

**Editorials**

TIMES CHANGE

We must agree with our neighbors upstairs that the old spirit is no longer with us. The generations of professional pranksters which furnished us with such a rich folklore are probably not to be seen again this spring. That's the student body.

The change is a subtle one, and not completely unratifying, for it is producing some very constructive results, granted at the expense of what we whimsically call good "collegiate" fun.

The annual luncheon for representatives of the students and Institute administration, and officials of Cambridge and Boston was held this Monday in the Faculty Club. This meeting wandered far afield of its original intent, initiated as it was to better relations between ourselves and our neighbors and to repair the battle-scarred feelings between the students and the local constabulary and fire departments.

Instead, these men were concerned with the totally unrelated question of how best to apply the resources of an educational institution and the man who attend the Institute to the betterment of the community-at-large, through assistance in the hospitals and the sentiment colonies, through furnishing some guidance to boys who are potential contributors to the problems of juvenile delinquency. It was a thought-provoking experience to hear how great a good can be performed by students willing to spend just a little time and effort in giving unfortunate young [a little of the direction] which their homes do not always furnish.

It was thought-provoking, and it was pleasant, to see how far we have come in a couple of years ago. Yes, times do change—but we think for the better.

**AID FOR THE COMMUTERS?**

The sudden appearance of all this bridgework on the front of the West End leads us to speculate as to the reason for its sudden appearance.

We think that all that pipe must certainly serve some functional purpose—our guess is spoking new coat racks for the commuters.

**Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday, May 3**

American Society of Mechanical Engineers—Student Chapter, Annual banquet and lecture; "The Dynamics of an Engineer." Mr. Alan Howard, General Electric Company. Room 347-B, 7:00 p.m. Ticks: $1.00

Christian Science Organization. Lecture, Mr. Ralph C. C. S., Board of Lecturers, Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Library Hall, 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 4**

Aeronautical Engineering Department, Seminar: "Flight Safety and the Engineer." Mr. Jerome Lederer, Flight Safety Foundation, Inc. Room 35-141, 3:00 p.m. Coffee and cake in duPont Room at 2:30 p.m.

Civil and Sanitary Engineering Department, Headphones Seminar: "Wire Focus on Ticks." Mr. William C. Shippin, Room 40-236, 9:00 p.m.

M.I.T. Staff Players, Monthly supper, Faculty Club, 6:15 p.m. Reading of Walker Memorial leads us to speculate as to the reason for its sudden appearance.