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Large Number Casts Ballots In Election Of HouseComm

Following are the results of the elections for house committeemen held in the various dormitories on Tuesday from eight a.m. until five p.m.

In the Burton House, with 70% of the house voting, the results in the 410 section were: Richard Peskin, '56; Alan Engel, '56; Harris Weinstein, '56; Olaf Stackelberg, '55; and John Blake, '55. In the 420 section, they were: Merrill Ginsberg, '57; Jean-Paul Dreyfus, '55; Harold Stien, '56; Howard Tractenberg, '56; and Byron Blanchard, '56.

In the Baker House, the winners were the following: Martin Chetron, '56; Clemente Chirinos, '56; Don Johnson, '56; James Dugelby, '56; Dave Nasitir, '56; Herbert Amster, '56; Sherman Uchill, '56; Walter Fitz, '55; Paul Levine, '56; Sergil Chevez, '54; David Springsteen, '54; and Jerry Davis, '56.

The Hall Chairmen on East Campus were elected as follows: Monroe, F. (Continued on page 4)

WMIT Program Will Be Carried Over Audio Line

Two new policies have been inaugurated by WMIT this year, the first for audio fans and the second concerning girls from Simmons. *Tech Engineering News* has been granted a franchise to carry WMIT's programming over audio lines. It will carry the Music Library program from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and other programming in the evening. For further information, contact Dan Brzeznsky at T.E.N.

The second policy involves Simmons College. WMIT will carry a play done by the Simmons Dramatic group once every three weeks at 9:30 p.m. Every Thursday from 10:15 to midnight, the show "Music Immortal" will be done by a Simmons girl and a WMIT announcer. On these programs, announcements will be made concerning social events held at Simmons for Techmen exclusively, and events at Tech to which Simmons girls have been invited. For example, it is hoped that there will be an open house evening at the swimming pool, with Simmons girls invited as guests of those Techmen who sign up for the event. Many more social events will be held it is hoped during the year.

Baker Newspaper "The Baker Letter" Makes Initial Bow

Last week a brand-new campus journal, the *Baker Letter*, was first issued to residents of Baker House. The newborn paper is a bi-weekly on the style of the Kiplinger Letter, and is distributed free at the Baker desk.

In charge of living up to the traditions of the other dormitory newspapers (the *Burton Reflector* and the *East Campus Vector*) are co-editors Herb Slater and Art Coren. Cliff Monzeglio is the feature editor.

A prominent feature article in the first issue of the *Letter* was a story concerning the poor financial condition of the Baker House Committee and the steps taken to relieve this situation.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

Proofs for the Directory of Students will be posted Wednesday through Friday, October 14-16, on the Official Bulletin Boards on the first floor, Building 2 and Building 5 and the lobby of Building 10. Each student is requested to inspect a list and to report any corrections to the Registrar's Office, Room 7-142, on the cards provided.

Financial Changes Authorized By E.C. House Comm

The meeting of the East Campus House Committee last Wednesday evening was highlighted by a resolution to create separate bank accounts for the individual houses and by a discussion of Dorm Rules by John Seiler, '55.

The motion to create separate bank accounts for the individual houses was designed to simplify the procedure for obtaining finances.

John Seiler, '55, Chairman of the Dormitory Judicial Council, spoke on the Dorm Rules and said that the enforcement of the rules was entirely up to the House Committee.

Because of the frequent complaints that dorm residents have not been receiving their copies of *The Tech*, which are paid for from their room rents, a motion was made and passed that *The Tech* will be placed in the individual mail boxes from now on. Discussion about the proposed Rumpus Room in Monroe Basement was tabled because of the lack of funds for equipping the room.

Since the spittoon in the poolroom in Ware disappeared under mysterious circumstances, Ray Fessel, '54, Social Chairman of East Campus, moved for the acquisition of a new spittoon—with a chain. After a lively and spirited debate, the motion was defeated.

FSSP Aids Foreign Students With Varied Summer Projects

by Robert T. Baker, '55

Among the many activities at the Institute there are many that reach out to play a part in life at MIT, Boston, and Massachusetts but the Foreign Student Summer Project has for its hunting ground the whole world. This can be said without qualification when one considers the many far flung countries from which participants have been drawn to take part in the summer program offered by this activity. For example, this last summer 77 students from 35 different countries were guests of the FSSP and the Institute.

The Foreign Student Summer Project or, as it is more often called, FSSP, is an undergraduate activity which was conceived in 1947 to help other countries solve their technical difficulties by bringing a group of highly qualified scientist, engineers, and architects to MIT for a summer of study and research.

Budget of \$75,000

FSSP, as a campus activity, is undoubtedly the largest not only in scope but also in budget (\$75,000) which the committee raises each year to pay for the expenses of the participants while they are in the United States. The Institute helps the program by waiving tuition of \$400 for each student enrolled in the program. Sixty-two were enrolled in 1948 and 78 in 1949, where the number has remained for the last several years.

Finances are not the only part that the committee must play in paving the way for the students to come. First each of these students must be selected from about 1500 applicants. Once the students are selected, arrangements are made to finance

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Class of '57 Coeds Relate Initial Impression of Institute

The views and prose style of the following article are intended to provide some insight into the life, times, trials and tribulations of the young ladies of the Class of '57.

by Emma Duchane, '57 and
Mari Paley, '57

Imagine yourself the only boy in an all-girls sewing class and you'll get a rough idea of the situation confronting the fifteen feminine, but determined "Techmen" in this year's freshman class.

Now *The Tech* is about to give you a private, exclusive introduction

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The majority of us are sticking to the "straight and narrow" path—engineering in one form or another. Those of us in these courses are Carla-Mae Festa, Vivian Goldman, Phyllis Jenkins, Martha Karpatis, Mary Roan, Joyce Rubbra, Martha Sifnas, and Betty Sylvia. Our two future architects are Shirley Bently and Virginia Hermann. The math courses have captured Nancy Greigg and Dorothy Puchalski. To the ranks of future physicists belong Renata Egone and Emma Duchane, while Marni Paley is registered under the General Science course.

We hail from the northeast—New York, Massachusetts, Canada, and Rhode Island. Our interests range from astro-physicists to puppy dogs and pet turtles—from basketball and humoring those helpless Sophomores to less strenuous sports such as swimming and spelunking.

After three weeks of comparing notes on Tech we've reached the point where we believe we have caught the spirit of the Institute in one word—"Wow!" More specifically, some of our reactions were "It's different . . .", "Lovely scenery", and one coed, who prefers to remain anonymous, likened it to a fine arts Museum—"Beautiful etchings!"

In brief, we like it. Face it—we're here to stay!

Professor Reintjes Appointed Director Of E.E. Servo Lab

Professor John Francis Reintjes, associate professor of electrical engineering at the Institute, has been appointed Director of the Servomechanisms Laboratory of the Department of Electrical Engineering. E. L. Cochran, Dean of Engineering, announced today. Professor Reintjes succeeds Professor William M. Pease, who resigned to begin a career in industry.

Professor Reintjes is an associate member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, a senior member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, and a member of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Prom Tickets On Sale Next Week In Bldg. 10; Juniors To Be Favored

by Norman G. Kulgein, '55

As a result of an unprecedented demand which caused a complete sell-out of Junior Prom tickets in an hour and a half, the Junior Prom Committee has made arrangements for the accommodation of about 120 extra couples. The Georgain Room in the Hotel Statler will be taken over to provide the extra space.

Tickets for the affair were put on sale last Monday at 9:00 a.m. and by 10:30 a.m. all of them, 415, were gone. According to Harry Schreiber, '55, Committee Chairman, no sales took place before the booth in building ten opened. However, when the booth opened, tickets were sold to anyone in the Institute wanting them. Thus many Juniors desiring to attend the Prom found themselves unable to do so. This unfortunate situation prompted the Junior Prom Committee to secure the additional ballroom.

Present plans call for the moving of some tables now in the main ballroom to the other ballroom. This means that everyone will dance in the same room as the band is playing. It is believed that the presence of Ralph Flanagan, voted the number one band in the country, caused the extraordinarily rapid sellout of tickets.

Ticket sales for the affair will reopen next Tuesday. Those on the waiting list will be accommodated first, with special preference being given to Juniors. It is expected that all those now on the waiting list will get tickets.

Students Chosen As Conference Representatives

The list of undergraduate representatives to the Andover Conference has been released by Dean Jacoby, '54, President of the Institute Committee. This conference, to be held at Andover, Massachusetts, on October 23 and 24, will represent the first time that the student body has sent delegates to this meeting, along with the faculty and staff.

The topic under discussion will be student-faculty relations and student environment.

Undergraduate Delegation

The undergraduate delegation to this conference, selected to include representatives of the dormitories and activities as well as Institute Committee members, consists of Edwin G. Eigel, '54, General Manager of *The Tech*; Louis Mahoney, '54; Gerald Perloff, '55; Baker House Chairman; Albert Ward, '54; Chairman of I.F.C.; Dean Jacoby, '54, President of the Institute Committee; Robert Anslow, '54, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Edward Johnson, '56, President of the Class of 1956; Lennard Wharton, '55, Burton House Chairman; Jerome Waye, '54, Chairman of the Student-Faculty Committee; Coleman Breese, '54, Chairman of the Secretariat; Barbara Beyer, '54, Editor of *Technique*; F. Lawrence Holmes, '54, Incomm Representative for the Class of 1954; Thomas Henderson, '54, Chairman of the Judicial Committee; Samuel Losh, '54, East Campus House Chairman; and Charles Marrison, '54, Chairman of the Dorm Committee.

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Editorials

A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE

The end of four and a half months of investigation came late last month when the Board of Trustees of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute announced the dismissal of one of its professors on the grounds that he was "unfit to teach." Thus once again the problem of communism on campuses finds headlines.

The action in this instance, however, stems from the professor's invocation of the privilege granted under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. In the words of the president of R.P.I.; "The investigation was based on (Association of American Universities) and Institute policy, which, after invocation of the Fifth Amendment places upon the professor a heavy burden of proof of his fitness to hold a teaching position." This attitude is, perhaps, a logical one and places upon the university an obligation to re-examine the individual's qualifications for membership in its society.

Refusal to testify is *not*, however, in itself justification for dismissal or proof of guilt. It must not be so construed.

The trustees of R.P.I. have to all appearances disregarded this conclusion. They have dismissed a member of their faculty without the opportunity to qualify or explain his actions. They have failed to call upon him to defend his ability to teach, though he requested an audience. They adhere to a policy which places upon him "proof of fitness," yet they have refused his testimony. They have apparently refrained from any investigation of his professional competence by failure to consult his faculty colleagues.

The only conclusion that can be reached is that the Board of Trustees has obviated the principle of "innocence until proven guilty" and is very likely violating the very principles of academic freedom and intellectual honesty they purport to insure.

... AND ONE OF REASON

The question of the desirability of "rides" and off-campus hazing has fought its way into all forms of student expression. It has been discussed by the Institute and Dormitory Committees and by the Interfraternity Council and was the subject of a poll of student opinion during the recent House elections. The time has evidently come then, for the students to decide once and for all — "should off campus hazing be abolished?"

The risks of such activities are great — more so than its proponents care to believe. It is much more than the "detrimental reputation" or "discredit to the school" with which we are concerned but rather the very real possibilities of physical injury to participants.

Its rewards are essentially few and can likely be obtained by other, more sensible means. Elimination of the "rides" will hardly make our society mechanistic or "robot-like," for there are a great many campus diversions to the purely academic life. The only argument in favor of this type of hazing then, lies in its possibilities to create and build a "class spirit."

Class spirit, however, can do without these artificially stimulated rivalries which unfortunately are expressed to a regrettable excess. The students would do well to understand the dangerous ramifications of this situation and act accordingly to do away with it.

through the mail

To the Editor of *The Tech*:

I have a serious complaint against the way the recent East Campus elections were run. Although each resident was to have received a ballot in his mailbox, I did not get one, and have reason to believe that this was not an isolated case.

When I complained I was told that the only place I might be able to obtain a ballot was the waste-paper basket. Even this was of no avail, and I was unable to vote.

Since the names of all those who vote are checked off on a list, I fail to see why ballots cannot be made available at the polling place.

I trust that this situation will not arise again, and that in the future all those who wish to vote will be able to do so without having to resort to scavenging for ballots.

Jehangir Gazdar, '56

October 6, 1953

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To the Editor of *The Tech*:

"Enlightened despotism" are the words used by *The Tech* to describe student government. I think they need a little explanation.

Since when do existing open house rules have to be "passed" by Dormitory Committee? Those rules supposedly passed "under the guise of expediency" by a "half staffed" dormitory committee last week were formulated and put into effect by student government with the approval of the administration more than six months ago. They were reprinted this fall for the benefit of the incoming students.

Next, who is supposed to act during the period from the last house committee meeting in the middle of May to the first meeting in the middle of October? The students and student government have accepted responsibilities and obligations which cannot be laid aside during this period merely as a matter of convenience. It is true that all the members of student government are not in office, but if those in office are not in power to make decisions and enforce rules *who is going to?*

The Tech is "appalled by the action of the Baker House Chairman." Baker House had no clear or effective policy on open house rules last year, and if at the beginning of a new year a clear policy is not stated, how are rules and regulations to be upheld?

It was stated that "Student government enters a forbidden field when it attempts to tell the student what is

after hours

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

The 5:15 Club—will celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary tonight in their Walker Memorial club room, with a dance featuring wine, women and song. Stags as well as drags are invited because invitations have been extended to girls' colleges in the Boston area, and accepted. The buck admission (stag or couple) includes beer, coke, and women if you come stag. Dancing: 8:30-12:30.

*Mass. General Hospital—The nurses here will be your partners at the second Walcott dance of the Fall season. The dance includes recorded music, refreshments, and a 50c admission. For conversation ask your host about the Senior Show "Tempus Fugit" and then ask to be shown the new nurses' dormitory.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Wellesley College—There are four invitations to a Wellesley Social Mixer available. Contact 418 Baker for details. P.S.—They check at the door.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Radcliffe—If homework hasn't tied you down, you might drop in at Morris Hall for some weekday social life. The girls are having a mixer with refreshments. Dancing from 8 until 10.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Radcliffe—If you can locate a building called Agathy Hall you'll be able to attend another Radcliffe social given by the Commuters. Recorded music, refreshments, and dancing from 8 to 10.

good for him." I believe that the responsibility for observing open house rules rests with each individual student. If this is preaching, I would like a better suggestion.

The *Harvard Crimson* recently ran an article stating that no women are allowed in any men's dormitory after 8:00 p.m. Frankly, I don't want to see this happen at Tech.

I feel that acting as an elected representative of student government,

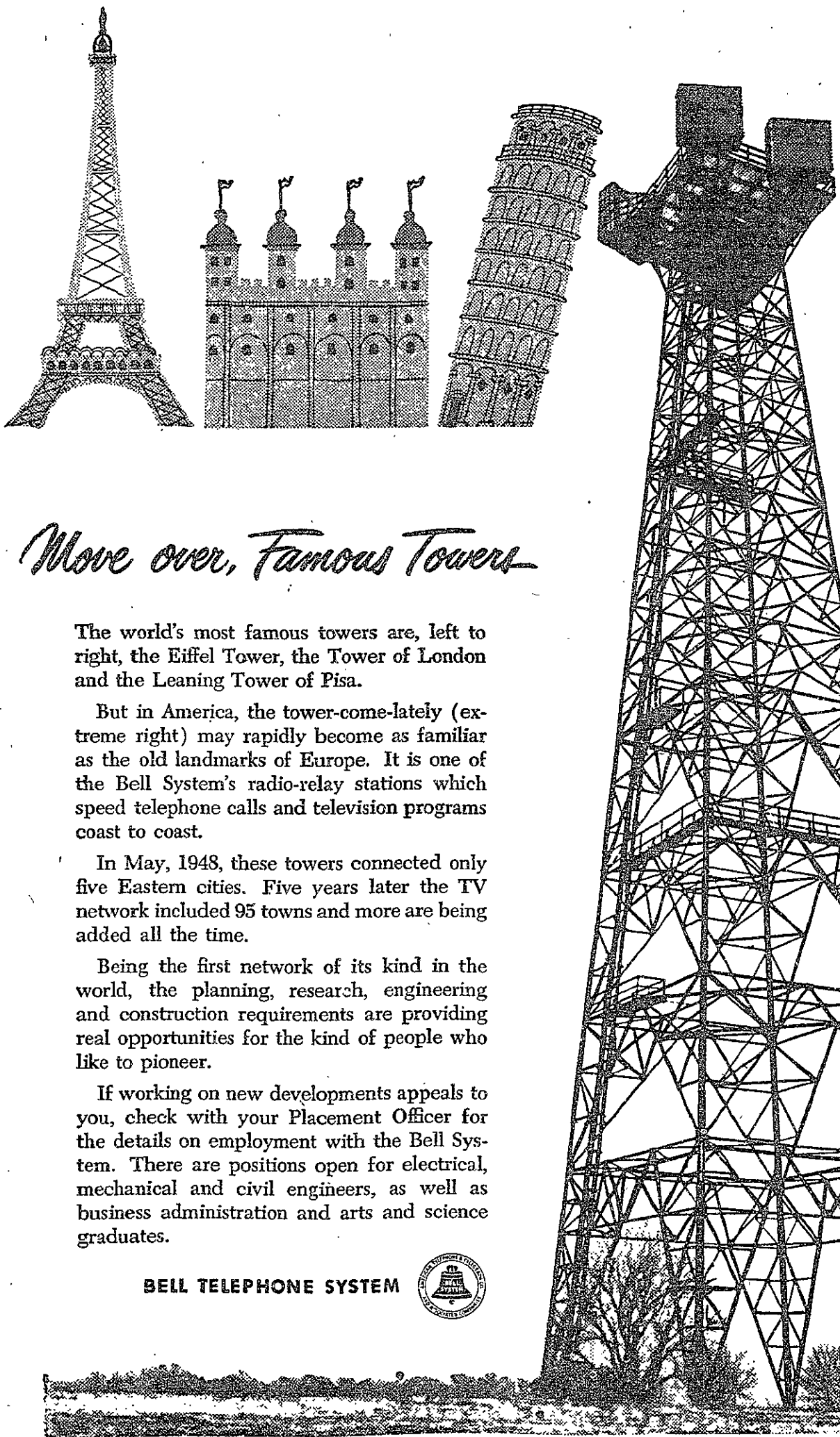
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Soph Pigskinners Prepare For '57

The sophomore Field Day football squad, mentored as before by Dan Lickly, '54, and Robert Cross, '54,

started practice last Monday. Although the first day's turnout was small, 25 sophs were on hand for the next day's session. Most of the players, including Bill Calvert, last year's frosh captain, are returnees, with five or six newcomers augmenting the veterans.

Frosh, Sophs Plan Preparations For Field Day's Relay

Twenty-four runners will race 220 yards each in the annual one and a half mile relay event on Field Day, worth 3 points for the winning class. If victory depends on the number of men reporting for each class, the Frosh seem sure to capture this year's race.

Coach Oscar Hedlund's report indicates a strong class of '57 turnout. The practice season has not progressed long enough for any definite news on potential starters for the frosh, but they seem to be able to produce a fast squad without too much trouble.

As for the Sophs, such mainstays

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Phi Gam, SAE, E. Campus Look Good In Intramurals

by Paul Jay Goldin, '54

With the first signs of autumn in the air, a young man's fancy turns not to women, but to the pursuit of an elliptical object called a football. Last Saturday and Sunday, 22 teams clashed on Briggs Field in the first of a series of elimination contests to determine the intramural touch football championship.

Last year's winner, Phi Gamma Delta, along with runner-up Sigma Alpha Epsilon, came through with decisive victories. The champs, behind the combined efforts of Tom Hoffman, Prentress Cole, and Jim Klapmeier, humbled a strong Pi Lamda Phi team, 18-0. The duo of Bob White and Ev Chambers proved too much for Alpha Epsilon Pi, as they ran and passed SAE to a 26-0 win.

In one of the big upsets of the day, the sharp-shooting passing of Bob Lait and Al Walz, coupled with the fine receiving of Giff Weber and Ken Christie, led East Campus to a rousing 26-0 victory over Delta Upsilon.

Weber scored three times as he took the early lead in the intramural touch-down derby. East Campus will face its big test this weekend when it meets a power-laden Graduate House team in what could be the game-of-the-week.

Blocked kicks and bad passes from center decided two games last week. In the "battle of the safety," Theta Delta Chi edged Delta Psi 4-2, in a ragged battle. A safety in the last thirty seconds gave the Thetas the win. A blocked kick turned into a safety in the waning moments of the game enabled Deke to edge Phi Kappa Sigma 15-13. Phi Kappa has protested the game on the basis of the kick being a dead ball before it rolled into the end zone. From here it seems likely that this protest will be upheld, and the game replayed from the point of the kick.

In other games, Delta Tau Delta defeated Burton House 27-0, while Norm Meyers, Hoby Kraner, and Fred Morefield led Sigma Chi to a smashing 44-0 win over a weak Phi Beta Epsilon team. ATO, utilizing the fine passing of John Porter to George Perry and Bruce Murray, stopped a stubborn Sigma Phi Epsilon eight, 18-0, and Ray Bowen's two touch-downs helped Beta Theta Pi romp over Baker House 29-0. The only other two games played resulted in a 16-0 win for the Burton Student Staff over SAM, and a 13-6 win for Theta Chi over Lamda Chi Alpha.

Cross-Country Season Begins With Tufts Meet

Tech's cross-country season opens with a race against Tufts' varsity and frosh teams today over their course at Medford.

Our 1953 varsity team has an excellent chance to beat Tufts soundly in this meet since Captain Jack Farquhar, Hugh Nutley, Ian Williams, Larry Berman, and Carl Swanson from the team which came in second in the New England championships last year. In addition, Ray Smith, Dave Palamountain, and Jack Buell are coming up from the New England Freshman Championship team, adding further strength to the team.

It will also be Tufts' first meet of the season, and their team will be doing their best to defeat us. The experienced harriers who will be running against Tech's varsity are Price, McCann and Bowering, who ranked seventh, twelfth and thirteenth on Tufts' 1952 varsity team; and Hartley, Heath and Stengle, who ranked eighth, eleventh and twelfth on their 1952 frosh team.

The frosh team has plenty of strong first year boys working out, and likewise has the ability to win in the Tufts meet. The twelve boys selected in last Saturday's Franklin Park trials to go to Tufts should give a good account of themselves and thereby start a successful 1953 season.

If all goes well, and each of our harriers runs to the limit of his ability, Tech will triumph over Tufts once again, as we did last year by scores of 17-41 (varsity) and 15-50 (freshmen).

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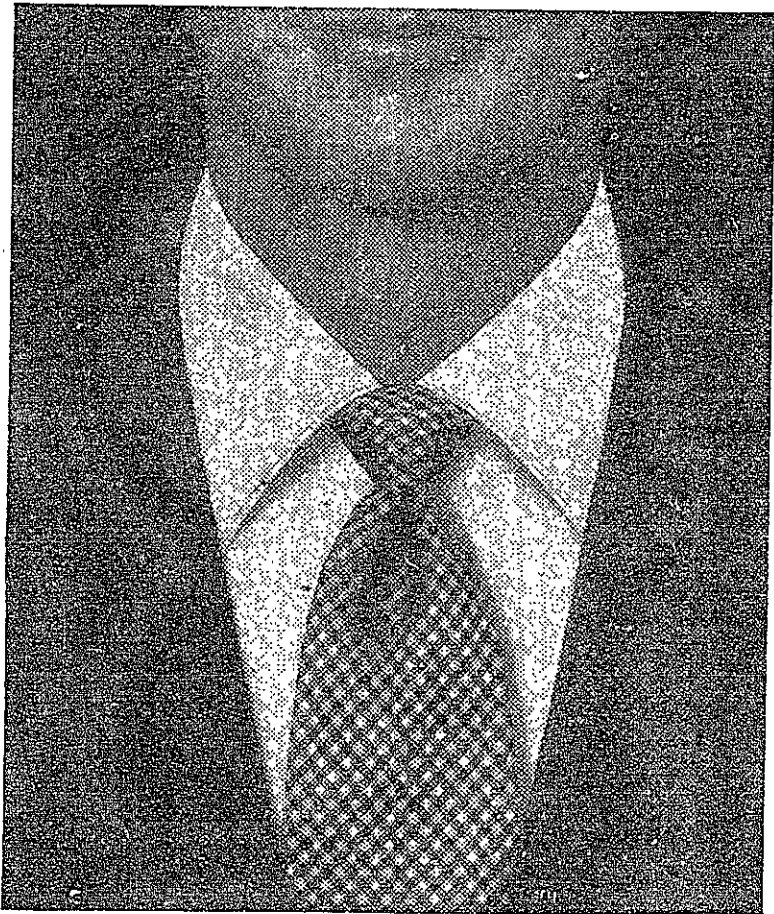
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Through The Mail

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I have the responsibility of living up to the expectations of the students. If open house hours are shortened or taken away, the blame should fall on those who oppose their publication, clarification and enforcement.

If this is "enlightened despotism," I am for it.

Gerry Perloff, 55,
Baker House Chairman

October 7, 1953

Election Results

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Eckhardt, '55; Hayden, Lawrence Leonard, '54; Wood, George Schwenk, '54; Walcott, Walter, '56; Bemis Philip

TENNIS

All freshmen signed up for the Fall Tennis Tourney should contact Jack Summers at the squash courts or phone Ext. 488 as soon as possible.

Bryden, '56; Goodale, Garry Quinn, '56; Ware, Charles Gellar, '55; Atkinson, Henry Valcour, '56; Runkle,

Akira Togasaki, '55; Holman, Sanford I. Rock, '54; Nichols, Sheldon N. Busansky, '55; Crafts, Michael Horstein,

'55. The new chairmen will take office in the near future.



the haunt of the Baskervilles

ONCE there was a ghost named Leroy, who lived in a haunted cottage near a large Eastern university. Every Friday night, at exactly seven o'clock, he'd slide under the door of Baskerville Hall (the main dorm), and give the students all the answers to next week's quizzes.

This was quite a set up. No studying, no cramming . . . and straight A's all term long. But then, one Friday, the hour came and went. No Leroy! And the following week, all the Baskerville Boys got an F on every quiz!

The Friday after that, all of Baskerville Hall waited . . . and waited. But still no Leroy! In high dudgeon, they set out to find him. Creeping into Leroy's haunted cottage . . . the Baskerville Boys found him moaning and groaning. "What's the matter, Leroy?" they asked.

Leroy wiped a ghostly tear from his ghostly eye. "The weather's so hot, every time I put on a shirt the collar curls and wilts. I haven't been out for two weeks!"

In high glee, the Baskerville Boys hurried to the local Van Heusen dealer and bought a dozen Van Heusen Century Shirts with the revolutionary soft collar that won't wrinkle ever. Regular collars, spread collars. \$3.95 for whites, \$4.95 for colors. "A very good investment," they thought.

Leroy was delighted. He rewarded the boys with all the answers to the following week's quizzes. Two months later, all the boys from Baskerville Hall had flunked out. Leroy's good-looking Van Heusen Century Shirts made him so popular with the co-eds, that he didn't have time for quizzes or answers.

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