Record Nearly Surpassed; Riflemen Outshoot Crimson

The Institute varsity and freshmen rifle teams opened the 1953-54 intercollegiate rifle season last Saturday at the Tech Range. The matches, which surpassed any starting performance ever turned in by Tech marksmen, were held in Tech's new three-story building, covered with a construction of three-quarter inch plaster board on both sides and also covered with a layer of imported Japanese shib, all points have been totaled up with amazement, to still further improve the sound proof qualities of the room.

The room is designed to be used as a music room; it is also air-conditioned in a quiet atmosphere, and also for private recitals and recital parties. Four brown leather sofas, each equipped with race numbers, and one comfortably, have been placed in the room, together with a number of other chairs for observation.

A series of modern pews have been placed in the music room; there are in all, one on each side of the room and will be used in the music room and in the dance.
The Tech through the mail

LIVINGSTONE STORY
To the Editor of THE TECH:

May I take this opportunity to com- 
pliment the members of our class who wrote the piece on Mr. Richard Liv- 
ingstone's lectures in the issue of De- 
ceber 9? This is my judgment was 
a careful, accurate and intelligent 
place of reporting not the least 
kind of standard we can be proud of 
here at the Institute.

JOHN E. BURCHARD, 
Dean of Residential and 
Student Activities

December 10, 1952

The author of the article was 
our Features Editor, John Dinsan, Ed.

FIELD DAY

To the Editor of THE TECH:

The problem of hazing has been 
having deep concern to me for 
some time. As president of the Class 
1957, I found myself placed in the 
unenviable position of leading the 
sophomores in the pre-Fall Day 
activities with the freshmen. I say 
my position was unenviable, because 
I entered it already firmly convinced 
that haz ing held no meaning for me 
and could not be taught compatible with my personal beliefs.

What purpose, if any, is served by 
the existence of freshmen hazing? 
Certainly, freshmen react and the in-

corporating hazing do help to in-

The last thing I want is to 

courage you to break the rules, but 

On the contrary, hazing is a negation 

of the most important aspect of life 
for freshmen. The real purpose of 

our school is the great freedom 

the students themselves to shape our 

school government. Administrative 

elements are very rare occurring 

in our school. Few things can be called 

"fun" in the untrampled growth of 

freshmen.

The purpose behind hazing is to 


inhibit this growth, to prevent the 

attaining of a school that has 

its own standards and ideals. I 

freely and untrapped growth of the 

freshman, because the present program to whom freshmen 

hazing represented "fun" and 

To some, hazing may be "fun" 

for a short while. As a freshman, I found a definite dis-

like it

NORMAN KULAGEN

This past Wednesday, December 10, a 

movie short called "Men of Science" 

was shown in Room 10-250. The 

movie, which lasted about twenty 

minutes, was billed as being the story 
of M.I.T., but there is much doubt 

whether the congregation of com-

patriots actually believed that this 

film actually represented a true picture of M.I.T. For those 

of us who actually saw the picture, 

it outlined itself.

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MERRILL, ST. PAUL-STREETS,...
The Beaver matmen used the Tufts Jamboree for their second victim of the year as the Freshman and Varsity wrestlers by the scores of 25-13 and 29-8 respectively. The freshmen collected their victory on three pins, a decision and a forfeit against two pins and a decision. The varsity won by three pins, three decisions and a default against one decision.

Graef Wins Opener
First varsity match on the mats was the 133 class where Dick Graef of MIT defeated Tufts by a default against one decision. Graef showed his normal proficiency, speed and tedulness pinned his man 2 minutes, 40 seconds the fastest of the season. In the final match of the day Chuck Saymon, pinned his man Prandini in four minutes and his seconds. Chuck is also a senior who returns for his last year in the team. Chuck in the past has an excellent reputation and a record to back it up.

Tech Hockey Team Defeated By Tufts
The Beaver hockey team suffered their first defeat of the year at the hands of the Tufts Hammers by the score of thirteen to three. The Engineering power struggling to be attributed to the lack of practice last week. One hopeful sign, however, is the fact that all skating for the Institute was done by Sophomores with promising talent in the future.

At the end of the first period the game was tied at zero with both teams putting a score on a short start. Burch scored for Tech. Tufts was well out ahead when the second period ended with a score of nine to two. Burch again provided the only goal for Tech.

The final score was thirteen to three, Dick Vons scoring during the last period.

MIT plays next against Northeastern at the Boston Arena on Wednesday.

The Beavers started slowly and trailed most of the first period, but began to perk it up in the second quarter. The team looked good both offensively and defensively, but led at the half, 35-30. Again in the third period, Tech started slowly, but with Kibler and Christian leading their layout, Tech pulled ahead by 12 points midway through the last period. At first point Van Attenmoot fell out, and shortly after:

Graf Wins Opener
First varsity match on the mats was the 133 class where Dick Graef of MIT defeated Tufts by a default against one decision. Graef showed his normal proficiency, speed, and deadliness pinned his man in 3 minutes, 53 seconds. The Freshmen team started by

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1. Two M.I.T. goals in under a minute, both scored by power play, provided the only goals of the first period for each team. Tufts led 3-1 at the half.

2. The second period saw Tech take control of the game, scoring four goals to none by Tufts.

3. In the final period, Tufts scored in the first 30 seconds, followed by a goal from M.I.T. The game ended with a score of 7-3 for Tech.

4. Tech outscored Tufts 14-5 in the game, with goals from various sources including Burch, Kibler, and Christian.

5. The game was played in front of a capacity crowd at the Boston Arena, with both teams displaying a high level of skill and competitiveness.

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Letters (Continued from Page 2) the results of a recent Freshman class survey. The partial returns available substantiate my belief that the Freshmen are discontented with housing and Food Day as it now stands. I firmly believe that a more natural transition to the college level than that which the housing program offers is needed and desired by most students. To meet this need, I now present the essential components of a workable plan.

1—Freshmen rules to be abolished as such, but Freshmen should be given the opportunity to learn the songs if they wish to do so.

2—Food Day Weekend to be improved, both in content and organization.

3—The Freshman Advisory Program to be strengthened and expanded so as to facilitate better understanding among the Freshmen, upperclassmen, and the Faculty and administration.

4—Dormitory Committee, Inter-Fraternity Conference, Freshman Coordinating Committee, and both the Freshmen and stepbrother classes to co-operate in an organized effort to reduce hazing to a minimum.

5—Dormitory Committee and the various House Committees to organize informal "get-togethers" for all students in dorm units at beginning of the academic year and desired by most students. To meet this need, I now present the essential components of a workable plan.

6—Noise as a problem on campus during the academic year. The noise which frequents the Institute during school hours is certainly not conducive to learning or more easily.

M.I.T. A Storehouse of Brain Power?

THE TECH

In a close meet at the Alumni pool last Friday night, the Engineer basketball team dropped a decision to Wesleyan, 43-41. Taking five firsts in the meet, including both relays, the Engineers came close to winning for the first time in over two years. Only a few inches in the breast stroke left the Engineers with another loss. Earlier in the week, the swimmers had lost to Brown University for their second straight loss. The Fresh lost to Brown, last defeated Dean Academy on Saturday.

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Men's Swimming


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