are ready for the swift action of the season. During the earlier practice sessions some members of the varsity suffered minor injuries, but tomorrow evening all twelve will be prepared to play ball.

The squad this year after a month of elimination consists of two seniors, five juniors and five more sophomores. The team members in order of class are: Bruce Campbell, Jim Madden, captain, Jack Corrie, Oz Honkaletto, John McMillan, Lou Morton, Rich Rohrschach, George Butzow, Larry Hitchins, Lee Hong, Jim Inman, and Jim Kyros.

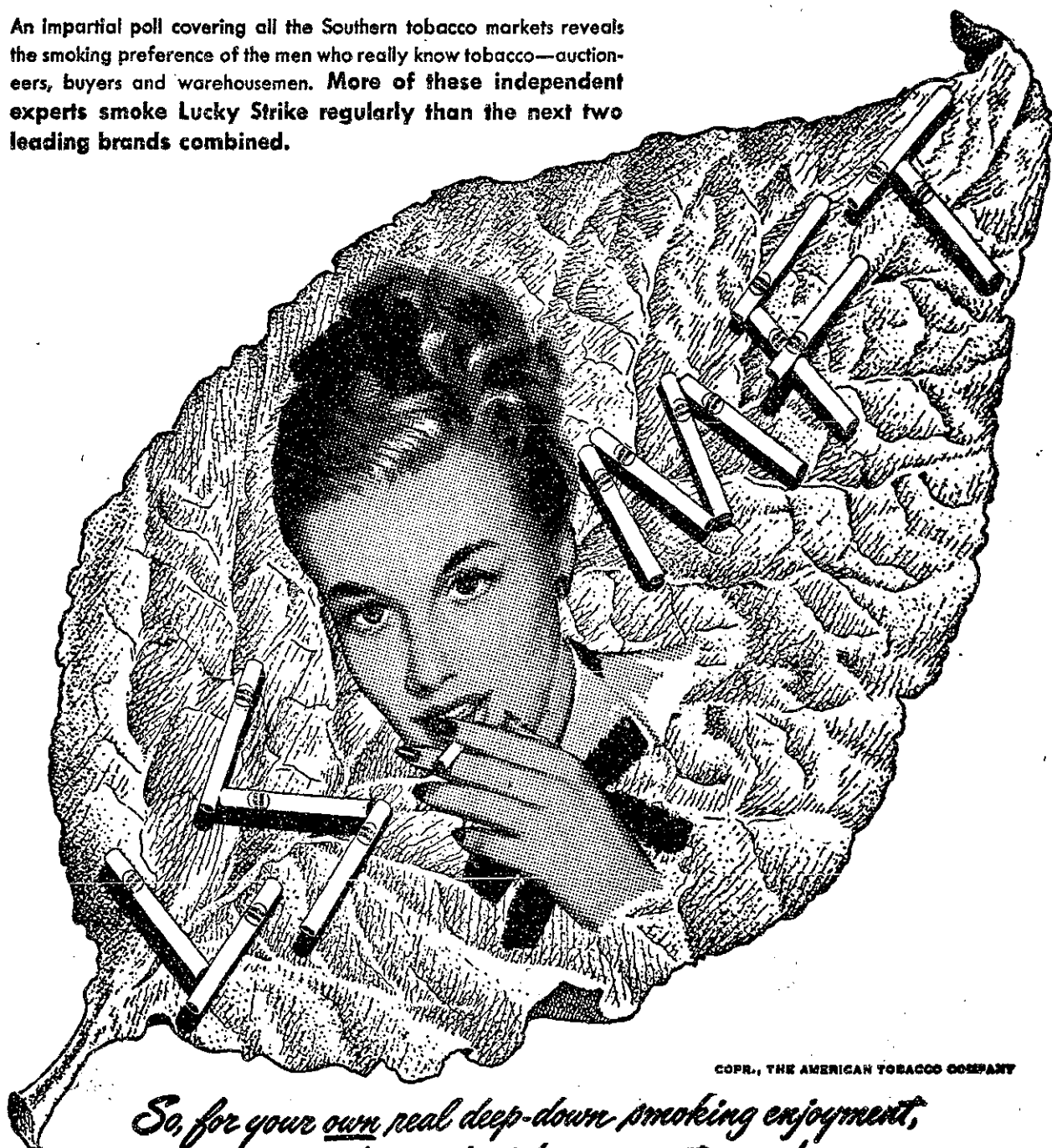
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Tension Rises In Intramurals

Theta Chi, Grad Hse First Round Winners

By BOB NESBIT

Four of the five league winners in intramural football were in action Sunday afternoon as the round-robin tournament to determine the Institute Champions got under way.

In a high scoring contest, the previously undefeated SAE team was whipped by the Graduate House 22-12. The first half was very even with the only score occurring when Rober Sabele blocked an SAE punt behind their goal line. The extra point was added on a toss from Dan Collyer to Al Perlis, making the half time score 7-0.

Collyer Stars

In the second half, Dan Collyer, the graduate house passing ace, threw a touchdown aerial to Ted Hechling soon after the kickoff, a Collyer pass accounting for the extra point. The SAE team began to move and scored on a pass from Guercio to Robertson. A little later, the Guercio to Robertson passing combo accounted for the second SAE TD. In the final minutes of play, John Cullinan assured a Graduate House victory when he returned an SAE punt 45 yards for the final score.

Sigma Chi Fails

In a very close, bitterly fought game, Theta Chi nosed out Sigma Chi 7-0. Earlier in the day, Sigma Chi had defeated Chi Phi 19-8 in a playoff game for League 4 honors. They were apparently worn out by their first encounter, for although sparked by the sensational play of Howie Hendershott and Jim Veras, Sigma Chi was unable to score against Theta Chi.

Theta Chi's only score came in the first period when Stu Powell threw a 40 yard pass to Rick Davis who ran 20 yards to the Sigma Chi goal line.

Institute's Finance Report Shows Where Your Money Goes

"Why is tuition so high? With an endowment of around fifty million dollars, it looks as if the Institute could be a little easier on the student by simply digging a little deeper in the endowment funds. What do they do with their money, anyway?"

The above question and solution is not an uncommon one around Technology. Yes, what do they do with their money, anyway? To answer that one, we can do one of two things: we can either sit around and speculate, or we can find out the truth about where the money goes.

The second solution can be found in a booklet which is published by the Institute and is available, in the President's Office, to all students. It's a fascinating little paper-bound volume called "The Treasurer's Report."

Elsewhere on this page is a flow chart showing the income and expenses for last year. This chart is a story in itself, but a more exact statement might better satisfy our readers.

The total operations expenses of

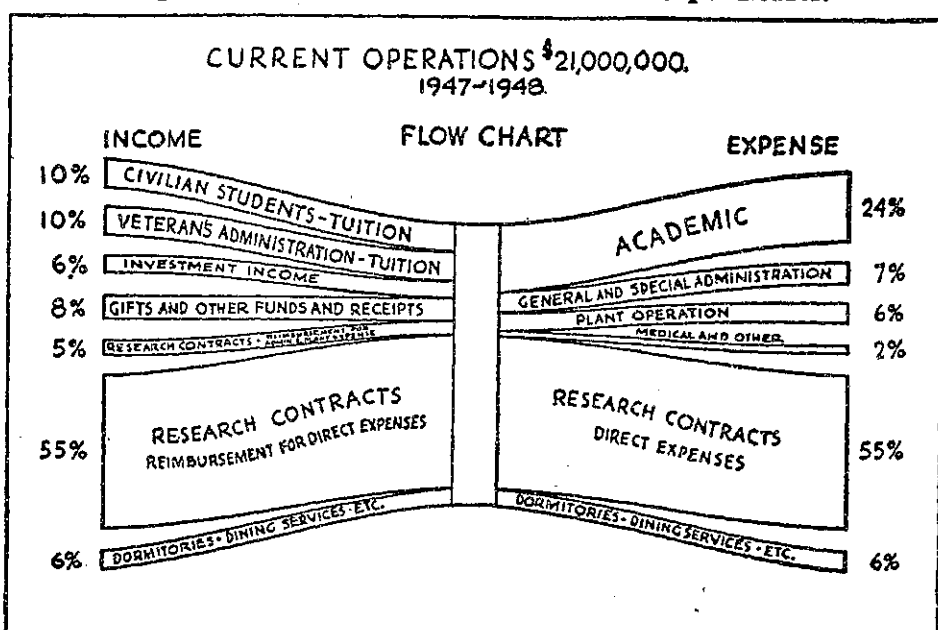
\$21,000,000, shown on the chart, is \$4,000,000 greater than the previous year. This increase is largely accounted for by the increase in research contract revenues last year.

The "income from students" section shows that the total income, including loans and scholarships, was \$4,068,000, or an increase of \$638,000 over the 1947 income. Most of this figure is accounted for by the increase in tuition. Of this \$4,068,000, civilian students paid \$1,800,000 while the Veterans Administration provided over \$2,000,000.

The academic expenses, accounting for almost one-fourth of the total expenses, amounted to over five million dollars. \$3,800,000 of this went for salaries and wages and the remainder for departmental and library expenses.

The 6% or over \$1,300,000 for plant operation, is spent for repairs, alterations, improvements, and maintenance. Almost a million dollars was spent by the Department of Buildings and Power last year.

Graphical view of Institute's income and expenditures.



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continue. To such a person it would be a definite punishment to be denied this activity.

A third system would be to enforce extra work on the men. By this system, work could be done in the labs around the Institute or other scholastic work whereby the men could learn as well as be punished. Otherwise they might be instructed to do 100 hours or so in charitable work around Boston as in Boy's Work with the T.C.A. or canvassing for funds.

The cause celebre is over now and the decision has been made. There are bound to be more incidents in the future despite disciplinary action. It is the duty of the administration to find an effective way of punishing infractions of the rules of good conduct without destroying the scholastic and business careers of the men involved.

W. W. V.

A BIG TECH WEEK-END

So far sales on Techsappin Week-end have been poor. Without a doubt there is more offered over the week-end and at a cheaper price than is available at other times during the year. This also marks the second year of this event.

In an attempt to build up more school spirit in regard to sports as well as other activities, Techsappin was inaugurated last year.

At present there are serious doubts as to the possibilities of running the event next year. Unless this year's Techsappin does much better than recent sales would indicate, the Athletic Association would hesitate to put out the necessary amount to finance the deficit.

Most men here are familiar in name at least with the Dartmouth Winter Carnival. This event which appears to have a good deal of social significance attached to it by women students was not built up in one or two years but developed, in time, to what it is today. Techsappin may not be of the same order of social significance, but it will never develop unless given student cooperation.

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