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First Post War Alumni Reunion Planned By the Tech Executive Committee

Tentative Schedule Being Outlined; Final Details Announced Later

The Executive Committee for the Tech Alumni Reunion met Saturday March 2, to map out a tentative program for that occasion. ALUMNI REUNION? —Oh, you hadn't heard? Yes, there is going to be one, and the tentative program as suggested by the committee is as follows: Friday night, June 14, is to be devoted to the individual class reunions, each planned by the class officers. The alumni and their families will register at the Institute early Saturday morning and will spend a short time visiting and inspecting the campus. A dinner and an interesting program in Alden Auditorium will follow the Alumni Meeting scheduled for 11 o'clock.

The afternoon activity will be an Army-Navy baseball game, weather permitting. If rain makes the game impractical, a feature motion picture will be shown in Alden Auditorium.

This is the first Alumni Reunion since the Second World War and promises to be a memorable occasion to all who attend.

Members of the Executive Committee working on Reunion plans are: Wallace Montague '12, Russell Reed '22, Philip Delphos '26, William Locke '30, George Walker '22, Donald Smith '41, and Paul Swan '23. Announcements of further plans will be made later.

Tech Graduate Is Appointed To High Position

Recently elected to the presidency of the Strathmore Paper Company was George E. Williamson, a graduate of Tech, class of 1900.

He has been with the Strathmore Paper Company for thirty-four years; starting in 1911 as Chief Engineer; later made Assistant to the President; promoted to Treasurer; and in 1942 became Vice President. Mr. Williamson is also President of Permoid Products, Inc., and Agawam Chemicals, Inc.; both in West Springfield.

In industry, Mr. Williamson holds many important and high offices. He is President of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers. For the past several years, Mr. Williamson has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and has been Vice Chairman of the New England Region of the National Council for Stream Improvement.

Newman Club Plans Next Communion Breakfast April 7

Fr. Connors, Former Army Chaplain, To Be Principal Speaker

On Tuesday, March 26, the Newman Club of W. P. I. held its first meeting of the Spring term. The attendance was very good, as a great number of Freshmen turned out. Although the meeting was delayed a short time by the lateness of Father Brabson, a very interesting and educational program was had in his illustrated talk on the life of Christ.

At the meeting, plans were completed for the Communion Breakfast to be held April 7 at 11:00 A.M. at the Hotel Sheraton. This has all the earmarks of being a big affair and many tickets have already been sold. The principal speaker of the Breakfast will be Father Edward Connors, a former Chaplain with the 9th Infantry Division, and who now has resumed his pre-war duties at St. Peter's parish here in Worcester. Father Connors saw much action as a Chaplain, and was present in a couple of invasions, particularly in North Africa and in Normandy. He also served in France, Belgium, and Germany, and while in these countries he maintained what he called "Father Connors' Coffee Pot". This was a set-up in the front lines where enlisted men as well as officers could come and get hot coffee and refreshment. His talk will consist of many interesting and humorous incidents which he came upon during his "hitch", and some of the lessons to be gained from them.

Tickets for the Communion Breakfast may be obtained from the officers of the Newman Club or from a representative in the Dorm and are \$1.00 each. It has been decided that the Newman Club members and guests will attend the 10 o'clock mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, and proceed from there to the Breakfast.

Meeting of Student Wives, Thursday

Wives of the married students at Tech are busily engaged in the formation of an organization to promote social and athletic activities on campus. At a meeting last week, it was suggested that pool, tennis court and library facilities be opened to them.

Another meeting will be held in the Janet Earle room next Thursday at 7:30 for the purpose of "getting acquainted" and discussing future plans of the club.

SCA Meeting Settles Future Budget Schedule

Deep Interest Taken in Aiding Foreign Pupils Through Universities

Last Sunday afternoon and evening, 24 March, the Student Christian Association Cabinet members held their annual retreat at Prof. Swan's home. The cabinet is made up of a representative from each house, and one non-fraternity man. Admiral Cluverius and Wilmer J. Kitchen, New England Regional Secretary, were present as guests for supper and the evening session.

The program was divided into two parts; a business meeting in the afternoon, and an evening session with talks given by the Admiral and Bill Kitchen. In the business meeting, the budget for the coming year was discussed with each item taken up in detail. It was decided that the budget would be around 950 dollars. This budget includes the many items that the S.C.A. has in its program around the campus, such as \$50 for meetings and speakers, \$100 for game room equipment and repair, \$60 for books and magazines for the dormitory lounge and S.C.A. office, \$100 for the carnival expenses, and \$300 for the Tech handbook and S.C.A. blotter. Also included is the money given to the New England S.C.A. and 50 World Student Christian Organizations.

Besides the financial expenditures for next year, how to help finance the World Student Service Fund (W.S.S.F.) was also discussed. The local chapter is donating some money, and along with this donation, the S.C.A. is going to put on a drive among the fraternities and non-fraternity men to raise more.

The W.S.C.F. is an expression of the World Student Christian Federation which helps the students of war torn countries, like China, Poland, Holland, etc., to get back to colleges and universities by giving needy students books and other equipment needed for their studies.

Also the idea of having a petition signed by the students of W.P.I., asking Congress to put the promised supplies at disposal of the UNRRA at once, was discussed and passed by the members.

Another feature of the program discussion was the idea of having more assemblies with different topics, so that the W. P. I. men could receive a more complete knowledge of outside activities in the world.

The group enjoyed a buffet supper served by Mrs. Swan.

SCA Petition Wants Congress to Hasten UNRRA Funds for Europe

Tech Debating Club Wins Over State Teacher's College

Tech Men Victorious In First Meet of Spring Term

The WPI Debating Club matched wits with the State Teachers College team in its first debate of the semester. The subject discussed was International Trade Relations and both sides presented their arguments very well; however, the State Teachers tended to slip away from the issue and the decision of the judges favored the Tech men by a vote of 2 to 1. The State Teachers were consoled for their defeat by having one of their members, Clara Donders, chosen as the best speaker of the evening. The debate was a return match; the State Teachers seeking revenge for a previous defeat.

The members of the debating club are: President Allen Glazer, Secretary and Manager Robert Hubley, Sam Ringel, Irving Vanderhoof, Robert Lerner, Hans Picard and H. Oletz. Glazer and Lerner are on the first team. Mr. Easton is the Faculty Adviser.

During the war the Debating Club declined in its activities and its membership had dwindled, but with the return of the peacetime schedule there are renewed hopes of having a bigger and better team. The members are looking forward to the tournament at MIT, which will be held sometime in April. If there is added interest in the club, the number of colleges visited may be increased.

The Debating Club is open to all and anyone interested in joining should see Mr. Easton for further details.

Radio Broadcasting From WPI Soon

Under the leadership of Vernon Russell, newly-elected president, the WPI radio club will work soon on a new 250 watt broadcasting station. Russell, a former "ham" operator, said that the transmitter is expected to cover all amateur wave bands and have a world-wide range, under favorable conditions.

The new station will be located on the top floor of the Electrical Engineering building and broadcasting activity is expected to begin within a month.

Before the war, WPI had another transmitter, but was forced to dismantle it on December 8, 1941, when government restrictions were placed on amateur broadcasting.

World Peace Depends Upon Immediate Aid To Needy, Says SCA

A petition, endorsing the plan of UNRRA and asking for immediate action on placing promised appropriations at the disposal of UNRRA immediately, was offered for endorsement this week by the Student Christian Association.

The petition, addressed to Jerry Voorhis (Rep., Calif.), stated the belief of the endorsees that adequate relief for war devastated areas of the world is essential for world peace and security. It also asks Congress to act immediately in order that appropriations, as promised, may be placed at the disposal of UNRRA at once. The letter also recommends the reestablishment of rationing in order to help meet the appalling needs of famished peoples throughout the world.

The plan of UNRRA calls for the feeding, clothing, and general rehabilitation of the world's hungry millions and for the repatriation of countless displaced persons in Allied Europe.

Drafted by William Kitchen, Representative of Student Christian Association in New England, the petition, along with others being endorsed by students of colleges throughout the nation, is designed to exert pressure on Congress for desired action on fulfillment of the plan.

Thomas McCaw Will Speak at AIEE Monday Night

The Worcester student chapter of the A.I.E.E. is continuing its activities again this term at the Institute. This organization provides the opening for many students who wish to become acquainted with the electrical world outside the E.E. building. In the past, the speakers at our meetings have presented to us topics ranging from trouble shooting to the newest electrical device on the market. These talks are very informal in that we have discussions on the various subjects and a social time as well, before closing the meeting.

At this time, the A.I.E.E. would like to extend a cordial invitation to all those who are interested, to come to our first meeting of the term at 7:30 Monday evening, April 8, in the Janet Earle room of Alden Memorial. Besides the election of new officers, Tom McCaw, one of our former Navy students, will tell us about the project he plans to present to the A.I.E.E. student convention on April 27 in Buffalo, N. Y.

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Editorial

Yes, the war is over now, and once again people are resuming their normal activities that they enjoyed before in peacetime. Boys of all nationalities, creeds, and religions are returning to their loved ones to carry on once more the life they were leading before they marched off to war. They all fought for a common purpose: to defeat the tyrannical oppressors of the common freedom of man. They did their task well; but think, was the goal fully realized?

Perhaps the greatest of the four freedoms is the freedom from want. Some may argue that "want" means only the need for food and shelter; but in reality, it has a much greater meaning than that. Freedom from want is the privilege to want and to have—the right to cross a street; the right to swim at a beach; the right to attend a college; and the like. The freedom from want in this sense is not only lacking in Europe, but it is partly lacking in this country.

Joe Smith of Detroit was walking down the street one day when he decided to cross the street in order to shorten his journey home-ward. Waiting for him were a gang of hoodlums who had decided by themselves to take offense at this harmless negro who wanted to cross the street. After they had accomplished their task of "beating up" their victim, the police intervened and sent the hoodlums scattering in all directions. Was Joe allowed the privileges of the Freedom from Want?

But wait, this bigotry is not limited alone to the uneducated hoodlum. A business acquaintance had told Abe one summer day of the fine new beach that had been opened in Long Island. The next Sunday Abe took his family, and they set out from their home in the Bronx for that beach. Upon their arrival the attendant told them that they could not enter. He pointed coldly to a sign on which was written the one word, "RESTRICTED." Was Abe and his family allowed the privileges of the Freedom from Want?

Tony was graduating from high school, and he had sent for an application to apply for entering the nearby university. In filling out the blank, there were a few questions that came to Tony's attention. The line that asked for nationality was promptly answered by the word "American"; for after all, did not Tony's older brother receive the Purple Heart in fighting for this very America. Two other questions asked if his father were a citizen and if he were a college graduate. Tony remembered that his father had to go to work as a boy in Italy when he was only fourteen years old, and that his parents came to this country shortly after their marriage and had not taken out their first papers until two years ago. Consequently, Tony had to answer "no" to both questions. After Tony had sent back his application with his high school grades, he anxiously awaited the university's decision. He knew his school record would not hold him back for he was certain to make the honor roll, and after all, hadn't he been elected Class Orator? When the University returned an answer three weeks later that, due to limitations of facilities, they were unable to accept him, Tony was very disappointed. He was even more disgusted when he learned that a classmate of his whose father had attended the University but who had a much less enviable record than Tony at school had been immediately accepted. Was Tony allowed the privileges of the Freedom from Want?

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The Greek Column

S.P.E.

Former actives who are now back in our midst are Robert Yearance, Edward Tylor, Frederick Marvin, Leroy Doane, Ellsworth Sammet, Arvo Saarnijoki, Edward Coburn and Warren Hall.

New officers for the coming year are Ernest Hayeck, president; David Wright, vice-president; Charles Jones, comptroller; Roger Cromack, house manager; Glenn From, secretary; Benjamin Richter, librarian; and Sherman Brickett, historian.

On Saturday evening, March 30, the Chapter held a combined House Dance and House Party which was attended by some of the actives of the local chapter of Theta Kappa Phi.

We are sorry to say good-bye to Lawson Hill and John Orcutt, both of whom are now in the Army.

P.S.K.

The weekend of the 23rd and 24th eleven couples enjoyed a house party with Brother "Doc." and Mrs. Schultz and Brother Don and Mrs. Smith as chaperones. There was a square-dance Saturday afternoon, a house dance Saturday night, and a picnic Sunday afternoon. Ray La Ferrier has been re-pledged and Dick Olsen has come back to school from the services. Bob Campbell, who left last February, is now in the Army.

S.A.E.

The chapter is happy to announce its newest addition. A baby girl was born to Mrs. Phil Scott, on March 13th. Tom McCaw, our newly married senior E. E., relinquished the office of E. A. to Brother Ed Hebditch, in the elections held last week. A house dance was held here on Saturday, March 16th. Brother and Mrs. Zike chaperoned 14 brothers and their dates.

T.K.P.

We're all glad to have Brother Norm Padden, class of '46, back with us; and we owe no small part of our basketball victories to him. Incidentally, as a result of our last game, we are tied with A. T. O. for second place in the final standings with six wins and two losses.

On March 25, Tom Hess, formerly of the class of '46, dropped in to say hello. He is currently stationed in Florida as a member of the Naval Air Forces ground forces.

The ping-pong tournament for the house championship is progressing rapidly toward a climax, and most of the semi-final matches are due to be run off soon. The team of Ed Jurga and John Brogan now rate the best chance of winning, having successfully eliminated Hugh Robinson and Ed Johnson.

L.C.A.

Saturday evening, the 23rd, there was a house dance, and this week a pledge dance is planned for Saturday night. The following men have been pledged: Bob MacDonald, Bill De-Rocher, Sam Cocks, Bob Matthews, and Bob Amsden. Brother Rogerson visited the house last Saturday.

A.E.P.

With the induction of Jerry Eckerman, 48, the house has become a veritable beehive of industry. Jerry's return has filled the house to capacity, but shortly a new house is to be acquired which will far outclass the present one in luxury and spaciousness.

Plans have been completed for the sensational conclave, and the affair is to take place on April 27, with New England, New York, and Pennsylvania Chapters participating.

A.T.O.

The Fraternity was glad to welcome back the following brothers for a visit: George Schupp and Bob Manahan, both of whom expect to be back this July, Eddie Eager who is coming back this week, and Jack Robinson, who will tie the knot at the altar with Miss Marilyn Wilson of Worcester this Saturday. Bob Maass and Bob Jacobson also stopped in this past week.

The A.T.O. five managed to win a close game against Theta Kappa Phi this past Friday afternoon with a score of 35-33. This makes us tied for second place with that same fraternity.

Editorial

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The privileges of the Freedom from Want had been barred from Joe, Abe, and Tony just as surely as if they were allowed to starve. These are just the cases of three individuals, and there are thousands of other Joes, Abes, and Tonys with their own cases. We have fought a war to defeat all persecutions, hates, and brutalities. We have won this war, but we will not win the peace until we have eliminated completely those barriers which cause men to feel superior to and thus segregate themselves from their neighbors. Until then, and only then will we have achieved our Freedom from Want.

Laboratory in a Birch Thicket

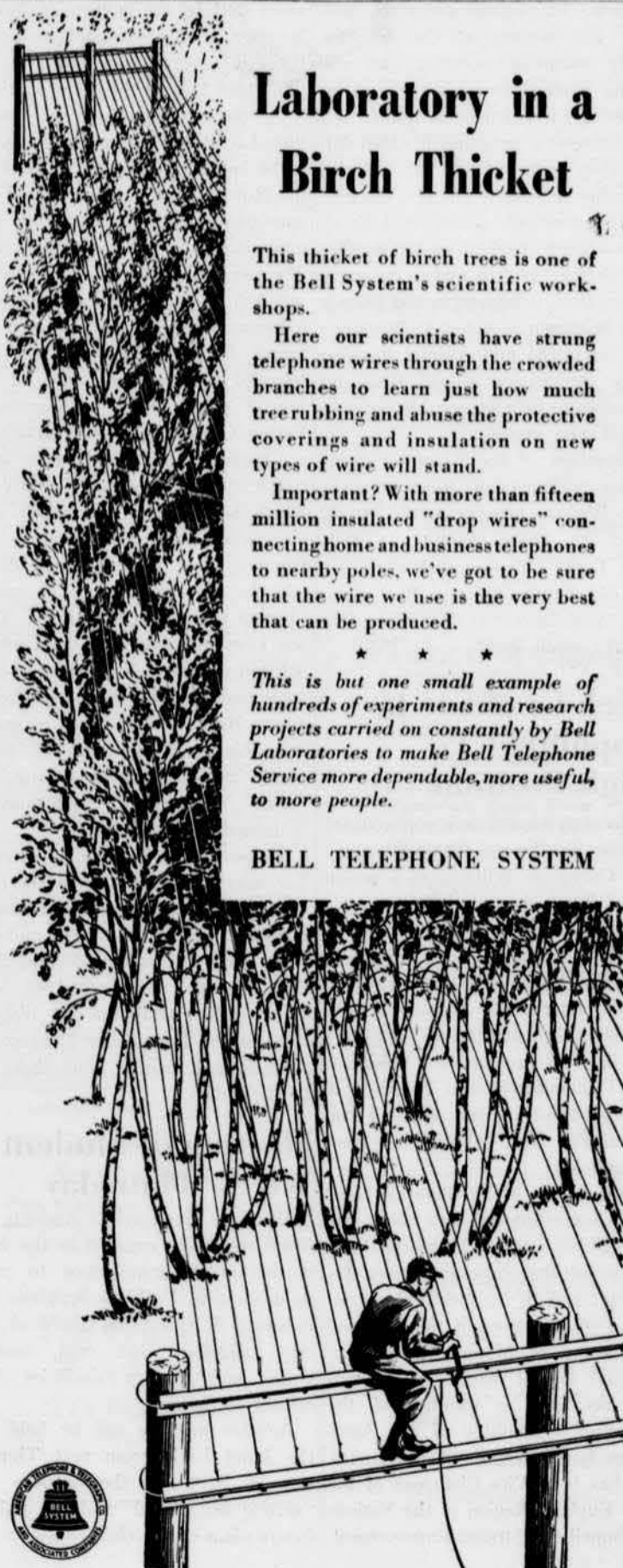
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Are We Going to Have a Formal This Term?

SPORTS

Candidates for Baseball, Track and Tennis Report This Week

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Theta Chi Gains Championship In Interfraternity League

Sasek Wins Out For High Scoring Honors

Another interfraternity competition with its thrills and spills of which there were plenty of both, ended with the most exciting and upsetting game of the tournament. In this scrimmage between twice beaten Alpha Tau and first place bidder Theta Kappa Phi, the latter made up a seven point half time deficit to tie the game at 31-31 at the final whistle. Although the Alpha Tau boys proved their merit by emerging victoriously from the overtime, 35-33, much praise goes to the Theta Kap team for their second half comeback. Sasek played his usual game to make himself top scorer in the league with a total of 90 points. He is closely followed by Dember of A.E.P. with 82 points and Ackley of A.T.O. with 73 points.

The results of this game were very far reaching indeed. After their unexpected upset by S.A.E. to mar their spotless record, Theta Chi seemed destined for a play off with T.K.P., one time loser. As a result of Theta Kap's second defeat in their final encounter, Theta Chi automatically became winner of the envied top place and more envied basketball trophy.

Honors to the best defensive and offensive players go to Tom Muldoon of T.X. and "Buddy" Dember of A.E.P. respectively. Credit is due each team in the league for the wonderful cooperation and spirit they showed. This includes Lambda Chi who, although they ended up in the low ninth notch, played on in the

face of overwhelming odds; often with only five men on their squad. The refereeing, not always up to par, deserves a bit of praise also.

The final standings are as follows:

House	Won	Lost
T.X.	7	1
A.T.O.	6	2
T.K.P.	6	2
P.G.D.	4	4
S.P.E.	4	4
A.E.P.	3	5
P.S.K.	3	5
S.A.E.	3	5
L.C.A.	0	8

Tennis Squad Begins Practice Monday

The aspirants for the Tech tennis team reported to the gym today and practice will begin early in the week.

The team will be built around two lettermen, George Fritz and Buddy Dember, and Phil Duffy, a member of last year's team. Fritz, who played the number two slot behind Larry Stewart last year, will act as captain, and Duffy will act as playing manager.

"Doc" Carpenter has lined up a good schedule for the team, and the opening match is scheduled for May 4. The squad which has over a month to round into shape, will depend heavily on new talent.

WPI Baseball Prospects Appear Favorable for Coming Season

Track Team Faces Death

If Interest Is Not Shown This Week; Sport To Be Dropped

Track at Worcester Tech faces extinction. If a high degree of interest is not shown during this week, the cinder track encircling the football field with the exception of intramural meets may go unused this year.

In the past the school's rating in this sport has been high for an institution of its size. For the last two seasons, it has boasted the New England Cross Country champion in frail Ed Lemieux.

This year there is hardly a leftover from last year's strong squad. There are a few men returning from the services who have won places on previous teams. These men hate to see the sport go.

Athletic Director Carpenter feels that there is not enough material on the campus to throw a team into shape, but he asserts that if there are enough men who show interest in the sport, he can schedule some good meets. All men who want a team are urged to see Carpenter as early this week as possible.

Nautical Association Is Set For Big Year

The Nautical Club is all set for a rip-roaring year. The team will begin its competitive season April 14, and the sails will be full for five weeks up until May 14.

There is plenty of room for new talent, because from three to four crews will be taken to each meet. Beginners are as welcome as experienced hands.

All those who are interested are invited to the meeting this coming Thursday, April 4, at 7 P.M. in the faculty dining room of Sanford Riley Hall.

Commander "Bill" Scheldich heads the association with "Al" Breed as Vice Commander. The Secretary of Treasure is Lenny Berg. So all you salty sailors come out to the meeting Thursday and get an early start in the Nautical Club.

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BY BILL JULIEN

Prospects for a successful baseball season look very good. With Wilson, Walton, and Lee back from last year's varsity plus Jack Laffey of '44 fame, Coach Stagg has four seasoned veterans around which to build his club. Wilson covers plenty of ground in his centerfield spot and was the team's leading sticker last year. Ace Walton held down the keystone sack last year and was a dependable hitter. Lee played in the outfield with Wilson and will be a big asset. Laffey was the big gun on the '44 club, playing a bang-up game at second and topping the hitters. Coach Stagg is grooming Jack for third base, so the hot corner spot looks well taken care of.

With the possible exception of Wilson and Laffey at center and third, the other positions are wide open, with Walton and Lee having the inside track in their berths. The battery is the biggest problem. Santandrea is the only backstop and the mound staff is strictly of an unknown quality. None of the flingers have had too much experience which means that they will have to develop rapidly to give the club the needed strength through the middle. The squad is knee-deep in outfielders and infielders so there will be plenty of competition for varsity berths.

Candidates for the team are the following:

Outfielders—Wilson, Lee, Walicki, Tinkham, Skeffington, Mochon, Dwyer, Ferson, Lehto, and Robinson.

Infielders—Laffey, Walton, Bradlaw, Carlson, Cromack, Girard, Ucich, Gammams, Ovechsel, Lampson, Mark, and Genser.

Pitchers—Seagraves, Conroy and Okun.

Catchers—Santandrea and Jenkins.

May 4—International College	Here
May 11—Open	Away
May 18—Springfield	Away
May 22—Mass. State	Here
May 25—Trinity	Away
June 1—Boston University	Here
June 2—Wesleyan	Away

JOE CONROY OUT FOR DIAMOND SQUAD

Joe Conroy, aging six foot two hurler, reported for practice with the Tech squad last week. The former Seymore athlete, known as the "Old Reprobate", refused to interview the NEWS reporters stating that he did not want to be bothered by Boston Red Sox scouts all summer.

However it is reported that he confided with intimate friends that he expects to be out of the navy in time to bolster the Sox flinging staff in their stretch drive.

AROUND THE BLOCK

By LOU BLOCK

The 1946 Interfraternity Basketball Competition has now drawn to a close, and the thrills and enjoyments that one received from these games must now be placed in our book of memories. Some excellent basketball talent was uncovered in these games, and, in order to pay due honor to the outstanding players in this array of talent, this column has ventured to select the "All-interfraternity-league" first and second teams. The players selected are not judged on their scoring ability alone, as each candidate is also judged on his defensive play, his ability to cooperate with his teammates, and his sportsmanship. On this basis, the selection of the "All-interfraternity league" first and second teams are as follows:

First Team

Forward—Sasek, T.K.P.
Forward—Dember, A.E.P.
Center—Franklin, P.G.D.
Guard—Lagadinos, T.X.
Guard—Larkin, T.X.
Utility—Ackley, A.T.O.

Second Team

Forward—Horne, P.G.D.
Forward—Propst, S.P.E.
Center—Padden, T.K.P.
Guard—Boluch, S.A.E.
Guard—Yurkee, P.S.K.
Utility—Philip, S.A.E.

Don Sasek and Buddy Dember certainly would make the ideal forwards for any ball club. Besides being the possessors of deadly shots, they both are clever ballhandlers and excellent floor workers. They finished first and second respectively in the league's scoring race; but more important than this fact, as Sasek and Dember played, so played their respective teams. An off day on the part of either one of them ultimately meant victory for their team's opposition.

With a fellow like Jordan Franklin playing center, a team can rely on him to be a definite scoring threat, whether he is taking hook shots from the bucket position or popping long shots from half-court. Jordan has a natural deadly eye that rarely appears in basketball circles, and to match this, his superb ballhandling makes him a definite asset to any team.

The champions, T.X., are the donors of the perfect guards for our team. Art Lagadinos and Al Larkin starred throughout the season in bringing their team the victor's cup, and they certainly deserve the honor of holding forth the guard positions on any team. Both are tall men who can be relied on to get those rebounds off the backboards. They brought the ball up the court and set up their team's plays to perfection, and in this capacity, they round out the back court for our team.

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-round 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.

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Of War, Tears and Easter Wear

By FRANCES MYSKA

I suppose that by now, most of you have become resigned to the fact that a "mere girl" is revealing her wit and wisdom in your "male dominated sphere." Therefore, I shall hereby launch my second contribution.

It is very hard to stick to a type-writer these days, when through the open window comes the chirping of birds, wafting in on the sun-warmed breeze. Ah—Spring!

Yes, Spring has come. And to what?

Spring has come to a world torn and shattered and blasted by war—blasted not only in body, but in spirit. In certain parts of the world, there is mile upon mile of complete destruction. The rubble that once was factories and dwellings spills over into the streets. Millions are homeless, sick and destitute. The atmosphere is that of utter desolation. Nations that worked so magnificently together during the war seem to find it difficult to hold that same accord in peace. Many people are confronted with emotional problems they never would have had to face if it had not been for the war.

These are facts well known to everyone, and they are very discouraging. But with Spring comes a new awakening and fresh hope. If we

look deeper into the situation, we realize that there are men working for the good of all—and they are getting results, too. Gradually, homes are being rebuilt. Children are drying their tears. Bodies are being mended. Who knows? This Spring may see the peoples of the earth united and the world made a happy place for all to live.

Signs of Spring around Tech: Prof. Meyer in shirtsleeves. The tennis courts being used again. Open windows everywhere. No overcoats, no hats, no gloves, etc. Civils sprawled over the lawns during their outdoor surveying classes. Groups of fellows sitting around on the steps of the Gym. The janitors are getting window-washing fever. Mr. Perry has ice cream again!

During the past few weeks, I've seen some very—shall we say—*unique* combinations of khakis and civvies. Yes, I know—the clothing situation. But the men seem to manage very nicely. Now, think of the stocking situation! *That's* awful!

Enough of my rambling! I must go out and buy myself an Easter outfit. I think I'll get a dress with a basque jacket, dolman sleeves, and—wait a minute! What do I think this is—the Woman's Home Companion?

SPOTLIGHT

By ALAN MAHANNAH, Jr.

Presstime came and presstime went, but the collyum this week was not in shape. Accordingly, since my contract is still good, the editors gotta print (?) what I write. . . .

The spotlight is focused on two movies this week. The first is "Sentimental Journey," a take-off on another pic that was done very well before, but fizzled to a crawl in the sequel. . . . Maureen O'Hara looked her usual self, but her acting was not all that it was in "Spanish Main." Payne, usually good in musical comedy, was a complete flop at pseudo-drama. Briefly the odor was foul. . . . I walked out before the flicker completely asphixiated (rt wd?) me. . . .

To go to the opposite extreme, "Meet John Doe" was another of Gary Cooper's fine examples of acting. He did a job that was a pleasure to watch. True, there was some flag-waving and an almost overdone rendition of the "Golden Rule", but in spite of these scenes, it is a pic well worth seeing. If you missed the original, try to see the re-release at one of the local theaters.

To most of the men in SRH, the dorm office is the place to go for ice cream, cigarettes, or packages that won't fit in the mail box . . . but if you want to meet one of WPI's most interesting men, drop in some afternoon for a chat with Mr. Perry, technically titled chief custodian of SRH.

Theoretically, his duties are that of "house father" to the frosh in SRH, but actually, he will do most anything for a student, from finding a room in a private home, to getting him part-time employment. After 19 years at Tech, Mr. Perry has a way of telling a man's character merely by looking at him. Consequently, he has formed some definite opinions of not only the students, but also faculty members. So, if you want to know what kind of apples your math. prof. likes, ask Mr. Perry . . . the chances are he'll know.



ALAN'S LAMP

In his eternal quest for knowledge, even a WPI student must occasionally (?) stop for recreation. To relax, laugh . . . or even make love . . . he has to take time off and have some fun. As the Genie of "Aladdin's Lamp" said, "I am yours to command, master. What you desire, I will bring you . . ." This lamp is not quite so powerful, but will attempt to bring the tears of pathos (as produced by reading various exam marks) and the laughter of comedy (often brought on by reading frosh themes) before the student body.

Open letter to Miss Myska: After struggling through your column (?) in the last issue, despite the obvious inept style, I was . . . to put it mildly . . . astonished! That you could possibly think that the sailors ever had anything on the air corps, signal corps, tank corps, or even the infantry . . . well, it isn't in conjunction with the usual female opinion of said branches.

"The Navy has gone . . ." It must be really hard to accept such a catastrophe without some tears . . . but as for looking swell on campus . . . After all, a sailor's place is on a ship (?) and not a college quad.

Tech has long been an institution of higher learning, dedicated to teaching the principles of engineering to men who wanted to learn. Today, it returned to that position and with this year's class has proved that young America is still determined to probe into the fields of scientific research, as done in engineering.

Even if the class of '49 doesn't prove itself worthy of the chance of further education (given them by the government) the very least we can do is give them a chance to try. Most of them have been out of school for an average period of five years or more . . . and if they are a bit slow to learn . . . and resultingly a bit slow to complement their studies with the extra-curricular activities so completely endorsed by the sailors, don't worry; when they do start

howling, the Navy won't stand a chance.

Furthermore, Miss Myska, you mentioned the fact that you thought Tech was now a "world of plaid sport coats, loud ties and baggy pants!" According to Miss Gaylord, Sect'y. to the Dean of Engineering, it is difficult (for most people) . . . as far as dress is concerned . . . to distinguish between "a salesman, one of the younger instructors, and a returned vet. student." And Miss Gaylord is considered a fairly good judge of proper attire for men . . .

As for many of the new students being married, it has long been the custom in America to marry the gal, when you decide she's the one for you. Could it be that I detected a slight tinge of green in the remark that "some are even married" . . . ? Also, it is considered quite proper for married people to have children after a certain amount of time . . .

It is hoped that you will be able to console yourself with some of the "unmarried fellows that are still here." Perhaps Steve Ucich, a second term frosh who has already made varsity basketball, will help a bit . . . On the other hand, I have heard that there are several other frosh (?) who would welcome the opportunity to "help out", if he can't . . .

Signs of Spring: Sleeping in class (or is that typical of all 8 o'clocks?) and blowing soap bubbles on campus are two of the things I noticed this week that made me wonder . . . Possibly the latter is an indication that someone is "cracking under the strain." But the more avid interest in the fair sex is the best sign of all. Of course that isn't strictly relegated to the advent of Spring either, but then . . . It is a rather good indication that the students are again studying the birds, the bees, and the butterflies . . . which usually happens soon after the Ides of March.

It has been noted, around campus, that some students are walking about with their shoe laces not pressed . . .

P. I. PATTEN

By BOB HUBLEY

The Tech debating team was pretty startled last Thursday night in their debate with Worcester State Teachers College. All during the debates of last term, only the judges and a few relatives were present as an audience, but this time the W.S.T.C. brought a rooting section of twenty-five girls. A couple of Freshmen wandering through the Library happened to look into the Janet Earle room, saw the girls, and before long the room was filled.

I wonder if Bill Yurkee has been late for any of his nine o'clock classes during the last week???? Bill can be seen almost any morning between the eight and nine o'clock classes in front of Higgins surrounded by a bevy of feminine pulchritude. What say, Bill, are they all as nice as that at Becker?

It was quite surprising to pick up the last issue of TECH NEWS and find that a member of the opposite sex has invaded the bachelor privacy of the NEWS. Welcome to the fold, Frances, it sure is refreshing to get a womans viewpoint on Tech affairs.

Senior and Junior class elections will be held sometime this week. Incidentally, the Junior class started a year ago last November with forty members. Of that original forty only five are left in the class.

The first-half sophs can be seen squinting through transits and waving their arms wildly as they carry out field exercises in the surveying course. But the freshmen had better not laugh too loudly, because their turn will come—in the middle of next winter.

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