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## GRADUATE DILEMMA

For weeks now we have heard rumors that the Institute has raised the graduate entrance requirements from the standard 3.5 cumulative rating to a 4.00 and even to a 4.5. Accompanying these rumors is a great wail of complaint and general griping about the unjustness of this move, and of course a good deal of uncertainty as to the whys and wherefores of it. We Techmen, furthermore, have a large amount of pride, bordering on conceit, about our school, even though we may be loathe to admit it; and we seem to take pleasure in extolling the difficulties of schoolwork at the Institute, and guard this privilege somewhat jealously. As a result of this feeling we are bound to ask, "Well, what about students entering from other universities? A 4.5 at any other college is comparable to about a 3.8 here. Is the Institute going to take this into account when they consider the applications of transfer graduates?"

As is common with rumors, most of the above are unfounded. The Institute has always favored its own graduates over transfers, and we doubt strongly that the Administration has suddenly turned against us. We are quite sure that it will be next to impossible for a transfer student to enter the Graduate School next term unless he has an exceptionally high rating. We must realize, furthermore, that veterans will be returning to the Graduate School as well as to the Undergraduate School, and it would only be fair for the Institute to give these men preference over those of us who have not served.

As the situation stands now most departments have upped their quotas way above previous limits, for one-fifth of the forty-five-hundred-man student body planned for the fall term will be graduates. This seems somewhat of a paradox, but it is easy to see that though the limit has been increased, the competition for entrance is ahead of it by no small amount. Thus each department has the right to select only those applicants with the highest cumulatives, or whom they feel are most suited for graduate work. Such fields as electronics, which have skyrocketed into unusual prominence during the war, are swamped with applications, and naturally men with higher averages will be those accepted. This may account for the rumor that entrance requirements have been raised. Other courses, which are not too popular, will, on the other hand, have many vacancies, and it is unfortunate that these cannot be spread around to the other departments.

One last, and we think convincing, obstacle is the housing shortage. The Graduate House can hold only so many, and rooming space across the River and in Cambridge is at a premium. We may forget at times that there are other Universities in the Boston area, but this is nevertheless so; and silly as we may think it, some veterans may want to enter these schools, and consequently all available rooms may not be saved for Technology students.

We must understand that it would be foolish for the Institute to try to handle more students in the Graduate School than the facilities on hand will allow. The faculty, furthermore, has been working for four solid years without letup, and it would be unfair to overburden them. It is unfortunate that many, who may be otherwise qualified, will be excluded from graduate work because of the above-mentioned handicaps, but we have to appreciate that it has always been difficult for men to enter the M.I.T. Graduate School, and because of this unusual situation, more have been denied the privilege than in normal times.

## Fraternity Findings

By Jack Levedahl and George Ziegler

With the end of the war and the return of many old Techmen—and an influx of new ones, too—we find an upswing in the lighter side of life at Technology, with fraternity party spirit rising to the old prewar standards. To be sure, many houses are still far from full, so the peak has not yet been reached, but big plans are in the offing. Among the many prominent fraternities planning big events this term are Alpha Tau Omega, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Theta Delta Chi.

The Pi Lambs are starting the ball rolling this Saturday, April 6, with their famous Monte Carlo Party. The big attraction of the evening will be the gift of \$100,000 to each couple. This does not necessarily mean that the house has struck gold, since they are apparently all set to win it back. Numerous devices such as wired roulette wheels will be present to lure the unwary into believing that they can make a million. Those who succeed will be rewarded with door prizes, but we are laying odds that many a fool will be parted from his money. For these, however, there will be ample opportunity to drown their sorrows and dance their troubles away. A gay time is in store for all who are lucky enough to possess bids. Potent beverages and excellent music will be provided for everyone's entertainment.

The S.A.E. house staged one of last week's social highlights, when Webb House, one of Wellesley's smaller freshman dormitories, was royally entertained by these enterprising brothers. The girls were liberally garnished with beautiful corsages.

The boys from Sigma Nu looked rather tired this Monday morning. They spent an interesting, not to say, riotous, week end at the Tech Cabin. Although they blame their hangover appearance to an excess of athletic activity, it is suspected that various sports were participated in long after it became too dark to play baseball.

A week ago the Chi Phis also packed up lock, stock and barrel and took off in their various automotive contraptions in the direction of Haverhill. The girls at Bradford entertained them regally by giving them a delightful hayride and everything else they could possibly ask for. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Kappa Sigma has a big bid party scheduled for May 4. What kind of brawl it will be is the big secret of the month, but we expect some special deal when the cat is finally let out of the bag. Another big question concerns this house's time-honored one-a-minute society. Since the graduation of the Club's President, who once established the record of drinking 200 beers in 200 minutes, they have been without top leadership. Who will be the society's next champion?

Lambda Chi Alpha, inactive during the war years, voted to return to active status on the Technology campus last Monday night. At this meeting Art Galusha, '47, was elected prexy of the house. The Lambda Chis will reoccupy their house this fall.

## Dorclan Initiates Wear Dunce Caps

If you are perhaps wondering why a few Techmen are wearing dunce caps today, let us assure you that the Institute has not reverted to kindergarten methods, and that this is not a punishment imposed by unsympathetic professors for late assignments or faulty recitation. If you will look closely next time one of these chagrined fellows passes, you will see the word "Dorclan" printed in large letters on the chapeau. The dormitory Junior-Senior honorary society is initiating new members into its fold, and this is just another of the pranks cooked up by the initiation committee.

The initiates will be formally inducted into the society at a special ceremony at 8:00 P.M. tonight, in the Ware Lounge, at which time they will give a full report of their experiences while fulfilling the special errands assigned them. After the welcoming ceremony the entire club will journey to a Stuart Street restaurant to satiate their thirst with large seidels of dark brew. Dorclan recently elected James P. Coffey, 6-46, its prexy.

## Radio Broadcast Originates From Airplane Tonight

One of the most unique broadcasts in the long colorful history of radio will be aired over N.B.C. Station WBZ at 7:00 P.M. tonight on the Chesterfield Supper Club. The cabin of a 51-passenger TWA Constellation Starliner will be the studio for this unusual feature; the program will be brought to listeners as the plane soars 20,000 feet above New York City.

Aboard the giant airliner will be the complete Supper Club Company, including singing stars Perry Como and Jo Stafford, and the Supper Club orchestra under the direction of Lloyd Shaffer.

Perry Como, the Club's young baritone, is rated second only to Bing Crosby by radio experts, as his records sales have topped the 5,000,000 mark. Jo Stafford got her start as a vocalist with Tommy Dorsey and she has since skyrocketed to stardom.

Attractions like this may be one of the reasons that caused radio editors to vote the Chesterfield program their favorite fifteen-minute program for the second time in fifteen months. Apparently not even the sky is the limit with the Supper Clubbers. Most of the Club's five broadcasts a week (Stafford on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; Como on Tuesday and Thursday) are made from good old terra firma.

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## Phos Takes Bath; Cleanest Voo Doo Goes On Sale Wed.

"Truth is stranger than fiction" is an old adage which will be definitely proved next Wednesday, April 10, when several dissipated looking characters will stand in various dark corners of the Institute, selling their monthly obsession, sometimes referred to as Voo Doo. What makes this issue so strange can best be explained by a statement made by its General Manager, Norman N. Holland, 2-47, "This is the cleanest issue of Voo Doo ever put out!"

After this statement we can offer nothing but a few minutes of silence for the passing of a great era in journalism. Few of us can realize the seriousness of this situation. No longer will little lost lovers listless linger after lessons over a lengthy line of lurid limericks, nor laugh loudly at the lascivious language of this lewd literature. No longer will they see luscious likenesses of lips, limbs, legs, and the like, languidly lying in lavish lairs.

Instead they can only dream of loping lightly through lower latitudes, or lingering in large limousines with Lamour and Lamarr, laughing lavishly with these lovable ladies. Now they must loathsome lag to lengthy lectures and lastly linger over lonely logarithms.

Let it not be said, however, that Voo Doo has been completely dismantled. In fact there has been an effort at reconversion with the reinstating of "Murgatroyd," who, for the benefit of the more righteous students not in the habit of Voo-Dulging, looks like a Neanderthal woman who tried to reach the Cro-magnon stage, but couldn't quite make it. Voo Doo infers that "Murgatroyd" is the typical M.I.T. coed, which is obviously a slander on all womanhood, since we know that Tech coeds are the very epitome of feminine loveliness.

There are many other features in this month's issue too beastly to mention, including an art feature weirdly titled "Little Red Riding Hood on the Esplanade." Should any student be demented enough to examine Voo Doo's ramblings more closely, there will no doubt be a limited supply of 20 or 30 thousand copies on sale in the lobby of Building 10 next Wednesday.

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