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RUSH WEEK

Examinations will be over on Saturday, February 26, and most men would ordinarily be homeward bound on the first available train. This year there will be no such departure for many men because rush week, sanctioned or not, will start on Monday. Fraternity men, the only large civilian living group at the Institute, will enjoy practically no vacation!

The plan submitted to the Interfraternity Conference by the Quattrochi-headed committee would have permitted these men to have had almost a week's vacation. The proposal hinged on the with-holding of the list of incoming freshmen, copies of which are usually distributed to the fraternities by the Institute. Had these lists been with-held rushing would not have been possible before the date scheduled by I.F.C. It would have been futile therefore for the members of any house to remain in Boston in order to "get the jump" on the other houses.

The new method was never to be put to test, however. Why? Because a small minority placed their own selfish interests before the good of the whole. This self-centered handful successfully blocked the scheme and rush week will now consume mid-year vacation. Some three hundred and fifty men will lose the pleasure and rest to be derived from an eight-day sojourn at home in order to rush less than eighty freshmen!! And the groups responsible for this narrow-minded course are, in the words of the chairman of the Interfraternity Conference, "to be commended for their initiative!"

This lack of cooperation on the part of the members of the I.F.C. serves as a striking illustration of the reason that the annual formal dance is the only important act of the Conference. In the difficult days that lie ahead of the fraternities at Technology the I.F.C. can be a very useful organization, but if it is going to get no more cooperation from its members than it has in this instance it might do well to appoint a dance committee (to carry on its most useful service) and cease functioning.

A CHANCE TO HELP

You have probably read of the tremendous increase in juvenile delinquency since the start of the war. There have been articles in newspapers about the rise in the crimes of youth; there was a feature article in *Life* two weeks ago, a *March of Time* film titled *Youth in Crisis*, and a United States Senate investigation headed by Senator Pepper. Conservative figures put the increase in arrests in 1943 at 20 per cent above 1942, while boom cities like San Diego report increases up to 300 per cent in delinquency.

The usual reply after hearing these figures is either "So what?" or "Well, what can I do about it?" In this case there is something you can do about it, and some people have seen fit to do it. The answer is to strike at the basic causes of this delinquency. The easiest course is to help in providing better recreational facilities for teen-aged youths.

Local students are playing an active part by volunteering as club leaders for youth groups. The Boys' Work Division of the T.C.A. estimates that about twenty Technology students are now engaged in some capacity as leaders of young people throughout the city.

These men deserve to be commended for their work, but there is still a need for more men in positions like these. Surely there are other students at the Institute who can afford to give up a few hours one evening a week to do their bit toward a better post war period.

Dramashop Gives Fine Performance, Acting Is Splendid

Professor Dean M. Fuller's Dramashop gave a thoroughly entertaining and competent performance of the Kauffman and Hart comedy, "The Man Who Came To Dinner" on Friday and Saturday nights, January 14 and 15, at the Peabody Playhouse. Each performance was attended by about two hundred people, most of whom thought very highly of the play if the volume of their laughter is any indication of the extent to which they enjoyed the antics of the cast.

The outstanding performer was easy to spot. He was, of course, Lawrence Van Ingen, 6-45, who put a great deal of warmth and humor into his portrayal of Sheridan Whiteside, the eccentric, self-centered wit who "came to dinner" at the home of the Stanley family in a small Ohio town, broke his hip on the icy front porch, and then monopolized the house for his work. Whiteside was on the stage throughout nearly all the play and was at most times the center of attraction, carrying on his complex affairs with the aid of Maggie Cutler, his secretary, played very competently by Joan T. Rothwell, G.

All the other parts were played very well. Outstanding was the portrayal of editor Bert Jefferson by John T. Fitch, 2-46, especially during the "drunk scene" in the third act. Marion Ferris, 10-44, did a good job as seductress Lorraine Sheldon. Also deserving of special mention are the acting of Robert W. Connor, 2-46, who played the part of Dr. Bradley, the easy-going, genial small-town doctor who cared for Whiteside during his confinement, and of Jasper D. Ward, 10-44, who played several small bit parts, putting a great deal of enthusiasm and acting ability into all of them.

On the whole, Dramashop deserves a great deal of credit for the performance. The acting was excellent, the lighting and set very good. Certainly, if this performance is any indication of the Dramashop's ability, its future endeavors are worthy of much greater support by the Technology student body.

Stamp Collection Now On Exhibit In Building 10

A large part of the favorites of the stamp collection of Professor Irving H. Cowdrey of the Mechanical Engineering department, and a collection of Latin American photographs from the Arthur Rotch Library of Architecture are now on exhibit in the Lobby of Building 10.

Professor Cowdrey's collection consists of a great variety of rare commemorative stamps from many different countries. It also includes an exhibit of special paper used by different countries to prevent the re-use or forgery of the stamps.

Photographs used in the printing of some of the stamps on display are also in the exhibit.

The display on Latin America includes many photographs of typical scenes in Peru, Brazil, Argentina, and several of the other Latin American countries.

Infirmiry List

The following students and employees were in the Homberg Infirmiry last night:

- Margaret Kelleher
- Pfc. Ayarnall
- Sgt. P. Kearns
- Ralph S. La Vallee, 2-44
- Pfc. D. Phillips
- Pfc. R. Cooper-Smith
- Pfc. G. Oerow
- Pei-Yung Huang, G.
- Pvt. J. Wollivich
- John T. Holloway, G.
- T/Sgt. P. Hagan

In The Spotlight

Bill Scott, permanent Secretary-Treasurer of the Class of 1944, former General Manager of Technique, and the man who recently reorganized the Gridiron Society after it had been dormant for months, has "been in the Army all his life," even though he's been wearing the olive drab only since April. Son of a West Point army officer, he has led the life of a "typical army brat," moving from camp to camp, seldom staying in one place for more than a few years. He has lived in many places throughout the country, including Dallas, Texas, which he now calls "home," and Hawaii.

Bill was born at West Point some twenty-one years ago. He attended three different high schools, finally graduating from the Little Rock (Arkansas) High School, where he was an enthusiastic member of the football team. Bill wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and go to West Point, but he was rejected because of poor eyesight. Then he spent a year at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, "getting a bit of social life before buckling down to the grind at Tech."

Member of Sigma Chi

When he entered Technology in the fall of 1940, Bill pledged Sigma Chi Fraternity, of which he is now the president. Continuing the interest in athletics which he developed in high school, he was a member of the freshman Field Day football team, a member of the gym team, and a member of the rifle team. As if that wasn't enough, he started working on Technique, and began climbing the ladder which three years later brought him up to the position of General Manager of the yearbook. He also managed to finish the term scholastically unscathed, which he considered quite an achievement at the time.

A mechanical engineer, Bill became a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He also joined the Society of American Military Engineers when he enlisted in the Corps of Engineers branch of the Advanced R.O.T.C. During his Junior year, Bill coached the freshman Field Day football team and became a member of the Beaver Key Society. At the same time he had progressed to the position of Organizations Editor of Technique.

Sent to Ft. Belvoir

Bill's Senior year was spent mainly at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was stationed from June to October. Before he had to leave for Fort Belvoir, Bill became president of his fraternity, General Manager of Technique, Secretary of the



WILLIAM B. SCOTT

Beaver Key Society, a member of the I.F.C. Executive Committee, permanent Secretary-Treasurer of his class, and a member of the Gridiron Society. He was also elected to Osiris, the Senior honorary society.

While Bill was at Fort Belvoir, he managed to take care of some of the jobs that befall a Technique General Manager, for the yearbook staff mailed him photographs regularly for his approval and comments. One day, while his battalion was out on maneuvers in the Blue Ridge Mountains, a set of final proofs for the yearbook, which had somehow followed him out to the bivouac, arrived. Bill's pup tent was jammed all night with other Technology men who were in his group, all poring over the description of life back at school.

Plans Civilian Career

Bill's father is now a Brigadier General, stationed in Iran, and his brother, also a West Point graduate is an Army Major stationed in England. "Two Scotts are enough for the Army," says Bill, who has no ambitions for a post-war military career. Incidentally he has another brother who will soon enter the Army Air Force. Bill hasn't yet quite decided between the oil business and the aircraft business, but regardless of which it will be, he would like a position back home in Texas.

So here you have Bill Scott. He's back at the Institute now after his basic military training, filling many of the positions he held before he left and at the same time keeping up with both his scholastic work and army activities. He's a living proof of the fallacy of the idea that you can't achieve a balance between activities and scholastic work at Technology.

For Boys To Play

... the traditional S.A.E. Sailor party promises to enliven tomorrow evening's activities. Last year the affair was held on Rowe's Wharf, but wartime conditions forced the old salts to make the Beacon Street manse the scene of their fun-making for the evening. "Sea Breezes a la S.A.E." will make their first appearance at nine o'clock, and aren't expected to retire until one. For those yoemen who aren't blown under the weather, there will be dancing to the music of Sandy Sandiford of Crawford House fame.

... the staid city of Brookline will find its streets flowing with schnapps tomorrow eve, as the Delts get their beer party underway. Tasker Grosson will provide swing and sweet for the come-as-you-like rumpus out on St. Paul St.

... a formal affair after the La-sell-Tech glee club concert this evening promises to reward several whoopee-seeking non-glee clubbers for making the trek out to Auburn-dale.

... the good old 5:15 Clubroom will rock with music this weekend, for two informals are on the agenda, one tonight and one tomorrow night. The former will be presented by the International Club and the latter by the Menorah So-

ciety. Fun-seekers are promised plenty of good music, provided that the 5:15 Club's fine record collection holds out.

... ten Outing Clubbers, led by Jack Rowe, will make the jaunt up to the Laconia-Gilford ski area this weekend. Ski conditions are favorable and the Phep's 800-foot tow-line will be in use.

... Bobby Hackett, Brad Gowans and a whole raft of other members of the original Dixie Land Band will hold forth in a concert at Jordan Hall Sunday afternoon, beginning at three. Jazz enthusiasts should jump at this opportunity to see and hear their old favorites. Tickets will be on sale at the box office at Briggs & Briggs in Harvard Square.

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