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through the mail

LIVINGSTONE STORY
To the Editor of THE TECH:
May I take this opportunity to com-
plain about the manner of our arch-
ists in the piece by Richard Liv-
ingstone attractive to me in the is-
ue of December 15? This is not my
fellow students have been
a careful, accurate and intelligent
piece of reporting but not the kind
of standard we can be proud of here
at the Institute.

JOHN E. BURCHARD, 
Dean of Student Affairs and Student "4"
Officer
December 20, 1952.

The author of the article was our
Features Editor, John Dixon, Ed.

FIELD DAY
To the Editor of THE TECH:
The problem of Freshmen hazing
has been deep at the heart of me for
the last 20 weeks, at which time as
President of the Class of '55, I
found myself placed in the
positions of the Sophomore in the pro-Fresh-Fall hazing
involves the President. I say
my position was unenviable, because
I entered it already firmly convinced
that hazing held no meaning for me
and could not be traded compatible with
my personal philosophy.

What purpose, if any, is served by
the existence of Freshmen hazing? Cautiously, Freshmen rules and the im-
temporary hazing does to help to
increase the M.I.T. way of life. We all agree that
this integration is essential, but this
does not mean that hazing is neces-
sary or that it is an inevitable part of
it. On the contrary, hazing is a negation
of the most important aspect of the
M.I.T. way of life. We all agree that
our school is our grant dedication to
these rules regulating student
behavior and inadequate. The rules regulating student
behavior are few and usually instigat-
ing by the students themselves through
their student government. Administra-
tive, regulation will be, in fact, adminis-
and, beside the situation where the
atti0n of our school we find ourselfs resorting to exerting
there is no place in a school
grown strong on the principle of

The purpose behind hazing is at
least a dimly defined one. In ques-
tioning oneself the participants of this
civilization, I found a definite dis-
agreement of any purpose. There were people who participated and who
were new to the com-unique the purpose of the present program to whom Fresh-
men hazing represented "fun" and nothing more. Was it "fun"? If break-
ing down doors, overpowering people
by sheer weight of numbers, inter-
rupting the schedule of new students
cramped for time-if these
hazes cannot be called "fun", then
hazing is "fun." However, "fun" by same
itself and without its legal value is
practically non-existent and it's evi-
dence that hazing that hazing
ning may inadvisably accomplish
something. The beginning of an adequate
support of a mutual friendship.

Communication to the President Coordi-
native Committee, I am now analyzing
as we like it

NORMAN KULLEN
This past Wednesday, Dec. 10, a
movie short called "Men of Science"
was shown in Room 10-256. The
result, which lasted about twenty min-
te was billed as being the story of
M.I.T., but there is much doubt
whether the congestion of com-
puter machinery that has been made
up the film actually represents a
true picture of M.I.T. For those
who write MR. KULLEN.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

American Society of Civil Engineers—Student Chapter, Seminar
"Relations Between the Professional Engineer and the
Engineering Authority," Commissioner George G. Hyland, Depart-
ment of Public Works, Boston, Room 1-398, 4:00 p.m.

Biology Department. Colloquium: "Past and Present Trends in
Microbiology," Dr. C. E. Hall, Room 16-709, 4:00 p.m.

Electronics Department. Colloquium: "X-Ray Measurements of
Ordering in Alloys," Professor B. E. Warren, Room 6-210, 4:15 p.m.

Freshman Basketball Team. Game with Worcester Polytechnic
Institute, Worcester Gymnasium, 7:15 p.m.

Varsity Basketball Team. Game with Worcester Polytechnic
Institute, Worcester Gymnasium, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Christmas Holiday begins. Classes will be resumed on Mon-
day, January 3, 1953.

EXHIBITIONS
Chinese paintings by Chi Kwan Chen will be shown in the
Lobby of Building 7 through December 20.

"Artists and Potters of Vallauris" (Fayoum) are on display
in the New Gallery of the Charles Hayden Memorial Library
from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through January 2. Closed Saturdays,
Sundays and holidays.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
The Calendar of Events will be omitted for the next two
weeks, December 24-January 6. Material for the Calendar, January 7-January 13, is due in the Office of the Editor, Room 7-204, not
later than noon on Wednesday, December 31.