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Goat's Head

Honor Societies Hold Elections

Various Honor and Professional Societies on the Hill have held elections at the close of the school year to appoint new men to carry on the functions of their respective group throughout the term.

The men who have been elected officers in these organizations are:

Tau Beta Pi

President—John C. Osborn
Vice President—Wilfred J. Lee
Treasurer—Robert E. Hull
Secretary—Otto W. Muller

Sigma Xi

Men elected to associated membership: Howard B. France, Harrison W. Fuller, Edward F. Funk, Richard P. Giles, Robert S. Jacobson, Albert E. Rockwood, Jack H. Shank, Frank E. Weeks.

Nautical Club

Commodore—William Sheldrick
Vice Commodore—Allen Breed
Secretary-Treasurer—Lenny Berg

FEBRUARY 18, 1946

"All Wet"

A catastrophe was narrowly averted last week at the WPI plant at Chaffin's. An experiment was being performed on meter testing with the boom revolving at a good speed, when R. D. Leonard, a senior civil, decided suddenly to land. He was standing on the end of the revolving boom as it approached the wharf, when he was unable to resist the centrifugal force. Prof. Allen, who was standing on the wharf was also nearly swept into the brink, for Russel tried to swing his arms around the Prof's neck to save himself. But, alas, he missed him. He landed in the pond, five feet below, but, fortunately, there were many senior civils nearby, who, hearing his whantom (sic) wails, rushed to his rescue. It is hoped that Russel will be able to continue his experiments another week, although it is said that he has ordered a life preserver.

NOVEMBER 4, 1912

TOWELS

As a result of the new system installed in the gym whereby towels are furnished to all users of the building there were 1158 towels to be washed in the new electric washing machine at the end of one week. This shows that about one-hundred and seventy men each day are deriving benefit from the recent gift of the Alumni.

To those who are not in the regular classes Professor Carpenter wishes it announced that clean towels will always be on hand in the locker room. A basket is provided for the soiled towels so that no one should fail to comply with the rule of leaving them there. Furthermore, no towels, whether privately owned or not, should be left in any locker. This rule is already in effect and upperclassmen are expected to act accordingly.

Any football man who has the parts of an Institute uniform should turn them in at once so that they may be cleaned and stored away.

FEBRUARY 27, 1917

Last Saturday afternoon during the Tech-Tufts track meet a plane flew over Alumni Field with an object swinging beneath it. The object was identified by many as the Goat's Head; source of contention between the odd and even classes. The plane circled quite low and for a few minutes created not a little excitement. Little is known how the arrangements were made but the coveted object was dropped somewhere in the area of Lake Quinsigamond. It was later learned from some freshmen that it landed too close for comfort to a stone wall. Several ambitious sophomores went to the airport to seize the treasure from the freshmen in the plane, but were sorry to find them without it. The freshmen had safely transferred it to safe hands on the ground.

MAY 7, 1929

The controversy which has raged among the students on the Hill over the past week concerning the two attempts to show the Goat's Head by the Freshmen was finally settled by official action of the Goat's Head Rules Committee last Friday.

After a somewhat heated and lengthy discussion, the committee decided that, because of the distance of the Head from the eyes of the spectators, neither of the two attempts was successful. It was successfully argued that the object suspended in the air at the Tuft's track meet might have been the object of competition, but there was the equal possibility of its being any other object of the same size, and that a spectator, standing on the field, would not be able to distinguish it as the Goat's Head.

However, to clear up any ambiguity in the future on the point, the committee placed an official interpretation on the clause requiring a public presentation of the Head to mean that, not only the outlines but the actual features of the Goat's Head must be visible to a greater part of the crowd.

There were no written changes or additions to the rules, but this interpretation will constitute an unwritten part of the rules for the future. This definite action of the committee clears up any ambiguity on the point. As it appeared in the majority of the Worcester papers during the week, the Tech Council has taken action on the matter. However, it is stated that the entire jurisdiction over the Goat's Head competition is vested in the Goat's Head Rules Committee, which consists of the following men: J. E. Gill '29, J. W. Baker '29, H. E. Pierce, Jr. '30, N. L. Shaw '30, M. L. Price '30, R. W. Puddington '30, and Prof. R. K. Morley, Chairman.

It was unanimously agreed, without formal action, to commend the Freshman Class for their enterprise and originality in bringing the Head by airplane, even though the Committee finds it does not constitute an "appearance" under the rules.

MAY 14, 1929

Glee Club

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Glee Club will make its first bow to the public, when it will give a short concert in the lecture room of the Electrical Engineering Building. The program will consist of four of the songs submitted in the competition, including the prize winners. There will be one or two other numbers, together with some quartet selections.

The Glee Club has been working hard the past few weeks, and deserves the

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THOUSANDS VIEW '29 ROPE PULL



Once more a crowd of thousands, comprised of Tech students and other interested Worcester people, gathered on the banks of Institute Pond to witness the annual rope-pull classic between the two lower classes. For the first time the new rule, placing the Sophs on the east side and the Frosh on the west side was put into effect.

The battle began with each team heaving furiously in an effort to get the jump on its opponent. The first few heaves stretched the rope considerably, and this together with taking up slack rope, enabled both sides to haul in rope rapidly. During the next fifteen minutes, it was next to impossible to tell who had the advantage. The second fifteen minutes gave the freshmen a slight edge over their rivals, and at the end of thirty minutes, the frosh had gained a full three feet, but the judges refused to make a decision on such a slight margin and a ten minute overtime resulted. The class of '33 seemed to have the stamina and increased their lead during this time, so that at the end of the period, the second year men good-naturedly waded through the cold, muddy-bottomed pond.

The victorious first year men then proceeded to form a line to bear the rope victoriously up Park Avenue and around the track just as has been done every year. However, their parade fell short of expectations, for when they neared the grandstands, they were ordered to halt and told not to parade in front of the stands. The freshmen were rather disappointed as might be expected, but they readily yielded to authority, wheeled about and carried the rope back to its quarters in the basement of Boynton Hall to remain there until another year rolls around.

From a Freshman's Viewpoint

Once again the icy waters of Institute Pond witnessed a Freshman victory over the rival Sophomore class. The Freshmen occupied the west side of the pond while the Sophomores took the east side below Norse tower.

The time limit was to be thirty minutes, from one thirty until two o'clock. At the first report of the pistol, both sides engaged in digging holes with the aid of their coxswains. The Sophs, at the end of the first rest, were accredited with a gain of about four feet. By the second half, however, the Freshmen had won back this loss with an extra gain. The second half of the half-hour period showed little or no gain for either side, and the period came to a close with the rope in practically the original position.

The judge of the pull allowed for a possible tie with a ten minute extension of the contest. Both teams were keyed up for the supreme moment, straining to break the deadlock by a final effort. The Sophs, tired and discouraged, were suddenly dragged over the edge and into the freezing water by a last wild enthusiasm of the Freshmen. Cheers for the first year men for '33 and '32 were followed by a parade up Park Avenue to Alumni Field. As a result of this hard and long-fought contest, no buttons will be seen on the Freshmen caps this year.

From a Sophomore's Viewpoint

The Sophomores were losers in the annual rope-pull after having lost six feet of rope in the heartbreaking ten minute overtime period which the judge called for because both sides were even at the end of the half hour. The Second Year men gained considerable rope at the very start, with one heave immediately at the report of the starting

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Tech News Acquires Working Quarters

The TECH NEWS will be located this year in the building shown on the above picture. The NEWS has needed such an office to carry on its many branches of activity. The building has been used formerly as a high potential laboratory by the Electrical Engineering Dept. and as a non-magnetic laboratory by the Dept. of Physics. It is due to the kindness of the latter department that we are able to utilize this convenient building for an office to carry on the business of the paper. With a place of business for the officers of the NEWS, where they may be found at certain periods, and where they may congregate to carry on the business of the paper, it is certain that the NEWS may be better able than last year to obtain all items of interest on the Hill and to better regard the wishes of its subscribers.

The building is not yet in commission, but it is expected that it will be ready in about two weeks.

The NEWS is on deck again with its staff of wide-awake reporters and ready to serve its subscribers with the latest news of any phase of activity on the Hill. It is up-to-date; it is accurate, and it is interesting and every student should subscribe to it. Don't lie back and squeeze onto your money, but subscribe

Goat's Head Displayed

When Vinnie DeFalco and a host of sophomores flaunted the bronze goat on the steps of Sanford Riley Hall recently, few of the newcomers to W.P.I. left the House of Rochette to do battle. At this time, the class of '54 resolved to make a more daring display of the trophy. This they did on Saturday, November 10, during the ROTC drill on the baseball field.

During the drill three sophomores, Otto Wahlrab, Hank Boyton, and Paul Alasso, wandered on to the field and displayed the Goat's Head for a full ten minutes. The Frosh, standing at attention, looked on with frustration. Finally one of the platoon leaders gave the command to break ranks and the infuriated '55ers swarmed upon the coveted goat, only to be denied once more as the trophy was tossed over the Park Avenue fence and to safety.

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to the only weekly Tech ever had, and so help along a good thing.

SEPTEMBER, 1910

'32-'33 Rush Yields Draw

Friday, October 4, 1929, was a day of many surprises. A day which not many Frosh will ever forget; a day which will never be forgotten by the class of '32.

While some 221 freshmen were attentively listening to Professor Coomb's English lecture, a small group of second year men were busily constructing barricades and thoroughly nailing up the doors of the M.E. building. At 10:45 Professors conducting sophomore classes dismissed their warriors with a good-natured smile, and each of the latter rushed to the battlefield, leaving books and valuables behind. Meanwhile noises of hammers and other strange commotions circulated up through the open windows of the lecture room, and when the neophytes looked out, they were greeted with cries of, "Come on out and get it."

The yearlings were placed in a double line in front of the only open door. Paddles in hand, shouting for their prey, the conspirators impatiently demanded action. But not for many minutes. A few of the most hearty souls peeped through the door, thereupon receiving a rousing welcome. "More Freshmen!" And more came. In a body, a majority of the freshmen broke through the door, and the paddling that followed in the next few minutes was action to the nth power.

It is needless to say that the sophomores were outnumbered, but owing to their superior organization and strengthened by a year's experience, they held their ground. The first year men were a little confused, and some of them were even fighting among themselves, while others preferred to officiate from the windows above. Paddles began to diminish in number, necessitating vigorous struggles for the possession of these weapons. Finally members of the Skull and faculty intervened, thus bringing to a close one of the best paddle rushes in years.

Little damage was done, and the battle ensued throughout with a commendable spirit of sportsmanship. Au-

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EDITORIAL

Judging from the prevalence of E's and F's in the reports of the second term, a word of warning, with respect to scholarship, would not be wholly out of place at this time.

It is well known that the average standard of scholarship on the Hill has dropped somewhat below par this year. It is, of course, evident that during the first term, the emergency of the war, which threw us into the military regime, distracted our minds and made a serious application to studies extremely difficult. This work during the second term, while having progressed rather more smoothly, was handicapped by changes in the courses, and a disturbing reaction which accompanied the transition of Tech from a military to a civil institution. The faculty, as well as the student body, realize the consequences of these adverse circumstances, and due consideration has been taken with the marking in all courses.

However, it is no time for any man to allow his work on the Hill to lag and shield himself with these facts as excuses. To do so would be to brand himself as a shirker and a non-representative of true Tech spirit. It cannot be urged too strongly that every fellow on the Hill go after his studies this final term harder than ever before and make an attempt to overcome previous misfortunes.

Final marks do not go into the office until the end of the year, so that by good, earnest work, each man has a fine chance to get back on smooth water in June. As the work of this term will go a great way in determining the final marks, it is especially important that we ignore the signs of spring which are becoming more prominent daily. It is not going to be the easiest thing in the world to keep the books busy, but this other satisfying excuse of spring fever must be carefully guarded against or there will be many slipping away from their objective.

Remember that everyone here at Tech has a serious and momentous task before him and it is up to each one to meet it with his best.

From the Issue of APRIL 18, 1919

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH NEWS—

DEAR SIR:

My roommate is a chemist. I can't imagine why anyone wants to room with a chemist for, but the above statement is a fact, just the same. When a man comes home from the laboratory four times a week and smells like a defunct skunk, it is time that something in the way of advance in chemistry was made. Why on earth can't they teach them something besides the manufacture of vile smudges which render the men unfit to associate with their like in form but not in order? Why, I have seen my "wife" dress up and go out to see his girl, and come back inside of an hour, because she said his hair smelt like the deuce. I should think the theaters should refuse to admit them; every electric car says "or otherwise obnoxious person" and so I suppose they have to walk all the time.

Another source of grievance is their system of naming things. Only a few days ago I returned home to find him writhing on the floor in agony, with a strip of paper a yard long dangling from his teeth. I gave him some whiskey, which seemed to help him—whiskey seems to help all chemists—and then I pulled the paper from his teeth. On it was written a lot of C's and H's and after it was written "leucyl triglycyl leucyl triglycyl leucyl

SANFORD RILEY HALL ALMOST COMPLETED

Construction on Sanford Riley is proceeding rapidly. Practically all the outside of the building is completed with the exception of the stonework about the entrances, the material for which is late in arriving but it is expected any time now. The electricians and plumbers have completed their work, and the walls are all ready to be plastered. The plastering will have to wait, however, as the roof is not yet completed. It is hoped that it will be done by Commencement and from then on the work should progress rapidly.

With the opening of the dining hall in the new dormitory the present lunchroom in the basement of Boynton Hall

will be dismantled and the room turned into a Student Activity office. There will be an office for Tech News and the "Aftermath" and for similar activities.

As the Y. M. C. A. and the Bookstore will move into the new building the Gymnasium will be used entirely for athletic purposes. It is planned to use one of these rooms for Physical Examinations instead of Professor Carpenter's office as is now the custom.

The opening of Sanford-Riley Hall will indeed effect many changes about the school.

From the issue of

MAY 24, 1927

Seniors Dub New Book "Peddler"

A definite vote was taken last Friday noon at a meeting of the Senior class upon the subject of naming the college annual to be published by that class this year. The result was that a unanimous ballot was cast in favor of "The Peddler" as a most fitting title for the publication. The name was first suggested and recommended by the board as one that fulfilled all requirements set up last spring when it was decided to drop the present name "Aftermath." In making this recommendation the board, through the editor, G. T. Cook, announced it was felt that "The Peddler" offered more in the way of originality, distinction, and bearing upon the history of Worcester Tech than any other name proposed. It was announced that the name would now be submitted to the Tech Council for confirmation in behalf of the entire college in order to insure the general acceptance of the name by the student body and the college.

A second matter of business brought up was that of choosing a photographer to do the work for "The Peddler." After considerable discussion it was voted to award the work to the J. Chester Bushong Studios of Worcester. Much work for the old "Aftermath" has come from those studios and has been of excellent quality. In closing the business relating to the annual, Business Manager Marino spoke briefly concerning

MANDOLIN CLUB IS REFORMED

The Mandolin Club is being run on an entirely new principle this year under the indirect supervision of Director Hanscomb of the Glee Club. The personnel of the club has been arranged as follows: First Melody, F. H. King, F. B. Peters and Adams on banjo-mandolins and F. S. Finlayson and C. B. Ives on tenor-banjos; harmony, J. F. Devaney, F. M. King and W. R. Purcell on tenor banjos; I. V. Abadjeff on the guitar, and R. J. Bosquet on the piano.

Regular rehearsals of the club will be held on Monday evening at 8:15 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. A strict attendance record is being kept and an attendance rule similar to that of the Glee Club will be enforced.

The reorganized Mandolin Club will make their first public appearance at the Tech Carnival on Friday evening. Their presentation will consist of three numbers: "Memories," "A Night in June," and "Gorgeous." The club will play entirely without music, a policy that has been adopted this year.

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the necessity of quick returns from all who planned to enter the book.

President Wilkinson of the Senior Class announced the appointment of the following men to serve on the nominating committee for the first semester election of class officers: J. E. Driscoll, F. Fleming, H. Paige, B. Carlson and C. Muzzy. Nominations will be announced sometime this week.

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MARRY NOT AN ENGINEER

Verily I say unto you, marry not an engineer, for an engineer is a strange creature, and possesseth of many devils. Yea, he speaketh eternally in parables, which he calleth formulae, and he wieldeth a stick which he called a slide rule, and he hath only one Bible, a hand-book. He thinketh only in serious aspects and seemeth not to know how to smile. And he picketh his seat in the car by the springs therein and not the damsel. Neither does he know a waterfall save by its power, nor a sunset except by her live weight. Always he carrieth his books with him, and he entertaineth his sweetheart with steam tables. Verily though his damsel expecteth chocolates when he calleth, she openeth the package but to disclose sam-

ples of iron ore. Yea, he holdeth his damsel's hand but only to measure the friction, and his kisses are but to measure her viscosity. For in his eyes there is a far-away look shining, that of neither love nor longing—rather a vain attempt to recall the formulae. When his damsel writeth of love and signeth with crosses, he taketh not these symbols for kisses, but rather for unknown quantities. Even as a boy he pulleth girls' hair out to test its elasticity. His marriage he taketh as a simultaneous equation, involving two unknowns, and yielding diverse results.

So sayeth I, marry not an Engineer.

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octoglycyl glycerine" and some more gibberish telling how to make it. Now I think it's positively inhuman to require men to assimilate any such material as that. I, for one, put myself on record in the following manner:

1. I protest against having my roommate smell like the four decomposition product of a polecat.
2. I believe that in justice to our future men and women, we should not force men to go through any such contortions as my roommate was engaged in, merely to obtain a diploma.
3. I believe that such contortions are injurious to mind and body.
4. I believe that education does not consist of any such material.
5. I protest against furnishing all the whiskey for reviving the poor victim.
6. I suggest that the Chemistry Department furnish whiskey.

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The Pitch of The Screw

The hour was long past midnight,
And I was feeling blue,
From futile pondering over problems
That I knew I'd never do.

Suddenly a far off murmur
Closer, louder, nearer grew,
'Til a form flashed on my vision,
'Twas the specter of "THE SCREW."

On my knees I fell in terror,
But my eyes to his he drew,
Fixed me with his gaze triumphant,
Chilled me through and through.

"Close your books and hasten elsewhere,

There is naught here you can do,
Tho you fear me, I'm an angel,
That has come to deliver you.

"You have wasted time and money
And lost the faith of friends so true,
Leave this place, and think longer;
Ere you start your life anew.

"And now in parting let me offer
This little thought I hold so dear;
Tech schools are great institutions,
But the Lord makes engineers."

From the issue of

MARCH 24, 1914

POOL ROOM REGULATIONS

The pool room in the "Y" is open from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for the use of the students and to help pay the operating expenses, and to keep the room in good running condition the following rules have been adopted.

1. Be reasonable; do not monopolize the tables.
2. Return all equipment to the inner "Y" office.
3. Use the bridge; do not sit or lie on the tables.
4. At certain periods the tables must be recovered and new equipment must be bought. To help meet these expenses a fee of ten cents per table per hour is made payable in advance at the "Y" office.
5. Be a sportsman.

From the issue of

OCTOBER 10, 1926

LEAP SAVES PROF. PETRIE

Late Friday morning, Professor Petrie was welcomed back to the Hill after a three week absence. Still weak and shaky from his accident, he returned home Saturday for a few days rest, and will probably be back this Wednesday.

On his way to Tech Wednesday morning, July 19, he was driving up an incline through West Boylston on Route 12, when he suddenly saw a huge trailer truck start toward him. Not realizing that it was a run-away, he expected the driver to swerve the truck to the right side of the road. When he saw the truck still coming at him, he opened the door and jumped out of his car. At the same time, the truck smashed into his car, and the open door hit him before he could get far enough away. He was taken to the Holden Hospital. The X-rays showed no broken bones, but he was severely bruised and shaken up. As a result he remained in the hospital three weeks. His jump saved him from almost certain death.

The ten-ton trailer truck, which was carrying a load of steel, was parked on the left hand side of the road with a flat tire. One wheel was missing. Its driver was out looking for the wheel when the truck started of its own accord and crashed into Professor Petrie's car, hurling it back about sixty feet.

From the issue of

AUGUST 15, 1944

HELPLESS SOPHS OBSERVE WAVING OF FLAG OF '34'

Early in the fall the class of '33 greased the pole in Alumni Field to prevent the class of '34 from displaying their insignia.

Some time about the middle of this month two freshmen went into a huddle and planned a flag raising.

Friday, October 17, on his way home from Tech, one of these plebes purchased four yards of unbleached cotton and fifteen feet of quarter inch rope. He spent the evening in making a flag. The banner was built up of three layers of cloth and bound on three sides with manila rope, to lengthen its life. In the unbound end was sewed an iron rod, to afford it stiffness, and two lengths of heavy copper wire were used to prevent the cloth from being torn by the material used in binding it to the pole. When finished the invention measured approximately three feet wide by four feet long. The class numerals were painted on it in crimson and it was allowed to dry.

During the Musical Association dance next evening, the ingenious freshman and his associate again went into conference. About eleven o'clock the flag was removed from its hiding place and carried to the field. An attempt was made to overcome the resistance of gravity and lack of friction caused by the grease applied to the pole by the sophomores. This proved to be too much for the conspirators. While one man busied himself in preparing the flag for its moorings, the other returned to Sanford Riley Hall to dig up some assistance. On a lower landing two classmates were discovered. After a little coaxing they joyously partook in the nefarious plot. Three men left the comfortable dorm to the lilting strains of the orchestra in the ballroom and advanced into the cool brisk air of an autumn evening.

The grease spread by the Sophomores was of no avail. Slowly but surely, up the swaying thin stem of the flagpole proceeded one of the men assisted by the other three. Once at the top it was only a matter of a few moments before the flag was so securely lashed to the pole with five pieces of hay wire and two lengths of rope that it was still floating in the breeze just above the last joint.

Sunday morning two energetic members of the sophomore class spent two hours trying to haul down this flaunting insult to the class of '33. The pole was climbed to within eighteen feet of '34's emblem, but cold and fatigue prevented the fulfillment of their ambition. An attempt was made by them to remove the constant challenge by tying a pole studded with nails to the halyard and hoisting it up and down across the banner. As a result it is slightly torn, the iron rod forced out, and the flag lowered to the bottom of the upper joint.

To date no further attempt has been made to lower the assault of the dignity of the class of '33.

OCT. 28, 1930

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hearty support of the student body. The admission will be only nominal, 10 cents, as the object of the club is more to introduce itself and to give every one a chance to hear the new songs than to give a regular concert at concert prices.

Remember the time and the place: Electrical Engineering Building, Wednesday afternoon, at 5:15.

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thorities later proclaimed the day to be a tie, giving each class an equal share of the spoils.

OCTOBER 8, 1929

BUY

WAR BONDS

MURDER IS SOLVED BY HI PHILLIPS

The Chemistry Department of the Institute was instrumental in solving the mystery of the Casey-Bingham deaths that had baffled the Worcester police for some time. Using spectroscopes in the Salisbury Laboratories the medical examiners aided by Dr. Maurice Smith, professor of chemistry, and Hiram Phillips, examined specimens of blood of a normal person, of blood from a guinea pig poisoned by carbon monoxide, and samples of blood taken from the dead bodies.

The spectroscope when used on the blood of the normal person gave a perfect spectrum, the gradation of colors ranging from deep red to violet and blue. In the cases of the carbon monoxide poisoning there was a sharp break in the gradation of colors caused by two sharp, black lines between which there was no color. These tests showed the deaths a clear-cut case of carbon monoxide poisoning.

This was one of the most puzzling cases which the Worcester Police Department has ever had; and it could not have been so easily and quickly solved without the use of the apparatus in the Salisbury Laboratories.

DEC. 10, 1929

PROF. HOWE HOLDS TOURS

Last year Professor Howe conducted a number of tours to Worcester Art Museum and the Antiquarian Museum for the purpose of giving talks on exhibits being held. A number of men took advantage of the opportunity and were much interested in what was done. For various reasons, mainly because of conflicting dates, the number of men attending grew smaller and smaller and the plan was dropped.

This year Professor Howe has consented to make arrangements provided a sufficient number of men will agree to attend. The days selected are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after four o'clock. Those interested should get in touch with Professor Howe or Walker Hawley as soon as possible and signify their desire to attend, along with the days that are most agreeable to them. If enough men sign up, it is planned to hold the first meetings on December third and fifth.

Tech men have not availed themselves of chance to benefit by the remarkably good art museum that Worcester has and with the opportunity so close at hand it is to be deplored that such is the situation. The cultural value derived from these visits are of value to all and many should attend.

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NOV. 26, 1929

GAME HEARD IN E.E. LAB

An excellent illustration of progressiveness was given in the Electrical Engineering laboratory last week when world series results were broadcasted while classes were engaged in laboratory work. Washington was evidently a favorite, judging from the manner in which the group dispersed following Thursday's game when the Pirates won, giving them claims to the world's championship. Laboratory students were not the only ones to listen in on this contest for a score of others were camped near the loud-speaker until the last ball was pitched. The students acknowledged their indebtedness to Messrs. Newell and Maxfield of the E.E. Dept. The former installed the set while the latter re-broadcasted the information.

OCT. 20, 1925

No News Is Good News

VET LEARNS TECH IS NO SOFT TOUCH

A few months ago, I and several others, who were misfits in the service, were lined up in front of a board of Army Medical officers and quietly told with sneers that we were physically below the standards set by draft boards and would therefore be punished by being cast out bodily into the ranks of the great unwashed, the cruel arms of the world, and left to shift for ourselves.

I travelled along the East coast aimlessly for a week or so, obtaining furlough rates in any station where the ticket sellers were not quick enough to detect my new civilian status, and eventually wound up at home in Boston.

"The next step," said the boys on the corner, "is to sign up in the '52-'20 Club."

"What's that?" said I.

"That is how we old soldiers live. We get up early Monday morning, go into town and get in a long line. After many hours you reach the head of the line, sign a slip and then go home, your week's work done. For this simple act you get twenty dollars, tax-free, the gift of a grateful country to her battle-scarred veterans of Europe, the Pacific, the Service Clubs and the USO's all over the continental United States."

As the weeks rolled on, I became weary of having to get up early on Monday mornings to force my way through the long line and decided upon an easier way of living.

In due time I had found my way to the Electrical Engineering Department,

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gun, taking the Freshmen by surprise. In the next ten minutes, the men of '32 gained more rope by a succession of short pulls.

The Freshmen began to take the rope away, slowly but steadily so that at the end of thirty minutes, each team had just as much rope as when it started pulling. Thus an extra ten minute period was required. The Sophs, having no inkling that an overtime period could be called for, had given all their strength remaining in them in trying to get the rope in the last minute or two before the end of the first half hour, so that the ten minute overtime saw the freshmen gaining steadily until at the end of the period, they had the advantage by six feet. When the signal was fired, signaling the victory of the first year men, the Sophomores were loth to abide by the decision of the judge, since it was really a tie at the end of the required time. Finally, however, they plunged in and waded through cold black, muddy waters of Institute Pond while the victorious Freshmen paraded with the rope to Alumni Field.

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In the utility post, we have a man that filled in well wherever he played all season. Dick Ackley led his team offensively this season in their successful quest of second place. More important than this, he set up his team's plays on offense, while he continually played a standout defensive game. Dick is a player that can be depended upon at all times to give a consistent steady performance.

On the second team, the forward positions are held down by Dick Horne and Dick Propst. Both men stood out for their respective fraternities all season, and their all-around performances certainly entitle them to the honor of holding down the front court on our second team. Norm Padden, our second team center, did not appear in the lineup until midway through the season. His presence, however, was soon felt by his opponents immediately after his appearance. Besides being invaluable in controlling the backboards, Norm's excellent shooting and passing undoubtedly would have enabled him to make our first team had he played the complete season.

where I persuaded Prof. Morgan that I would be a wonderful addition to the student body, and with little thought, I agreed to commence classes in July. This, I thought, will be a pleasant way of spending the summer; no hot city for me, no Monday morning free-for-alls; just the soft, balmy breezes of Worcester.

Thus on the seventh of July, my parents once more kicked me fondly out the door; I picked myself off the sidewalk, waved good-bye and headed for Worcester. Prof. Swan kindly provided me with a room in the dormitory, and a day later I received in my mail a short note which said "Welcome to Tech and Sanford Riley Hall—Do not break any windows, set fire to the doors, chop up the furniture, walk on the grass, or try to count the feathers in the pillows, there aren't any." "Good Luck," signed, Prof. Locke.

By now, I had acquired many books and many classes and was thus ready to spend a quiet summer, living luxuriously on sixty-five dollars a month. But alas and alack, things began to be different. Mr. Howe began to hurl well-sharpened screwdrivers at me every time I tried to slumber in the EE classes and other instructors had ingeniously wired all the seats in their classrooms so that anyone caught in the arms of Morpheus would receive the center-tapped output of a five hundred volt, three phase transformer connected in parallel with a sleeping load.

In spite of all this, Tech is a nice place. It is chock full of expatriated Greeks who have bought houses all around the campus and have taken three letters from the Greek alphabet by some system of permutation and combination and put them in bright signs over their doorways. This is probably a reminder that Christmas is coming, a quaint tradition preserved from the land of Useless and his fellow Trojan horses.

The buildings are large and spacious, well filled with water coolers and amiable professors, the former are gifts from past classes, and the latter smilingly assure you that all they desire is that you read five or six chapters in their textbooks every night and spend no more than three hours on their fifteen hour experiments.

The campus is large and beautiful, filled with trees, tennis courts, athletic fields, and squirrels who pounce upon the unsuspecting students and carry them into their burrows as a means of preserving food for the long winter months ahead.

But, lest the reader wonder what this is all about, we will say that this story has a moral which goes thusly:

If you are looking for a vacation, a pleasant summer, or a rest home, stay home, go to the mountains, the seashore, or even go to college but do not come to Tech; this is a Polytechnic Institute, not the smooth country-club view that it presents to the unwary.

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Meeting of IHEE at Local Lab PERTINENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSED AS GROUP SWINGS INTO ACTION

Most Freshmen on the Hill are quite familiar by now with the white hats worn by Skull. However, as was evidenced in the past few weeks, another group has been quite conspicuous by way of their bow-ties, straw hats, and vests. If the Freshmen would ask any upperclassman just what this group is he would be informed that these men are a select few comprising Alpha Chapter of the IHEE, Senior honorary society here at Tech. The significance of the uniform is known only to members of the group but several who have made exhaustive studies of the matter claim it is directly traceable to the ritual costume of a group of Narragansett Indians who once tried to drink Institute Pond dry.

On Wednesday last, the IHEE held their second formal meeting of the term in the D-C Room of the Somerset Cafe Laboratories. Under the able guidance of Brother Kilburne the group discussed and voted on several matters of utmost international and local importance included in which were the appointing of Brother Sorlin as Choreographer and Brother Haaland as head of the Constitution Department. After the business matters were dispensed with, the scandalous report that one of the brothers had been, as was stated, "fraternizing" with one of the professors was bared for all to see. Immediate execution was suggested but due to the severity of this insidious crime the defendant was given a stay of mercy by the tribunal of injustice of one month so that the counsel for the defense, Prof. Mulligan, might build a case for the accused.

Despite this unfortunate incident, the meeting did culminate on a happy note for all brothers for it was announced that at the next meeting of the group Brother Sorlin would lead a seminar in which he will report his findings on Kelvins Law as applied to flow of beer in a pipeline. From all advance notices these findings are expected to be revolutionary in the field of brewing.

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The Tech swimmers are worthy of all the praise that comes their way. It would seem fitting to honor the team in the same way. How this could best be accomplished could be taken care of by the Athletic Council. Suggestions could be offered by the student body such as banqueting the team, making swimming a major sport, or providing swimmers with sweaters or charms in order that those who have so successfully served and honored their school might have some remembrance of their college days in the years to come.

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