VOLUME LXIV PASSES IN REVIEW

Every year about this time, the outgoing Managing Board of The Tech sits down to review the events of the year just passed and to declare that that year was the most important in Institute History. Not wishing to be different, the Managing Board of Volume LXIV pauses, looks back, and says, "Phew! What a year."

It was only last January that a five man board, headed by Bob Symonette, was put in charge of a full-sized The Tech, a paper that featured such things in its first issue as the retirement of Carroll Boyce and the taking over of the head T.E.N. post by Bob Gould, Joe Amhein's election as 5:15 Club prexy, the choice of a February date for class elections, the selection of Vincent Lopez to play for the Sophomore Prom at the Bradford, the announcement by Laminerald of the start of Senior Week ticket sales, and the Pete Quattrocchi-headed committee's plans for a fair rushweek to greet the March class. The Spotlight featured the Senior Class Vice-President from the South, Lang Flowers, then acting Institute Committee head. Plans for an ill-fated All-Tech Sing were announced by the Baton Society. Navy life was featured in the column, "Tween Decks."

Still in the month of January, Professor Magoun delivered his famous series of marriage lectures, Dramashop presented "The Man Who Came to Dinner," the redecorated Lounge Bar was reopened, the basketball team took Harvard in tow, another set of draft deferment rulings was released, Prof. Carl Peterson was appointed Superintendent of Buildings and Power, pictures and platforms of class election nominees filled the paper, Jim Waters turned in a record breaking 2:37.2 in the 200-yard breaststroke as the Tech swimmers defeated Trinity, and a special page for the A.S.T.P. men stationed at the Institute was inaugurated.

That was January.

First Class Elections

Class elections turned up Johnnie Hull, Gerry MacKimmon, and Bob Grady at the head of their classes. Cayo College was named. The Memorial Committee head and Jack Thompson became the A.A. prexy. Hal McIntyre was picked to play for the Senior Ball. Doctor Compton granted an exclusive interview to The Tech on his trip to the South Pacific. The Infirmary was temporarily moved to allow for the remodeling and expansion of its quarters. The V-12 Unit held a very successful boxing tourney. Fire ruined four bowling alleys in the basement of Walker an occurrence that eventually led to Ed Parker's putting in some "man-sized" pins. In the first graduation of the year, 288 students received their degrees, while Dr. Claude Fues of Phillips Andover gave the commencement address. Bill Farrow was elected General Manager of the T.C.A. Blood Donor drive got under way, and 111 new freshmen were greeted with a brief combined on-the-campus Freshman Camp and rushweek.

The spring term started off with some 2,700 students registered, but the figure didn't stay there long. The Q Club decreed that all frosh should wear ties, while the activities planned a week of smokers for them. In an issue containing six news pictures The Tech switched General Managers in the middle of the stream as an indirect result of naval actions. The Tech Tourney was breaking all its past attendance records at the Boston Gardens. The Coop advertised that it might be issued a few slide rules and that students could sign up for them.

Record Breaker

Late in March Artie Schwartz broke the M.I.T. mile and one-half track record, the New Englands were held at the Alumni Pool with Tech just five points behind Williams, the winners. The A.S.T.P. quietly stole away, and The Tech introduced the use of the "Speed-Ray" for local sports action shots. The month of April saw the reopening of Walker Memorial Dining Service and the official notification that there would be no spring vacation. Track records continued to fall as Bob Bryant set two seconds off the 600 yard record. Dean Prescott was chief ambassa- dor at the T.C.A. Embassy and three of the undergraduate dorms were occupied by some 211 civilian students. Professor Magoun gave his second series of talks, the Debating Society triumphed over Norfolk Prison, and everyone rejoiced with the announcement of a two-weeks' recess between term exams.

Service Flag Unfurled

The alumni press service flag presented by the Alumni Association was hung in Building Seven. At that time 5501 alumni were on the service and 49 had given their lives. The Navy V-12 Students were issued their rain-proof white hats, and it wasn't for several days that the friends could recognize them. Bob Bryant became M.I.T.A.A. head while Carroll Boyce was tearing out his hair trying to invent some way of picking an I.F.C. Queen.

The I.F.C. Dance was held March 12 at the Statler to the music of Jan Savitt. Miss Ellen van Deusen was chosen Queen. Dramashop presented "Holiday" and the track team turned in a brilliant season topped by winning the New Eng- lands on Briggs Field. The Tennis Team showed almost as well, going undefeated until the last two meets.

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