**The Tech**

**Midway Through Season**

By Jack Friedman '57

The spring season, which started so gloriously a month ago with the varsity lacrosse team's fine showing, has taken on a dim coloring. Only the tennis and golf teams have prevented a complete disaster. Tech sports are in trouble. The crew races were perhaps the biggest disappointment. The varsity and freshmen gave a dismal performance. Harvard's front entry was without a splash, leaving the Beavers in the lead. The varsity rowing was a lesson in futility. The crimson eight was rowing at a higher beat. The Tech crew had rowed the identical time in a trial Wednesday, away from the Engineer outfit who were rowing at a higher beat. The Techmen finished a full two length behind the Terriers and four behind the triumphant Cantabs. The crew rowed the identical time in a trial Wednesday, without the support of the powerful tailwind that aided the crews in the first heat. What happened afterward?

... The glowing pre-season reports of the baseball team have yet to be fulfilled. Hitler in the first three games seemed to be an all-time luv, but the fielding was only slightly better.

"Pete" Peterson '55 at short and the second pair provided the only rays of light in an otherwise dismal showing. Coach Merritt, however, seems to be on the right track towards a solution for the Recluse diamond. For the second Boston College game he switched pitchers Al Hauser '56 and Bob Friedland '56 to the outfield in place of Bob White and Ted Stahl '55 and Gil Weber '56. Weber, returning to his relaying role of last year, furnished the Beavers with a little more pitching help. His spangling solid job—his fanned five out of six in the two innings he pitched—not two too late to save the game. The Tech mound corps had been weak.

-- WITT the exception for the first time. Angie Porcella '56 led the club with two hits. Porcella's much needed replacement at first base, had taken over the assignment.

John J. Seiler '55, president of the freshman and sophomores has failed to measure Harvard nautical superiority over the Beaver boat. The varsity showed as much as possible. The new Cantabs are Mr. Weber, who has been hitting, Monken, and Hauser provided outstanding far superior to the fielding the Beavers had previously received. Hauser, however, has been and undoubtedly will be the ace of the Engineers. Over a distance of six to eight, the Beavers bad previous place finish. Next week, however, it's there are many students and faculty members alike that feel that he should be abolished.

... The spring season, however, is the best of both worlds. The Beaver team dominated this week's play. Baseball should improve. Crew may get better. Perhaps the dim coloring is only the result of a passing cloud. We hope it blows over soon.

**How the stars got started...**

**Dick Powell says:** At Little Rock College, Ark., I began singing with a club group. This was followed by dance-orchestra jobs all over the Mid-West and into Hollywood. After 60 pictures, typified as a "singing cowboy," I finally won a "rough guy" role and really got going.

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**Seiler Will Speak On WMIT Tonite About Open House**

John J. Seiler '56, president of Benedictary Council, will be guest on WMIT's "This Happened Today!" at 7:15 p.m. tonight. The topic under discussion will be Open House rules. Seiler is head of a committee, consisting of the Home Chairman, which is preparing a report on Open House rules for the Faculty Committee on Student Environment. The report will be completed in early May.

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