POSTWAR PLANNING

The first step of postwar reconstruction around the Institute is now under way, and can probably be held up as an example of the efficiency with which such a job can be done with careful planning. Within a few more weeks the Dormitory Committee should be back on its feet as a governing body. The work of reorganization, started slightly over one week ago, has been much easier by the interest shown in the organization by Professor Leicester F. Hamilton, and the records which have been kept.

It is these records and the knowledge of the former constitution which have made this rapid work possible. It is similarly the lack of records which may make it very difficult to renovate many of the class B activities which have either had recognition withdrawn or which have died quietly during the war. Some people have said good riddance when some of these ceased to function, but even from this point of view there must be a complete record of which ones have passed by and which ones are still going, as well as where information can be obtained.

In the time of greatest need, these records have been allowed to drop behind. During the middle of last term there was no place which had a complete list of the officers of various activities. Although this situation has been partially relieved, it is a day-to-day job for both the Walker Memorial Committee and the activities themselves to see to it that a record is kept.

As can be seen from the Dormitory Committee example it is important that the information be available. It is also important that those activities which are functioning now let their presence be known so that they may be helped in case the situation gets worse before it gets better for the cause of activities.

In The Spotlight

One of the best known and liked figures on the freshman scene is tall and angular Professor Francis Weston Sears of the Physics Department. This is the man who has made 8.01 and 8.02 actually bearable by writing a textbook to replace the more difficult Frank opus. It is even rumored that the freshmen look forward to the said professor's fascinating lectures.

Enters Technology

Professor Sears, a native New Englander (having been born and raised in Plymouth, Mass.), came to the Institute in 1914 as a freshman registered in Course VIII. When the United States entered the war in 1917, Professor Sears went on a leave of absence from Technology for about a year. Following his return he received his Bachelor's Degree in 1921. After graduation, he went to work for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York, but in 1922, he returned to Technology and was awarded his Master's Degree in 1924.

Ever since then, Professor Sears has remained at the Institute as an instructor and lecturer in 8.01, 8.02, 8.03, and 8.04. At present, he is in charge of freshman physics, and his textbook on optics is standard for 8.04. He has also collaborated on a physics textbook for high school students.

Professor Sears' two chief outside interests are cabinet making and sailing. He has done a lot in the reproduction of antiques, and according to gossip, he turns out some excellent work. He has also built several boats, the latest being a snipe. The professor has recently acquired a cabin cruiser which he keeps anchored out near Savin Hill.

For Boys To Play

... the WAC's radio show which has climbed to new heights on Radio Row, formerly "Something for the Girls" on the Blue Network, takes over New England Mutual Hall tomorrow from 12:30 to 1:00 P. M. over WBZ, The National Broadcasting Company.

... rechristened "Everything for the Girls" for its new opening, the program will feature a sure-fire combination of stage, screen, and radio stars to make its initial broadcast an event really worthwhile for those seeking some A-l entertainment. Charlie McCarthy, Edgar Bergen, and Jackie Searl of motion pictures will be there, as well as Ralph Winger's 25 piece Green Bay Band, and many others humorous to mention. Go to Solon and Mayor Tobin have also been invited to attend. Admittingly, the show's success is in no small degree, to its dancing and producer, Pfc. Ed, Newman. Free tickets for Saturday show are still available at the Office of The Tech and at the sales counter of the Outing Club square dance. Since he is a true New Englander, the professor dances a mean cakewalk.

As for sports, Professor Sears is a squash and golf enthusiast. He has been seen many times in squash courts playing a determined game with Professor Livingston, addition to these, the professor is one of the regular attendants at the Outing Club square dance. Since he is a true New Englander, the professor dances a mean cakewalk.

On the Institute's post-war policy Professor Sears gave a few opinions. He stated that in his opinion there would not be much fundamental change in the basic physics courses. In addition, he expects that there would be a great increase in the registration for Course 8.01 because of the greater demand of physicists in industry and research.