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## Medical Staff Changed As Lt. Bergin And New Corpsmen Are Assigned to Unit

### McCave and Grandchamp Sent to Study; Replaced by Turgeon and Kelly

During the past two weeks we have witnessed a complete change in the personnel of our Medical Staff with the departure of Doctor Gerald J. Sullivan, M.C., U.S.N.R., and Pharmacist Mates 1st and 2nd Class George Grandchamp and Donald McCave. Lieutenant Sullivan is leaving for the Receiving Station at Lido Beach, Long Island, whereas Grandchamp and McCave are obtaining further training at the Naval Hospital Corps School in Portsmouth, Virginia.

The men who are replacing our departing Medical Staff are: Doctor Paul F. Bergin, M.C.-V(S) U. S. N. R., Norman R. Turgeon, Ph.M. 1/C and Charles Kelly, Ph.M. 2/C.

Doctor Bergin, a resident of Worcester prior to the war, will serve as our new Medical Officer. Lieutenant Bergin has seen considerable service during the past three years with the Marine Corps on Guadalcanal, Munda and other South Pacific Bases. He has now been assigned to duty in the States and has reported to Tech during this past week.

Norman R. Turgeon, Ph. M. 1/C of New Haven, Conn., enlisted in the Navy in September 1942. After basic training, his first duty was served at the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth, Mass., under Captain Sachse, U.S.N., our new Commanding Officer. After six months' duty at South Weymouth, Turgeon went through the Hospital Corps School at Bainbridge, Md., and then received further training at the U.S.N. Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia.

During the next fourteen months, Norman served aboard the U.S.S. Dickman on Coast Guard Transport Service in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic areas during which time he participated in the initial invasions of Sicily and Salerno. His ship also acted as a shuttle for carrying supplies between Naples and Northern Africa. Following this action the U.S.S. Dickman went through the Panama Canal to New Caledonia and Brisbane then returned to the States.

Turgeon was then transferred to Norfolk and while he was there he took a course in Construction with the Command Service Force for independent duty. When he completed this course he became eligible to serve aboard the smaller ships as the acting medical officer and was assigned duty aboard the two Yard

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## Peddler Announces Rogers Peet Ad Writers Contest

### Winning Advertisement To Get \$10 Merchandise Certificate As Prize

"Would you like some Rogers Peet advertising for the 1945 Year Book?"

"We shall be glad to advertise, if in turn you will open a Rogers Peet Advertising Contest among the students."

Here is an opportunity for Tech students to help both the Peddler Staff and themselves by dashing off copy for a Year Book Advertisement. Sample copy for similar winning ads submitted by members of many other schools have been posted on the school bulletin boards. Contestants are required to merely submit the written copy for the ads—no sketches are required.

If enough good ideas are received, Rogers Peet will insert the "honorable mentions" in addition to the "prize winning" ad whose writer will receive a \$10.00 Rogers Peet Merchandise Certificate as a prize award.

Entries are to be left at Professor Swan's office before the deadline date—Friday, March 23, 1945. The ad will carry the winner's name in a credit line.

## Twenty-two Leave Tech March 8th

With the coming of the new term, the Naval Unit at Tech suffered the loss of twenty-two men. These men were transferred to other Naval Stations where they will continue their Naval careers.

Dennis Allshouse, Edward Cobb and Nathaniel Feldman were sent to Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, N. Y., for "tarmac" duty while awaiting assignments to Pre-flight Schools.

The greatest number of students were sent to the Receiving Station at Boston, from which they will be transferred to sea duty. The names of these men are as follows: Robert Cable, John Daley, Howard French, James Gunning, William Hagerty, Carl Hamlin, Harold Hegman, John May, Edward Montague, Gerard Neyenhouse, William Prendergast, John Schoenfelder, and Patrick Treanor.

Six of the twenty-two men were sent to the U.S.N.T.C. at Great Lakes to receive their "boot" training, Lawrence Dennin, Alfred Haffner, Richard Helbig, George Miller, Charles Peterson, and Paul Stoner.

## Technology and The World of Tomorrow

### Professors to Present Series of Talks Over Station WTAG

Tech is going on the air with a series of twelve talks arranged by Professor Paul Swan and the program manager of station WTAG. The series is titled "Technology and the World of Tomorrow".

These talks, which are each fourteen minutes long, will be given by W.P.I. professors on technical subjects. Since the purpose of these programs is to familiarize the general public in technical subjects which are spoken and written about every day, they are written so that high schoolers can understand them. They will be announced in the *Sunday Telegram*.

The series will start Tuesday, March 13, at 10:30 P.M. with Jean Jerome W. Howe. He will give a general survey and talk on "Technology Accelerates a Look Ahead". Some others are: March 27, Professor F. J. Adams on "Electric Power Utilities"; April 3, Professor Stanley Finlayson on "Jet Propulsion"; April 10, Professor Wm. Longwell on "The Living City, or How a City Grows"; and April 17, Dr. Allan

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## Peel Prize

All members of the Junior Class are urged to note the following correction. In the last issue of the *TECH NEWS*, it was erroneously stated that the final deadline for the Peel Prize contestants to present their completed report is March 17. The statement should have said that by March 17, all contestants must have presented to their respective department Heads the *title* of their topic. The actual report is not due until a later date, which will be announced to the entrants. On April 27, the students will be allotted time to present their oral reports before a group of practicing engineers who will determine the winner of the seventy-five dollar prize. The contest, open to members of the Junior Class, consists of the presentation of a problem, with engineering background, and a plan to solve it. The winner will be awarded the sum of seventy-five dollars and the second best entrant will receive twenty-five dollars.

## New Tech Commanding Officer Assumes Duties on March 12

### Student Officers Appointed For Current Term

#### Rodier and Schenk to Continue As Battalion Commanders

Once again a new term commences and once again there are new Students Officers for the Unit. This time all but three have been changed and even these officers had to change quarters. Richard Rodier, continuing as Battalion Commander, has been shifted to Stratton Hall, and Frank Schenk, still Assistant Battalion Commander, has been moved to Sanford Riley Hall. George Woodsum is to continue in the capacity of Band Master.

In charge of Co. A is Edward Waronowicz. Co. B has Richard Martin as Company Commander, and Cushing Bozenhard and Carl Bergman as leaders of Platoons 1 and 2 respectively. Co. C is under Jack Wexler, with Platoon 1 under Charles Miczek and Platoon 2 under Frederick Kull. Earl Balkon is Co. D's new Commander, with David Hall in charge of Platoon 1, and Joseph Johnson in charge of Platoon 2. William Gagas has the leadership of Co. E.

## Tech Glee Club To Present April Choral Program

### Boyntonians Will Play At Informal Dance Following Concert

Tech's Glee Club, directed by Mr. Clifford Green and combined with Nurses' Aides of Worcester and vicinity, will give a concert in Alden Memorial on April 14. Choral numbers will be interspersed by solos and octets. The second half of the program will be made up of selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Iolanthe."

In past performances, the glee club has demonstrated its abilities. This coming concert will bear out the good work of the club. In any case, it provides a fine opportunity for Tech music-lovers to hear and enjoy a balanced, well-chosen program. The concert will be followed by an informal dance with music provided by the Boyntonians. So bring your girls, fellows. The admission for Tech students is only fifty cents.

An interesting program has been planned for the club preceding the

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## Captain F. Sachse, USN Succeeds Captain Guy Davis As Head of V-12

BY EDWARD SUPPLE

On Monday, March 12, Captain Frederick Sachse, U.S.N., will take over the duties of the Commanding Officer of the Naval V-12 Units at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Holy Cross College. He is succeeding Captain Guy Davis, who retired from this position last week.

Since the announcement of his new command, Captain Sachse has been staying in Worcester. He was among those present at the Commencement Exercises and commissioning of the Naval ROTC seniors at Holy Cross on Sunday, March 4.

Captain Sachse was born on November 9, 1896. He entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland on June 10, 1916 and graduated with the class of 1920. He was appointed to the rank of Captain on June 18, 1942.

He is designated as a Naval Aviator in the lighter-than-air division. In addition, he has completed courses in strategy and tactics at the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. He has also completed Post-Graduate work in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1942 Captain Sachse was Commanding Officer at the new South Weymouth Naval Air Station at South Weymouth, Mass. This is one of the Navy's "lighter than air" stations from which operate the dirigibles which patrol the harbors and coastal waters.

Following this, he was appointed Chief of Staff in the lighter-than-air division to Admiral Rosenhall at the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The Captain is a staunch supporter of athletics and has great enthusiasm for "smokers" or wrestling and boxing matches.

He is a native resident of Massachusetts and has a home on the South Shore in Egypt, Mass.

## Informal Dance Here—Saturday, March 17th

There will be an informal dance in Alden Memorial on Saturday, March 17th. The Boyntonians will provide the necessary music. If this dance turns out successfully, there will be others in the future. So let's have a large crowd up there; the more the merrier. Cordial invitations are extended to students and faculty. Admission is eighty-five cents per couple.

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## Editorials

### All Student Socials

There are few, if any, men left at Tech who remember life here as it was during peace-time. Since that time many activities have been curtailed and even dropped entirely from what was commonplace three or four years ago. Chief among these is the curtailment of social life on the hill. In the last year or so, between basketball seasons, there have been very few informal dances at Tech for the entire student body. The social functions have been reduced to the few formals that are possible each year and the dances at the fraternity houses.

This may be all that is necessary and all that there is time for, but it would seem that a college of three hundred and fifty students could easily run and support regular dances on Saturday nights every two or three weeks either in the gym or in Alden Memorial Hall.

During the past basketball season, the Boyntonians played after the games almost every Saturday, and usually got a fair crowd. This shows that if dances were to be held occasionally, they would get support, even without the added attraction of the basketball games.

Last term, the Tech Boyntonians tried to sponsor just such a dance in Alden Memorial Hall with the idea that if it was a success they would continue to hold dances once in a while the same way. The dance, however, was not as well attended as it was expected to be, one of the reasons being that it happened to coincide with several fraternity dances around the hill.

Now the Boyntonians are going to sponsor another dance next Saturday, March 17. If this dance is well attended, it is to be followed by others later on. This is a good chance to get back a little nearer to peacetime standards in spite of the war. As such it should receive whole-hearted support of the student body. A little effort now will assure a full social program in the present term at least.

### Help Wanted!!

The recent election of a new TECH NEWS staff has opened up new opportunities for men interested in working on the school paper. This is a good time to get started writing, especially if you are a freshman and want to get in on the ground floor.

The TECH NEWS is one of the most important extra-curricular activities on the hill. It benefits the whole school while giving valuable experience and a good deal of enjoyment to those who are interested. Either writing or working for the business staff, does not take very much time. Above all, we should make it plain that no previous experience is necessary.

Just now, the staff is badly in need of a cartoonist and several more reporters from the naval unit. These are not the only men we can use, but we would like particularly to urge some of the unit men who can scrape up a little extra time to put it in on the TECH NEWS. Anyone who is interested should get in touch with Bob Davis or anyone else on the staff.

## AIEE Meeting Held In Janet Earle Room

### Seaman Talks to Large Crowd on Development of Naval Equipment

The meeting of the A.I.E.E. was held Friday, March 9. The speaker of the evening was Ellsworth Seaman. Seaman is chief of Standards and Test Section in Washington and has been with the Bureau of Ships for 15 years. The talk was on the development of materials and equipment by the Navy.

Seaman said that all work is done in a cycle which is sometimes never ending. First, research is done on existing equipment; second, there is a long stage of development; thirdly, the new product must be standardized to meet the needs of all armed forces fighting in all parts of the world, and lastly there is a "period of operation" in which the product is thoroughly tested and used in operations. This cycle is repeated over and over again, always improving equipment. Every detail must be carefully considered. Equipment made must be made as light as possible, be able to stand heat and especially shock, must be compact, oil proof, moisture resistant, and must pass special functional requirement tests.

An example of some of the troubles which are encountered was a fungus which grows in the South Pacific and reduces the 20 year life radio equipment to two or three days.

Many things have been developed which are still secret but Seaman did reveal a few developments. A new kind of glass used as bearings, smaller than the head of a pin, has been developed. Metallic coated plastics were developed for conductors when there was fear of a metal shortage. Wonderful insulating and protective coatings have also been developed.

## The Greek Column

### L.C.A.

Six pledges were initiated this past Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. They were: Rex Hoffman, Roger Williams, Max Underwood, Paul Mugford, Bruce Nagler, and Gordon Turner.

Bramley Lord, formerly of the class of '46, is now in Naval Ordnance Laboratories, Washington, D. C. Brother Turner is leaving soon.

House elections are planned for March 18.

Fred Farrar, class of '31, visited the house recently.

### T.X.

Arch Perry, class of '45, and George Dewire, class of '47, visited the house over the week-end.

### S.A.E.

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon attended a buffet supper in celebration of Founder's Day, March 9, 1865. The supper and dance which followed was held at the



## Fighting moisture and fungus—communication's jungle enemies

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## New Naval Personnel

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Mine Sweepers for eight months, operating out of Boston.

From duty aboard the Mine Sweepers he was transferred to Chelsea Naval Hospital and has now been assigned to Tech's Medical Staff.

Charles Kelly, Ph.M. 2/C, whose home is in San Marcos, Texas, has been in the Navy since September 1942. After receiving his basic training at San Diego Chuck served at the U.S.N. Hospitals in San Diego and Corona, California, for five months. In March 1943 he was transferred to the New Hebrides Islands, serving with the Mobile Hospital of the Navy; from there he was assigned duty with the U. S. Fleet Hospital and remained with that Unit until December 1944, when he returned back to the States to San Francisco on New Year's Eve. From the west coast Chuck was sent to the Receiving Station in Boston and then to Tech.

M.I.T. chapter of S.A.E. Baron Hugo's orchestra provided the music for the dance.

### T.K.P.

Ensign Frank Baginski and Chief Petty Officer Robert Blouin, both of the class of '45, visited the house last week.

Pvt. Henry Bove is now stationed at the University of West Virginia.

### A.E.P.

Brother George Kramer, class of '49A, has left for King's Point, the Maritime Service Academy.

Sam Ringel was elected captain of the house basketball team.



## SPORT SIDELIGHTS

By Jack Brown

The sport scene around W. P. I. is pretty uninteresting this time of the year during the post-basketball, pre-baseball and track season lull. With the exception of I. F. basketball, which is in its earliest stages, there is no activity at all, and consequently campus sidelights are few and far between.

After the elapse of two days of the I. F. basketball season, however, with four games written in on the records, there is promise of lots of thrills and spills in that department. Three of the first four contests were neck and neck all the way, featuring strictly a rough and tumble brand of ball. A flashy, star studded A. T. O. quintet gained a rather decisive victory over Theta Kap, but even ace Jim Maloney will no doubt be slowed down considerably by the football tactics employed by most of the fraternity fives. They're still a long way from the championship.

Speaking of basketball, there have been several rule book changes in effect this year, two of the most notable of which are the five permissible fouls rule, and the rule forbidding basketball's ever increasing number of giants from tapping out shots on

the way down into the basket.

The former has proved its merit, speeding up the game, and giving a break to the fast moving player who has ever been a target for the watchful referee's whistle. In spite of ardent criticism in many circles, it has not encouraged a rougher style of play.

The second change was instituted as a possible solution to minimize the advantage,—an advantage which many coaches feel is unfair, and detrimental to sporting basketball,—of towering six and a half and seven-foot stars. It hasn't served its purpose as well as hoped, and has been an awful headache to the refs, who complain that they have plenty of close ones to call without adding any more to their woes.

The rim of the basket used today is ten feet from the playing floor, a distance arbitrarily chosen for practical reasons by Doctor Naismith of Springfield who originated the game. It seems that the running track in the gym where he devised the game was at just about that height, and was the only convenient place for him to hang his baskets. Experts maintain that a twelve-foot

basket would put the tall and short on a more equal footing, and have the further advantage of cutting down under the basket mix-ups as a result of longer rebounds. They're meeting with quite a bit of opposition, but next season may see such a change.

Still on the subject of basketball, post-war plans are being laid for two major league professional circuits which are expected this time to click. A pro league was attempted fifteen years ago, but the idea never took hold. At least one of the advantages of pro basketball would be the diversion it would offer to the professional gamblers who are leading some of our present day college athletes astray.

Walter Hagen, the well-known golfer, prophesizes a big improvement in all branches of athletics as a result of the discipline and training in the service. He's the first one we've heard who had anything optimistic to say about any part of this war, but he may very well be right. Even now the army is planning a vast sports program to amuse the poor guys who are stuck in Europe after the armistice. It will take an awfully long time to get them all back home, and the government feels that they'll be in need of some form of recreation other than pursuing French mademoiselles. Let's hope they can hit upon suitable diversion for us poor V-12-ers who will probably eventually end up marooned in Japan.

## Prospects Good For Approaching Baseball Season This Spring

### IF Bowling League Ends; TX Champs, PSK Second

#### PSK Rally Falls Short In Attempt to Overcome Lead Set by TX

The Interfraternity Bowling came to a fighting finish the day before exams with S. A. E., A. T. O. and T. K. P. tied for third place with 19 wins and 13 losses apiece. T. X. was first with 23 points won and 9 lost and P. S. K. second with 22 wins and 10 losses. A match is composed of three strings apiece by four men. A point is given for each string won by a team and a point for the total pinfall.

The team standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
T. Z.	23	9
P. S. K.	22	10
S. A. E.	19	13
A. T. O.	19	13
T. K. P.	19	13
L. X. A.	15	17
A. E. P.	11	21
P. G. D.	9	23
S. P. E.	7	25

The ten top bowlers are as follows:

Bingham—T. X.	94.3
Lagadinos—T. X.	90.7
Bartlett—L. C. A.	90.6
Miczek—T. K. P.	90.1
Burr—S. A. E.	89.1
Campbell—P. S. K.	89.1
Stewart—A. T. O.	88.8
Egan—A. T. O.	88.5
Bank—T. K. P.	88.5
Martin—S. P. E.	87.4

### Outlook Bright; Seven Lettermen Returning For 1945 Balteam

With Spring only a short time and the basketball season over, sports interest on the campus is now turning to baseball. Baseball candidates have not been called out for practice but the prospects for a winning Tech team appear very good. With seven lettermen of last year's squad available, Coach Stagg expects to field a team that can more than hold its own against its opponents. Capt. Carl Simon, Charlie Schmidt, Kosso, Sullivan, Stokel, and Ferguson are the returning experienced lettermen.

The big question confronting Coach Stagg will be the battery. Kokulis, last year's pitcher, has graduated. Rodier, last year's other pitcher, is still available but because of the arrangement of the schedule Kokulis was able to start all games and he did little pitching. How well Rodier can pitch is still to be seen. Augie Kellerman, last year's regular catcher, will try out for the team but he has been hampered by a wrist injury which may prevent him from playing. As things now stand, the team's greatest weakness will be the battery. All other positions will be filled.

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## New Coach to Issue Call For Nearing Spring Track Season

### A Number of Veterans to Return and Form Nucleus of 1945 Track Team

Candidates for the spring track season will be called out by the new track coach, Frank Sanella, about the last of March or the first of April. The schedule has been almost filled and will be announced as soon as it is complete.

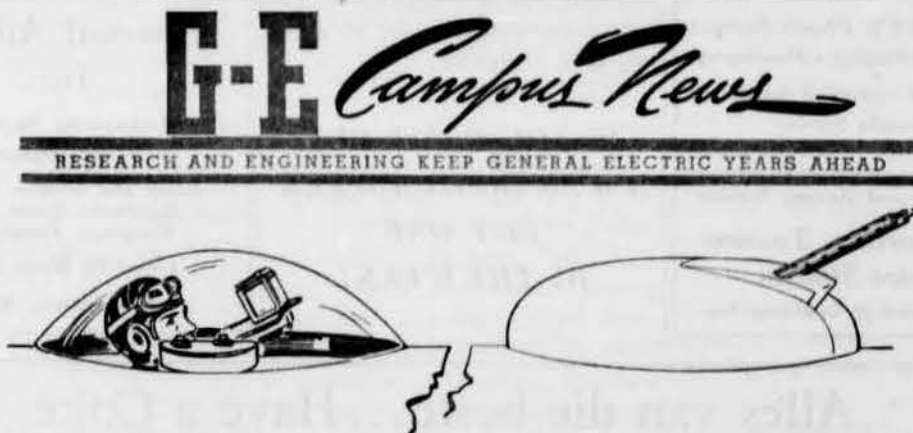
A number of veterans will return this year. In the track events there are Captain Lacedonia and Nietert for the 100- and 220-yard sprints; Zink, Woodsum, and Hamilton for the 440-yard run; J. Taylor and R. S. Chase for the mile; Brooks, Lemieux and Balaska for the two-mile; and Mehrer and Hamilton for the hurdles. For the field events there are Jacobs, Fuller, Mehrer on the high jump; Jacobs on the pole vault, and Hayward with the discus. These men are veterans, but new blood is needed for the team.

## Frat Swimming Meets Scheduled to Follow Basketball

The annual interfraternity swimming meet will start soon after the basketball tournament ends, sometime in March. This year's meet promises to be a very eventful one, with several houses having last year's men on hand. A few of the winners of last year's events are: Lacedonia—T. K. P.—diving, Maloney—A. T. O.—40-yard freestyle, Hall—P. S. K. and Chase—L. C. A.—100-yard backstroke, Lawton—P. S. K.—220 freestyle, and Ferguson—P. S. K.—100 freestyle.

The order of events will be as follows: Relay race, each man to swim 40 yards, diving (six dives), 40-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, 220-yard freestyle, 100-yard breast stroke, and 100-yard freestyle.

The scoring in the relay will be for first 8, for second 5, for third 1 and in the other events for first 5, for second 3, and for third 1. Qualifications for the match have been posted and all fraternities are requested to read them thoroughly.



**G-E Campus News**

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Have you heard: Chief Rogers was recently presented with the Nobel Prize. This award was made to the only man who ever counted beyond infinity. It is said that the Chief accomplished this great feat on March 3, 1944, when he was counting squat thrusts for a newly-arrived batch of trainees. . . . Georgie Fritz has not yet returned from his mid-western haunts. Must be the flood, don't you know. . . . The smack of horseshoe against leather yet? To those left-fielders who have, it will bring back memories of running up Tech's left-field hill in hot pursuit of a flighty pill. . . . That Miss Stelman, our Wave Yeoman, is leaving soon for duty in Hawaii? . . . That an ROTC unit was being sent here to make up for the losses sustained at the hands of the reamer? You haven't? Whew! That's good, I was afraid for a minute.

Since there doesn't seem to be an ample amount of news with which to take up space, some other device will have to be resorted to. With the editor's permission, I will now ramble on like Fritz does.

For a subject, I choose to talk about nothing. As far as we know, the Lord took nothing and made this turmoiled world out of it. Sometimes we think he did a wonderful job, and other times we wonder. Nothing is what the little man who wasn't there has for breakfast, and also for chow at noon and night. Nothing is what our heads are full of. Nothing is what we get for most of our hard work on EE problems. The definition of Nothing: A bladeless knife without a handle. Nothing has all kinds of powers: it can make us happy, sad, relieved, anxious, crazy, or sleepy. A figure 1 followed by two nothings makes us happy. Nothing on a Naval Org. test makes us sad. When someone gets caught AWOL and asks the skipper, "What are they going to do with me?" If the skipper says "Nothing," he'll be relieved. When you write seven letters to your girl, and you get nothing in reply, you're anxious. If you ask Fritz, "What's the log of nothing?" and he says, "Nothing," he's crazy. If someone talks to us for hours on end and says nothing, we get sleepy.

In olden times, people were even battier than they are now. I hope

### Friday, March the 16th Date of First Band Rehearsal

MUSICIANS! Navy students and civilians! Band rehearsals are to commence this coming Friday, March 16th. CONCERTS—Well, we can't have them without a band. Just before the vacation period, the number of members slackened off to about ten, but previous to this, band rehearsals were well attended and quite interesting. Mr. Lynch, the director of the band, is hoping for a good turnout this Friday, but he can't do too much about it himself. If the size of the band is what he desires it to be, we may have a few concerts in store for us.

the following will show you what I mean. An English King was once talking with his Court Jester. By chance, the Jester happened to remark that an apology was sometimes worse than an insult. The king told the Jester to prove that statement or he would be hanged the following morning. Waiting for a good opportunity to prove his point, the Jester found it when the king bent over to plug in his electric razor, and he gave that worthy a swift kick, square in the pants. Reddened with rage, the king did a snappy about-face to be greeted by the Jester who said, "Oh, I beg your pardon. I thought it was the Queen!" P.S. He lived.

To show all concerned that WPI's efforts to produce thoughtful engineers out of us are not all in vain, let me relate an incident illustrative of a sample of the budding genius that sometimes infects all of us—usually, only momentarily, however: Seaman McKinley: "Sir, if you take the volume of the solid which you just computed and multiplied it by two . . . and . . . er . . ."

Dr. Morley: "Yes? And then what?"

S. McKinley: ". . . er . . . and then took half of the result, you'd have the same thing as before wouldn't you?"

Dr. Morley: "Yes, yes. Quite right."

### Technology

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) Parker on "Color Blindness". Other speakers include Dean Roys, Professor Price, Professor Newell, Dr. Schultz, Professor Hooper, and Dr. Morley.

### Tech Glee Club

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 4) April concert. On March 24, the group is going to Framingham, where they will combine with the Framingham State Teachers College Glee Club. They will visit Colby Junior College on April 21.

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## New System Used In Assigning Rooms to Men in Naval Unit

### Members of Same Class Division To Be Grouped On the Same Deck

On Tuesday, March 13, the weary Naval trainees will be confronted with the problem of moving all their belongings to their newly assigned rooms. Recently the Naval Office announced that, for the first time, a definite system was used in assigning the new quarters. In the past the "every fourth man" system was used, with the result that some lucky individuals lived in luxury at Sanford Riley Hall, while some, not so lucky, were continually being forced to face the rigors of life in Stratton Hall.

Although the new system will not completely eliminate this fault, it is a very great improvement because all the members of the same class division are being grouped together as much as possible. It is felt that through this system the trainees will be able to receive the usual mutual benefits of cooperation, and also, they will not be forced to roam the halls, armed with the latest edition of the W. P. I. Register, in search of various other members of their division.

By this system, Junior and Senior E.E.'s may occupy first and second deck of Stratton Hall. This condition will undoubtedly cause many unusual electrical schemes to be devised in attempts to convert Stratton into a second E.E. lab.

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## Fr. Walter Meather, S.J., Will Speak at Newman Club Meeting, March 19

The next meeting of the Newman Club will be held March 19 in the Janet Earle room. Father Walter Meather, S.J., will give an illustrated talk. He has traveled in the East for a good many years. He spent three years in the Philippines and has been present in many of the places recently prominent in the news. He has traveled in Europe and China and taught at Ateneo Ande in Manila. His talk is expected to be very interesting.

A committee comprised of Bill Grogan, Fred Brennan and Jack Connors, in cooperation with the Newman Club at Clark University, has planned a dance to be held at Clark. Although no definite date has been decided upon as yet, the dance will be held shortly after Lent.

### Baseball

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) tions, with the exception of second base, will be well manned. Simon will be at first. Schmidt at short, Kosso at third, and Ferguson, Sullivan, and Stokel in the outfield. The second base position is open. Jack Laffey who played second last year is no longer at Tech. However Landers played a little at this position and may fill in at second this year.

The team will play a six- or seven-game schedule. It is possible that the battery candidates will begin informal practice in the gym in a few weeks. Practice will be limited to the dinner recess because the Interfraternity basketball League plays its games at 4:30. The pitching of Kokulis and the fielding and hitting of Laffey will be sorely missed. The team is expected to be fair in hitting and good in fielding.

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## Second Term Survivors to Choose Fate

### New Sophomores Seek Best Possible Course In WPI Curriculum

Those of the last freshman enrollment who have earned the back-handed privilege of being third termites have been suffering the usual headaches of choosing courses. For some it is quite simple; their draft boards have offered them a program with the only alternatives being acceptance or submission. Then, of course, there are those few who managed to keep 60 a minimum by balancing crib notes on their badly soiled noses. They, too, are not troubled with decisions. The rest, that is the majority, remain perplexedly contemplating retaking old subjects, taking other subjects instead, dropping subjects completely, or giving the entire matter back into the hands of they who would entangle the free and innocent mind in the links of learning. The most obvious course for those who lack self-conviction is, of course, the exit by the back door. But of those who are willing to go another round even against the added dangers of spring fever and Dr. Butler, let it be said: "They, like true Tech men, died with their boots on."

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