A rolling stone gathers no moss

30 years ago

Some important prearrangements for the Faith Day tug-of-war practiced at a nearby park and a pole securely set in the ground, but assumed a third ton rope. It was decided that the rope would make a better sign to pull on. Twice the rope was tried to unhook the mass, and three failed. After consulting with experts, they discovered the reason for moving large objects. Once they got the rope right, setting could stop it. Polebreaks were stumbling over the lakewalk in an attempt to get ahead of the roller. When the rope ended, the three-ton roller was heard across campus.

President Compton penciled in the laying of the cornerstone of the new George Eastman Research Laboratory. The new facility will be used for fundamental research and advanced instruction in physics and chemistry, while the building's foundation was being constructed, a wooden crate carrying two tons of Indiana limestone broke. The block of stone fell onto a truck below and cracked another limestone block as well as damaging the truck. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

25 years ago

President Earl T. Compton reported that awards to the institute from the Army, Navy, and industrial defense contracts amounted to over $7.5 million in the past year.

...A humorous debate between MIT's Debating Society and Emerson College was conducted. Subject of the debate: Resolved: that the future looks black. Techs upheld the negative side. (Pearl Harbor was attacked less than two months later.)

...At the Voo Doo smoker, entertainment was provided by a young lady who performed her "tangoo dance," a combination of tango and tap dancing. She gradually removed her raincoat until she was clothed only in black lace and panties. After the act, freshmen were invited to join Voo Doo "where such displays are aonymous form."

Some young engineers will go through almost anything for a "husband with P.-S.E."

Ifc, Tca sponsor band audition; 14 groups rock in Student Center

Fourteen local bands took part in a general audition sponsored jointly by IFC and TCA in the Sabal del Puerto Rico. The purpose of the gathering was to acquaint the various social chairmen on campus with potential talent for future parties. This audition was the second of its kind at MIT, as one was held last spring in Kresge. Art Letzler '68 from the IFC and Doug Gries '68 of TCA organized and ran the affair. Among the participating groups was The Cloud, which will perform at Junior Prom in June.