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30,000 People Crowd Institute As Public Sees MIT Open House

By Donald Eley, '76

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The exhibits were well varied with fine emphasis on the activity as well as science and engineering aspects of the Institute. It seems unfortunate, however, that there was so much to see; and the students themselves, the most interested spectators, afforded for the first time the opportunity of seeing all the exhibits in the area have been invited to attend the second of its current series of popular talks on engineering. General Electric's new color movie, "The Engineer in the Electric Industry," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, at 1:00 pm. The trip will start from the lobby of Building 10 at 1:00 pm. The成本 will be $1.46 to see any great part of the exhibits. Even with a whole day to walk around it was impossible to see all.

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Stratton Prize Committee Gives Schedule Of Runoffs

The committee for the Stratton Prize has announced that the semi-final elimination round will be held in two sections, the first on Wednesday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m. and the second on Thursday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. Both will be held in the Moore Room. The finals will take place in Room 6-120 on Wednesday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m.

Awarded to writers of papers on non-technical subjects, the Stratton Prize carries a first place prize of $100 and five additional prizes totaling $150. The winners are to be announced in fifteen minutes for the presentation of their papers in the eliminations.

The committee is composed of Professor Reisman, Chairman, Dean Baker, and Professors Burchard and Mahoney.

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Battle For Leads in Selfball
First Place Squads

**Rages**

**Boost 2-Win Record**

With the Varsity schedule of the Intramural Softball Tournament

only two weeks from completion, a look at the results so far shows

that the championship of nine of the

eight teams is decided.

The leaders of seven of the

eight teams have each a record of two

wins and no losses. They are:

1. Ottenberg, League II; Theta Chi, League II; Kappa Sigma, League IV; Phi Sigma Kappa, League V; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, League VI; Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Tau, all tied in League VIII.

The co-leaders in League II are Theta Delta Chi and Wood which have one victory and no defeats.

Wood so far has shown the best defense since they allowed the opponents no runs in their only game thus far. Another good defensive team is Phi Sigma Kappa which has allowed only three runs in two games.

**Track**

(Continued from Page 1)

of the Beavers' four wins. O'Seetti

scored 16 points by winning the short

put, hammer throw and discus. Don Mangus took the other first for

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**Frosh, Jayvee Oarsmen Win In Weekend Races**

With an amazing freshman triumph over Cornell and Harvard, and a Jayvee victory at Syracuse, Technology oarsmen carried away

two wins in five races last Saturday afternoon. The varsity and Jayvee crews competed over a two-mile course on Onondaga Lake at Syracuse University against Rutgers and Syracuse, while the freshman boats and the varsity and frosh crews battled Harvard and Cornell crews on the Charles.

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**Tech Boats Beat Harvard On Basin**

Tech's sailors were victorious in a varsity team race with Harvard

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8 to 4 or 5 miles an hour and shifted as much as 36 degrees at a time, it was very difficult to predict what course to sail to the next buoy. At a result, one boat might be completely dead in the water, while another, only twenty feet away, would be making under full way.

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Fraternity Findings
By FRED BROWN & JOE FLEMING
Triad Ball a Big Success
Open House weekend found the fraternity giving many fine parties. Most outstanding was the long awaited Miami Triad Formal given by the Beta, Sigma Club, and Phi Delta in celebration of their founding at Miami University. The party's success was assured by a very danceable band, Red Keno's, a glamorous setting, the Somerset Hotel's Louis XIV Room, and fast rate intermission entertainment by Max Himelstein and his accompanying pianist. During her routine the Belle's songs went from naughty to worse, and the audience response from good to better. Proceeding the dance the triad fraternity held separate banquets. The extensive planning for the affair was very much in the hands of Ross Law, Beta, Jack Lomax, Sigma Chis, and Bill Moskett, Phi Delta. Assisting were the social chairman of the three fraternities, Dick Mathews, Buff Mann, and Ed Wells.

SAFE's Canoe As They Were
The theme was "Come As You Are," and so as they were did in everything from pajamas to tuxedos. The house at 416 Beacon was well decorated with a gismonic painting of a telephone on the outside and many varied colored light effects on the inside. Voo Dee artist Van Have exhibited some of his paste collection in the back room. During the intermission of "SAFE went on the air, featuring Coop McCardley emceeing the "Midnight Bandwagon" and the "SAFE" studio orchestra. Social chairman Lynn Newton planned the party and signed Stan Harris for the band.

Kappa Sig Play Roulette
Shuffling the cards, pushing the dice, and bathing in bubble gum were the Kappa Sig's and their guests last Saturday night in the Club Thirty-Three Speakeasy. The house broke even on the blackjack table but lost heavily on roulette and gin. A band and sometimes a hot piano player furnished the music. Hal Porter was the chief croupier and decorator.

Poity Time
Next Saturday night will be the occasion for at least three bid parties. The Delta will be converted for their annual Gay Nineties Party. Plans for entertainment have been kept secret. The Phi Delta will escort their ladies through the very gates of Hell for their annual Hell Dance. Guests will come as someone they expect to meet way down below. The Lambda Chi Alphas will take their guests "Around the World" in their spring bid party.

Two Cars Stolen
From Sr. House Lot
The poorly lit parking lot behind the Senior House was the scene of a nearly successful auto theft that Thursday night as David Citi, Community Committee Chairman, and his 48 Mercury convertible was spoted going through Waltham by an alert patrolman in a traffic booth. The patrolman reported it as a speeding and sent the report back to Cambridge.

The car was located by the police soon after, abandoned in a deserted Waltham side street and was returned by the police Friday morning.

Citi stated that he had been attempting to get the lot lighted for some time now on behalf of the Dormitory Committee as several other attempts at theft have been reported there.

Late Sunday night several students discovered a third auto theft, getaway with the 28 Ford belonging to John Benjamin, 48.

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