PREPARE FOR FIELD DAY

Members of the Class of 1946 are on their way. They have now absorbed hours and hours of lectures and advice, registered for their first semester at Technology, purchased most of their books and equipment, and donned the tie which will adorn their rolls for weeks to come. As individuals, they are ready to go, eager to prove their mettle so that they and not some other of their classmates will be the fortunate freshmen who return for the spring semester.

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Only hard work and wholehearted support will be necessary to achieve the aims of the Institute Committee. The Class of '46 consequently is confronted by almost insurmountable obstacles, in experience, disorganization, and an opponent who already has one Field Day scalp under his belt.

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THE FIRST INFORMAL

In accordance with the Institute Committee's recommendation, the First Informal, formerly the first Institute formal of the term, will be informal this year. The action taken by the Dormitory Committee, sponsor of the affair, is the first endorsement of the Institute Committee's dance policy by an undergraduate activity since it was announced on September 3.

The Institute Committee intended its motion to be merely a suggestion and not an order to which adherence was mandatory. In consideration of the acute transportation problem in the New England district and the inadvisability of social splurging during times of war and conservation, the solons decided that an informal suggestion was all that would be necessary to convince the student body that the continuation of formal dances is unfounded.

Because the action taken by the Institute Committee was in the form of a suggestion, that body can not actually prohibit a formal Technology dance. Provision has been made, however, whereby any activity not complying with the recommendation will be outlawed, its budget reduced, and its dance chairman asked to explain his activity's lack of cooperation.

The support offered by the Dormitory Committee is, we hope, the first in a series of such displays. The leaders of all other dance-sponsoring activities will do well to follow the example of the Dormitory Committee and to cooperate to the fullest with the patriotic suggestion of the Institute Committee.

THE TECH extends its deepest sympathy to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the loss of the official school colors as another wartime casualty. Not again for the duration will freshmen necks be adorned with the familiar cardinal red and silver grey four-in-hands for silver grey has gone the way of all non-essential metallic materials.

We hail the incoming eratz freshman tie of red and dirty white as a new wartime substitute on the markets of the world, but we shall a silent tear for the passing of the old regime and its traditions.