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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball Team. Game with Wesleyan. Briggs Field, 2:30 p.m.  
 Pershing Rifles. Organizational meeting for parade and formal initiation. Consult Bulletin Board for time and location.  
 Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge, A.F. and A.M. (The Tech Lodge). Meeting. Masonic Temple, 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, 6:45 p.m. All Masons at M.I.T. are cordially invited.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

American Institute of Electrical Engineers—Institute of Radio Engineers. Trip to Doble Engineering Company Laboratories (high-voltage insulation research). Register outside Room 4-202, leave from Room 10-206, 2:00 p.m. Transportation provided.  
 City and Regional Planning Department. Housing Seminar: "Prefabrication." Professor Burnham Kelly, Director, Bemis Foundation. Emerson Room, 4:00 p.m.  
 Civil and Sanitary Engineering Department. Seminar: "Current Research in Structural Engineering." Jonathan Jones, Chief Engineer, Bethlehem Steel Company. Room 1-390, 4:00 p.m.  
 Physics Department. Colloquium: "Spectroscopy and Nuclear Physics." Professor Hans Kopfermann, University of Goettingen. Room 6-120, 4:30 p.m.  
 Lecture Series Committee. "Language Engineering." Dr. Frederick Bodmer. Room 1-190, 5:00 p.m.  
 American Foundryman's Society. Student Chapter. "Application of Fluid Mechanics to Metal Flow in Molds." Charles W. Briggs, Technical Director, Steel Founders Society. Foundry Laboratory, Building 35. Dinner, 5:45; meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

American Institute of Electrical Engineers—Institute of Radio Engineers. Trip to Doble Engineering Company Laboratories. Register outside Room 4-202, leave from Room 10-206, 2:00 p.m. Transportation provided.  
 Tennis Team. Match with Dartmouth at Hanover.  
 Mechanical Engineering Department. Seminar: "The Production and Properties of a New Type of Cast Iron." Warren Larson. Room 3-470, 4:00 p.m. Coffee will be served at Headquarters, Room 3-174, from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
 Freshman Baseball Team. Game with Boston University. Briggs Field, 4:00 p.m.  
 Technology Christian Association. Dr. William Graham. Rockwell Cage, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Freshman Tennis Team. Match with Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, N. H., 2:00 p.m.  
 Junior Varsity Lacrosse Team. Match with Tabor Academy. Briggs Field, 2:00 p.m.  
 Lacrosse Team. Match with Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H., 2:00 p.m.  
 Tennis Team. Match with Brown University. Briggs Field, 2:00 p.m.  
 Track Team. Meet with Bowdoin College and University of Vermont. Briggs Field, 2:00 p.m.  
 Crews. Race with Harvard and Boston University. Charles River, 4:30 p.m.  
 Model Railroad Club. Operational meeting. Room 20E-216, 7:00 p.m.  
 Technology Dames. Annual spring dance. At the home of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Killian, Jr., 111 Memorial Drive, 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. All Dames and their guests are invited. For information and tickets, call KE 6-8849.

### MONDAY, APRIL 24

Technology Christian Association. Blood Donations. Second floor, Homberg Infirmary, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Tennis Team. Match with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Briggs Field, 1:30 p.m.  
 Golf Team. Match with Boston University. Away, 2:00 p.m.  
 Technology Matrons. The Book Club. A selection of books will be reviewed by Miss Ruth Hazelton, Librarian, Belmont Public Library. Emma Rogers Room, 2:45 p.m.  
 Baseball Team. Game at Northeastern, 3:00 p.m.  
 Aeronautical Engineering Department. Seminar: "Transonic Propellers." Professor Shatswell Ober. Room 33-319, 4:00 p.m. For staff and graduate students. Coffee will be served in du Pont Room at 3:30 p.m.  
 Physics Department, Spectroscopy Laboratory, Research Laboratory of Electronics, and Laboratory for Nuclear Science and Engineering. Seventh of a series of ten lectures by Professor Hans Kopfermann, University of Goettingen. Room 4-231, 4:30 p.m.  
 Alumni Council. Dinner meeting. "Automatic Control, its Application in the United States and its Future in Post-War Europe." Dr. Donald P. Campbell, '43. "Summer Session 1950." Professor Walter H. Gale, '29. Dinner: Campus Room, Graduate House, 6:00 p.m.; meeting, 7:15 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Technology Christian Association. Blood Donations. Second floor, Homberg Infirmary, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Acoustics Laboratory. Seminar: "Barium Titanate Transducers." Dr. Theodore F. Hueter. Room 20E-121, 4:00 p.m.  
 American Society of Civil Engineers. Student Chapter. Seminar: "Dynamic Strength of Structural Elements." Dr. Robert J. Hansen. Room 1-390, 4:00 p.m.  
 Biology Department. Colloquium: "Human Leucocyte Zinc Protein." Dr. Frederic L. Hoch and Dr. Bert L. Valec. Room 10-275, 4:00 p.m.  
 Lecture Series Committee. "Color Line Across the Globe." Walter White, Executive Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Room 10-250, 5:00 p.m.  
 Christian Science Organization. Meeting: "Genius." Tyler Lounge, Walker Memorial, 5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

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## Fraternity Findings

By JIM STOLLEY

Last Saturday night was a field day for the seasoned party-goers. Four houses threw open their doors to thirsty guests, and, aside from a few headaches Sunday morning, it was a great night.

About four hundred people attended the Phi Gam Cowboy Party. The house, decorated with burlap sacks and sawdust, bulged with displaced Texans and frustrated bad men. Old time silent movies were shown. The name of the band was Genesee Six Minus One . . . that's right, I didn't believe it either.

The Student House formed an Anti-Sex league and gave a party with that theme. The walls were covered with posters proclaiming the evils of sex while a loud speaker barraged the guests with slogans from George Orwell's book, 1984.

The good ship Phi Mu Delta shoved off for parts unknown and gave a Pirate Party. Although a rain in the early evening threatened to sink the ship they had set up in the front yard, it failed to dampen the party in any way. The house was decorated with realistic dummies hanging from a yard-arm, and in the background behind the orchestra two old-time sailing ships were dueling it out.

Adding a continental touch to the weekend was the Pi Lambda Phi Monte Carlo Party. The guests gambled on roulette and dice tables (fake money, of course) and a prize was given to the biggest winner, a shrewd couple with \$800,000, at the end of the evening. A red carpet and awning extended out to the street and into the house; the stairwell was filled with balloons. Refreshments included punch and sandwiches.

Several houses will be having parties next weekend in conjunction with the I.F.C. Formal. The SAE's, Delta Tau Delta, and Chi Phi's will have cocktail parties Saturday afternoon. In the evening parties will be held by the Theta Delta Chi's, Phi Beta Epsilon, and Cheta Chi.

## Dr. Bodmer Lectures On the Creation Of A Universal Language

Dr. Frederick Bodmer, philologist and author, will lecture Thursday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m. in room 1-190. The talk, sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee, is entitled "Language Engineering."

The lecture will be a discussion of the possibility of creating a simple effective world language. The lack of communication in the world today, due largely to language barriers, makes this subject an important topic as well as an interesting one. The analysis will also give insight into the problem of learning a modern language.

Dr. Bodmer is the author of *The Loom of Language*, a book discussing the development and characteristics of languages, and giving a vivid comparison of the members of the Romance and Teutonic groups of languages. In the light of this discussion suggestions for better ways of learning a language are given.

A native Swiss, who has taught in Europe and South Africa, Dr. Bodmer is now a lecturer for the department of modern languages at the Institute.

## EXCHANGE CORNER

The Tech wonders if the Institute will ever match RPI's hazing techniques.

"It's raining hair at RPI. There is a mania among Sophomores and Freshmen here that sends carloads of men out every night, equipped with razors and scissors, looking for potential victims of the mania for bare heads. If things keep going this way, both Sophomores and Freshmen will have good reason for wearing the little red caps."

RPI, by the way, matches Technology in the lack of women students. They have five feminine frosh. However, the Colorado School of Mines sets a record for all, with 1,115 men and one woman in the latest class.

Two Dartmouth students' target practice with .22 caliber rifles nearly resulted in the vacancy of a chair at the school when four of the shots strayed into a professor's living room.

## Baker

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to the Institute for the benefit of all students. We planned for every economy we could. One possibility was the curtailment of the laundry service, which costs about \$31,000. A rent increase of approximately \$10.00 per term per student would be necessary to continue the laundry service. We believed that many students could bring their own blankets, sheets, towels, etc., from home with no out-of-pocket expense and send their laundry home. This always has been the usual practice in practically all men's colleges. We thought our students would prefer this to an equivalent raise in rent. In the opinion of those who have been called to discuss this matter with me we were wrong. I have advised several students that if they will present to the Committee on Housing a petition signed by a majority of dormitory residents that they would prefer an increase in rent to cover laundry service, we would be very glad to reconsider this matter.

There appears to have been a mistake made in the interpretation of the announcement as to how applications would be handled. I have heard that students were greatly troubled because they believed they must file their applications at once and that a priority would be given on a basis of filing dates. This is not true. It has been the intent and is the plan of the Committee on Housing to take all applications equally with no reference to date until April 25, as announced. If, after this closing date for filing applications, there are too many, or conflicts within any priority, selection will be made by lot.

I am very sorry there has been confusion and some misunderstanding. The Committee on Housing acted in one instance on the best information available from our experience of many years and chose the Hayden unit for freshmen. In the other matter, in our attempt to avoid a deficit we may have made the wrong assumption. If there is adequate evidence that we were wrong in our proposed plans, we will, of course, be glad to reconsider.

In the matter of the selection of the freshman dormitory the only protest I have had has been from students, six in number, who will have to move to another building, perhaps Riverside. Naturally, I would like confirmation of this statement that the Committee on Housing made the wrong selection from residents of Walcott, Goodale and Bemis, who would have to move if the Committee's decision had been for their building for freshmen.

I hope any M.I.T. student who has any criticism of our procedure or proposals will feel free to call at my office or write to me as some have already done.

EVERETT MOORE BAKER

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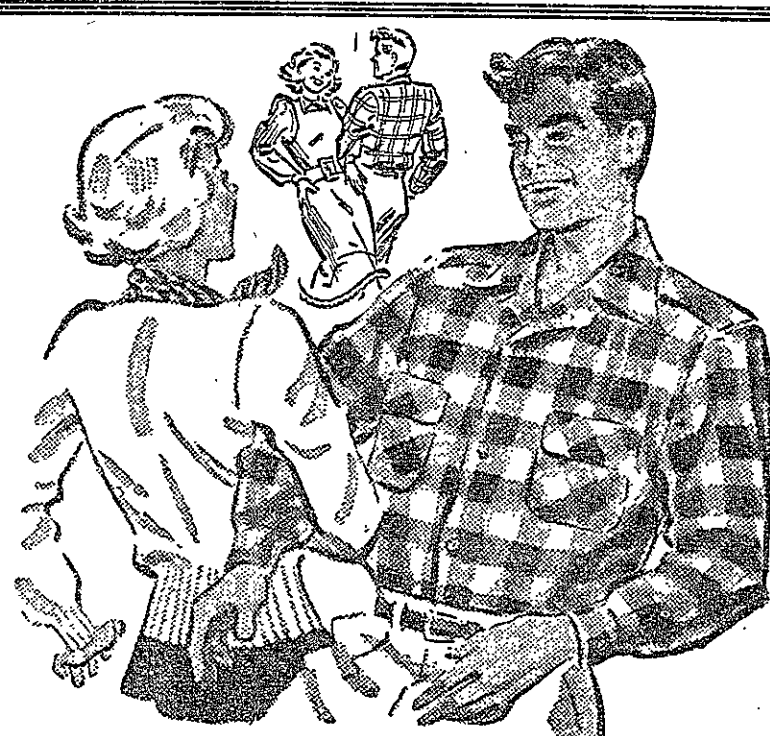
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