

Chem. Engine Hop Shakes Stills

Tech comments, three weeks ago:
"The chemical engineers are going to hold a dance? With women? In the lab? Why if they get in there with all that equipment, they'll forget all about women and start working on their projects."

But the chemical engineers did sponsor a dance, with women, in the lab, and they did forget about their equipment—well, almost. They did serve the coffee piping hot from a double condenser fed by a complex pumping arrangement. The women did get the coffee in 250 ml. beakers and they did have to stir it with stirring rods. Still, every reformed being is entitled to a couple of lapses to old ways, even a chemical engineer.

In spite of these lapses, the "Unit Op Hop" turned out to be a huge success. Sparked by the red-hot Bunsen Bassett at the piano, the Boynton Beaker Bangers were terrific. Gentle strains of bebop drifted through the stacks up to the upper levels of the lab, each individual melody carrying away some of the heart and soul of Pipette Parsons and Graduate George at the trum-

pets, Potash Peet at the sax and Methyl Mullaney on the drums.

The props were set, but action was called for. Obviously, mere dancing was not enough at a chemical engineers dance, so a show was planned. At intermission, Dud De-Carli donned a straw hat and a raucous voice—"Come one, come all, if I can't guess your weight within 3.00 pounds, then you win a prize." They came, and they won. Another moment and up came Gino Santandrea's demonstration of a "Bendix"—chemical engineer style. In went MacCormick's pants, on went the valves, down went the levers and out came confetti. Mac looks good in a barrel.

Without a doubt, the "Unit Op Hop" will go down in the annals of Tech history as the major achievement of the A.I.Ch.E. All of that equipment, and those chemical engineers just danced.

M.E.'s to Hear of Simpler Work Other Clubs Hold Meetings

On Monday, April 11, 1949, there will be a joint meeting of the A.S. M.E. and its junior branch. Dinner will be served in Sanford Riley Hall at 7:00 P.M., followed by a speaker, Mr. Oliver P. Swope, Jr., at 8:00. Mr. Swope, a graduate of M.I.T. and the Allen Morgerson Work Simplification School at Lake Placid, N. Y., will speak on "Work Simplification." He will show motion pictures to illustrate his talk. Col. Gunby, the regional vice-president, is also expected to attend this meeting. This opportunity to meet Col. Gunby as well as the chance to hear Mr. Swope should make every A.S. M.E. member want to attend.

It was also announced that of 141 members in the student branch of the A.S.M.E. there are 77 seniors, 46 juniors, 17 sophomores, and one freshman.

As a final announcement, it was also reported that there would be a Regional Student Conference of the A.S.M.E. on April 29 and 30 at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, Conn.

The W.P.I. debating team participated in the National Debating Tourney which was held at Wesleyan University last week. Fourteen colleges and universities had

teams entered in the contest. Four of these were chosen to take place in the finals which are to be held at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. W.P.I. competed against teams from M.I.T., Yale, Boston University, and Champlain College. They were eliminated, however, from further competition. Tej Chaddha and Henry Oletz represented Tech in the debate. The subject was concerned with the Federal Government's establishment of a system of pre-paid medical insurance. Robert Lerner was a guest of the team on the trip, and Mr. Clarkson was the faculty representative.

In the near future the debating team will have a series of debates with the teams from Wesleyan University, Mt. Holyoke College, and Trinity College. In this series they will continue the discussion of the Federal Government's annual grants to tax-supported schools.

The A.S.C.E. held its regular meeting on Monday evening, March 21, in the Janet Earle Room of Alden Auditorium. The guest speaker for the evening, Mr. West, discussed *Problems in Engineering* before the group of future civils.

The Camera Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 29, in the Janet Earle Room. Mr. John Bushong of Bushong Studios will speak on the subject of color printing. Demonstrations will be given on how to make color prints.

JUNIORS SIGN BOB BYRNE AS PROM BAND



BOBBY BYRNE

TAU BETA PI

Tau Beta Pi, the leading honorary fraternity for undergraduate engineers, pledged the following men today, Wednesday, March 30.

Seniors

Charles C. Allen	E.E.
Sherman P. Brackett	M.E.
Charles F. Gerber	E.E.
Richard F. Smith	C.E.
Harvey E. Vigneault	M.E.

Juniors

George Barna, Jr.	E.E.
John T. Cocker	E.E.
David W. Danielson	E.E.
Donald Dodge	Ch.E.
George E. Engman	E.E.
Walter A. Keyl	M.E.
Frank S. Jurczak	M.E.
James F. O'Connor	E.E.

PEDDLER STAFF SCREAMS FOR PICS BY REAMS

The *Peddler* staff is now screaming for all the candid shots available on the campus and emphasizing that the *Peddler* is only as good as the candid camera fiends wish to make it. Whether the picture is of an individual or of a group, in the laboratory, engaged in athletics, or at the fraternity houses, the *Peddler* can find a spot for it. Fraternity pictures are particularly desired.

Although the *Peddler* can use any type of picture, those on glossy paper are preferred. If possible, the negatives should also be submitted. The picture and negative should be placed in an envelope with the name of the person submitting it and a synopsis of what the picture contains. The envelope should then be addressed to the *Peddler* and placed in the *Peddler* box in Boynton Hall. All pictures will be returned.

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PICTURES

Do you realize that the school's biggest social function, the Junior Prom, will be held in just five weeks? Yes, from 9-1:00 on Friday, April 29, the Class of 1950 will bring you the highlight of a gala weekend—the formal featuring none other than Bobby Byrne and his orchestra. This will mark Bobby's first appearance at Tech, and the prom committee feels that this is the biggest name band ever to play for a Tech formal.

Yes, Bobby Byrne is truly a top band. You've probably heard some of his Mercury recordings, or listened to his dance music on a coast-to-coast hookup from Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook where he is being featured from March 26 to April 15. Or probably you've danced to the music of his popular dance band. At any rate we know you'll enjoy him.

Unusual Instruments

It's an interesting band that Bobby Byrne is bringing here. Bobby himself plays the trombone and the harp. In an effort to present an interesting type of dance music new instruments have been introduced—classical instruments giving color to the conventional jazz instrumentation. For example, the reed section plays the usual saxophones and clarinets, but also double with a woodwind quartet voicing, comprising flute, oboe, clarinet, and bass clarinet. A French horn in the brass lends another note of individuality. As added feature, we have Bobby himself with harp solos, Bill McCormick as singer, and the Trombone Choir all combining to give you the best in dance music and entertainment.

We mentioned the Junior Prom as

highlighting the year's biggest social weekend. Following the prom there will be such activities as a baseball game, a dramatic production by the Masque, fraternity parties, picnics, and what have you.

On Saturday afternoon you can take your date to Alumni Field where Tech's veteran nine plays host to the Devens ball club in the year's opening baseball game.

Command Decision

The Masque, Tech's dramatic society, will present for your entertainment *Command Decision* on Saturday night. Yes, this is the same *Command Decision* you've seen on the screen. With an eye to another star performance, Charles Rugg, director, has been working with a fine cast starring Dick Olson to produce this fine play.

On Sunday the fraternities usually top off the weekend with picnics or parties of one form or another.

Let's Go

So remember, get on the bandwagon and do it now for that big weekend: formal banquets, Bobby Byrnes orchestra, baseball, *Command Decision*, parties, and . . . women! Be sure you have one!

SENIOR ELECTRIC CITED BY G.E. C. C. ALLEN MEASURING UHF

Another Tech man has made the headlines! Charles C. Allen, a senior in the E.E. Department, was cited recently for his research in measuring ultra-high electrical frequency currents. His award was in the form of a \$780 grant under the Gerard Swope Fellowship of the General Electric Company to continue his research on a problem that has baffled scientists in recent years. It is the first Swope scholarship brought to Tech.

The solution of the problem is necessary to the newly opened fields of Television, frequency modulation (F.M.), mobile telephones and other ultra-high frequency equipment developed since the war. It is, of course, possible to measure accurately currents and voltages up to 200 megacycles, but the aforementioned instruments involve frequencies from 200 to 800 megacycles. Up to now, these ultra-high frequencies have defied accurate measurements due to the peculiar characteristics of these high

frequency currents. Thus, the well known ammeter and thermo-couple methods fail to yield results.

Briefly, Allen's theory is that he can determine these amperages if he can measure the temperature changes due to the flow of the high frequency electricity. For the purpose, he plans to use a "Thermistor", a device to measure current by the "bridge method". With the aid of the grant and post-graduate research, Allen hopes to find the solution before his chief competitor, the U. S. Bureau of Standards, finds it.

NO SMOKING

Faculty members are reminded that smoking is prohibited in the auditorium and back stage areas of Alden Memorial. State laws prohibit all smoking on the stage except when it constitutes a part of the stage business in an actual performance.

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FRATERNITY NEWS BITS

By NORM BROWN

Professor Herman Kleine was the dinner guest of Theta Kap on Thursday evening, March 17, as their program for becoming better acquainted with the faculty got underway. Gerry Ryan, '47, and Jack Laffey dropped in to renew "auld" acquaintance. Jack is a salesman for a Boston concern and is sporting a new blue Dodge. Tom Lempges, Harv. Vigneault, and Earl Cruff and their wives were guests for supper last Thursday, March 24, after which Michael Essex, '52, was pledged in a brief ceremony.

The annual meeting of Kappa Xi Alpha, the Alumni fraternity of PSK, was held on Sunday, March 13, followed by an initiation banquet in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Sheraton. Mr. Robert C. Shoemaker of the Worcester Y.M.C.A. was the after dinner speaker. The affair was a memorable occasion for the new brothers. On Wednesday, March 16, the following officers were installed: President, Jack Briery; Vice President, Phil Stanier; Secretary, Roger Wye; Treasurer, Jack Hawley; Inductor, Frank MacPherson; and Sentinel, Sue-loong Li. "Ultra-violet" Stanier evidently has no difficulty in getting Florida sunshine from an electric outlet, but he seems to have trouble keeping it under control. The wizards from Theta Kap have been trailing Jack Briery all over campus in an attempt to learn the formula for sinking blind left-handed hook shots. If they can figure it out, it will be the greatest contribution to basketball since backboards.

SPE has welcomed into its ranks George F. East, Kenneth B. Cross, Richard T. Gates, Roy G. Gullberg, Charles R. Hedenstad, Joseph Jiunnies, William Boraski, G. Brady Buckley, Walter N. Frank, Warren E. Palmer, Alden F. Tucker, George

K. Borski, Marshal J. Kidder, Charles F. Crathern, Richard G. Schmitt, Donald B. Youngdahl, and Robert F. Turek. Congratulations to seventeen swell fellows. Sig Ep kept its policy of becoming better acquainted with the faculty rolling right along by entertaining Professors Bridgman, Brown, and Atwood at supper on the 24th. Dick Seagraves, ace passer and quarterback of '48 has just announced the arrival of the ace passer and quarterback of 1970 in the person of Richard A., Junior.

SAE added 18 hands on March 20 in the persons of Elliot Lewis, Dick Bennet, Gordon Willard, Len Janowski, "Hank" Hart, Harry Manley, Don Krauss, Henry Sundberg, Harry Thatcher, Al Foss, Ed Bonukevitch, Jack Clark, Bob Howell, George Siedel, Pat O'Brian, Charlie Thrower, Bob Chapman, and Ken Lang. Lots of luck to a fine crew. Sam Winther, Halsey Griswold, and Bob and Harvey Howell dropped in on the Connecticut U. chapter after the glee club concert there, March 19. The "Yukon" boys were in the midst of an old clothes party and welcomed the W.P.I. visitors warmly.

At the helm of Theta Chi during the coming year will be John Coppola, President; Dave Flood, Vice President; Hance Hamilton, Secretary; Henry Taylor, Marshal; and Bill Sheehan, Chaplain. The honors for last Saturday night's scavenger hunt went to the party which included Bill Sloane and George Dewire, who just happened to be the organizers and judges of the contest, which turned out to be a great success. Cal MacAusland is to be commended for his attempt to raise morale on the Hill by hastening the harbinger of spring, the breaking up of the ice on Institute Pond, via the simple expedient of walking out and

PEEL CONTEST OPEN TO JUNIOR ECONOMISTS

Spring is here once again and everyone has a chance, that is if you are a Junior at W.P.I., to make some easy money. All that you have to do is entertain a thought, set it down on paper and present it to the Economics Department. Yes, it's the annual Peel Prize Contest.

The Peel Prize is awarded to the members of the Junior Class who show the most ability in developing and presenting an engineering problem with an economic background or an economic problem with an engineering background. First prize is \$75, second prize \$25. Wilford S. Peel, an honorary alumnus of W.P.I. and a prominent New York banker, has once again set aside the money for this annual award. Its purpose is to display the ingenuity and resourcefulness of our prospective engineers and to show their ability to write. They are offered the opportunity to expound their theories on some scientific engineering subject with which they are acquainted. Copies of the rules can be found on all bulletin boards.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS . . .

By ROLAND BEDARD

To us average Tech students school life means a busy schedule crammed with a maximum of studies and a minimum of recreation. We have little time to ponder on the complex functioning of the Institute, and even less time to contribute to the smooth administration of its activities. But, nevertheless, we constantly derive benefit from the efficient operation of our school, one of the great contributing forces in this machinery being the Tech Council.

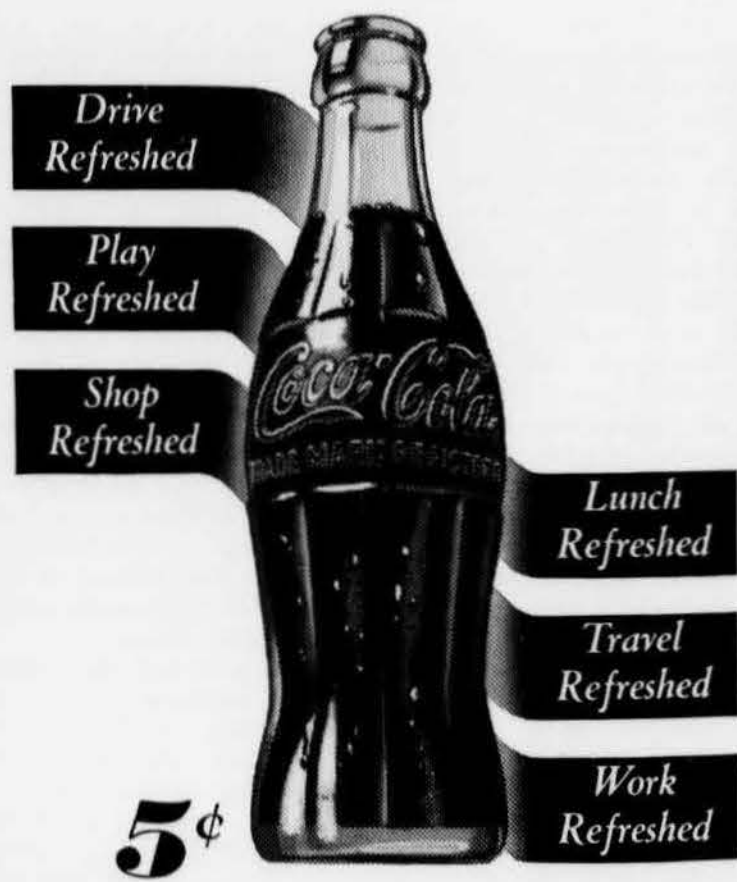
This body, now so indispensable to school life, has worked faithfully to further the interests of the Institute for thirty-five years; before 1913, however, no such student council existed. At that time agitation became quite strong for some type of student government, and the idea of a Tech Senate was introduced. In a February issue of Tech News, called the Grouch Number because its theme was complaint and reform, a comprehensive article appeared stating the case in favor of a Tech Senate.

The need for unified action among the boys was the main object of the Senate supporters. They blamed the dearth of school spirit and the indifference to activities on the lack of an association to represent the whole student body. So-called Tech dances and sports tournaments were planned and managed by individual students, and club activities were entirely independent of school supervision.

The power of student opinion resulted in the formation of a committee composed of five Seniors, three Juniors, and the Freshman and Sophomore Class presidents, who were to draft a Senate Constitution to be submitted to the student body. In composing this document the committee members had a four-fold purpose to fulfill. First, the Senate must act as a medium between students and faculty; second, it should stimulate student activities; third, it must provide means for the expression of student opinion; and last, it should assemble and perpetuate Tech traditions and customs.

Final action on the project was postponed until fall in order to provide more time for deliberation and revision of the proposed plans. A new committee was then appointed to study the student governments of other schools and, aided by President Hollis, drew up a new Constitution. In December of 1913 the proposed Constitution was ratified by the four classes, and student government became a fact. The new group, named the Tech Council instead of the Senate, began its task of coordinating school activities, and has consistently improved through the years to meet the needs of a growing Tech.

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TECH NEWS SPORTS

SPORTS BEFORE MY EYES

By Colonel "X"

The *cause celebre* of the current baseball season is the legal action instigated by one Danny Gardella in suing the New York Giants, Commissioner Chandler, both major leagues, and the National Association of Professional Baseball Players for \$300,000 on the grounds that he had been deprived of the means of livelihood. Ostensibly, this matter strikes at the very existence of the national pastime, and *per se* must be a topic close to the hearts of the fans. It is ironic, however, that such an upheaval has been caused by a person more fitted for the role of Pagliacci than that of a major league outfielder.

Our story begins one March day in 1946, when Dangerous Danny, former rubdown man in a gym and then valuable chattel only under the cloud of a war emergency, walked into the Giants' dining room in their Miami training quarters minus the required necktie. Requested to return for the stipulated cravat, Danny exploded, swearing that he was the type of guy that wore no man's collar. Having previously rejected the Giants' 1946 contract as unfair and further provoked by this affair of honor, Gardella jumped to the Mexican League and the arms of Jose Pasquel.

Back in 1880, when the National League was only five years old, a clause was inserted in the standard contract signed by all professional baseball players by which they assigned to the club the right to extend the contract for a year beyond the current season. This, in effect, gave the club the power to retain a player indefinitely. If the club desired his services and tendered him a contract, he had but two choices: sign the paper, or face suspension and the "blacklist". If the club does not desire his services, it may sell his contract to any other team, without reference to the player's feelings.

Baseball management has always vehemently insisted that the reserve clause is the very bedrock of baseball. They allege that without it the leagues would gravitate towards inevitable domination by the richer clubs, who through their lucrative offers to outstanding talent would gobble up all the fine players. To management, then, the reserve clause insures competition, irrespective of a team's financial assets. Even many players, including Gardella's fellow emigrant, Mickey Owen, had assumed the attitude that Danny "may be hurting the game," and themselves feel that management deserves a fair measure of protection through a modified reserve clause.

This is by no means the first time that the reserve clause has had an airing in the courts. In 1913, the "outlaw" Federal League brought action to bear on the majors under the Sherman Anti-trust Law, claiming that these leagues were acting in restraint of trade. The judge in the case was shaggy-maned Kenesaw Landis, who at that time achieved a conciliation between the two. In later years as Commissioner, Judge Landis, appreciating with a fine jurist's eye the fact that the reserve clause was a weak spot in baseball's legal armor, repeatedly smoothed over differences which arose touching it. Perhaps it is best that now, when the sword of Damocles has hung over the head of baseball for seventy years, the question of the reserve clause will be settled by the courts for once and for all, even if through such an unlooked for instrument of justice as Danny Gardella.

Goat's Head Bowling Won by Sophomores

The Sophomore class bowling team clinched the Goat's Head Tuesday afternoon with a 3-1 victory over the Frosh keglers. Ev Johnson paced the winners, toppling 280 pins with Hugh Lovell following with 277.

The Sophs won the first string, 378-352, with the help of Lovell's 102, the day's high individual string. The Sophs squeezed by the second string, 372-363, despite Freshman Dick Bennett's two spares in his last two frames. The Frosh came through in the third string, 361-340, as the Sophomores slumped.

Winning their class numerals were Johnson, McComiskey, Kolodne, Lovell, and Sanford. Bennett, Kraus, Cross, and Felkel rolled for the Freshmen.

SAE and SPE Lead in Race For IF Trophy

With two events written into the books and two near completion, the lead in I.F. sport's competition is held jointly by SAE and SPE. Both teams have totaled 72.5 points in bowling and the relays. This is no indication as to the final outcome however, since swimming, track, and softball have yet to be started, while tennis and basketball have not yet been completed.

PGD is in third place with 71.5 points, TKP is fourth with 71.0 points, ATO is fifth with 67.5, LCA is sixth with 67.0, PSK is seventh with 66.0 points, while AEP and TC are tied with 62.0 points.

IF Swim Tilt Is This Week

Although the swimming season is now on its last leg, the closest competition of all will take place March 31 and April 1 in the I.F. swimming meet. On the first day, eliminations for finals will be held in which the contestants will be cut down to four in the relay, back and breaststrokes, and to six in the free-style races and diving. The second day is reserved for the finals that decide the winner, which is a toss-up for the season.

Figis, Phi Sigs Strong

Phi Gam will send nearly an entirely new team into the waterways in order to try to capture the trophy for the third consecutive year. Losing valuable men to the varsity, the Fijis will have back their star diver, George Howe, and Dave Brumback in the 40 yard free-style. About the strongest contender this year, as of last year too, will be Phi Sig. They have had many men, such as Campbell, Mayo, and Dinsmore practicing the past week, along with last year's diver, Herb Hayes. Last year's third place team, from Sig Ep, lost their big gun, Ev Johnson, but have many promising new faces on their squad. SAE looks good with the return of three men in Robertson, Wenning, and Beaudry. The remainder of last year's point makers are absent from the competition, but the remaining houses have many new brothers or pledges who can swing the meet in any direction.

Sophs Clinch the Goat Head Duel

The often spoken of but seldom seen Goat's Head is now legally in the possession of the Class of 1951. The Sophs have an 8-3 advantage at the present time, and there are only five points not yet awarded. Even if the Freshmen could sweep all these, the score would become a tie and, according to the Goat's Head rules, the winner of the rope pull would receive the trophy. Thus the Class of 1951 has won the Goat's Head.

Still on the schedule are contests in rifle, tennis, golf and the track meet. The rifle match will be held in the near future and the other events sometime after vacation. Although the points from these contests will have no effect on the outcome, the competition will be keen because of the interclass spirit of rivalry.

SAE Views Crown

Leaders Choke Off Threats by ATO and PGD

As the nine teams round the three-quarter post and prepare for the final dash toward the I.F. basketball trophy, SAE leads the pack with a 6-0 record. SAE turned back both PGD and ATO, the other top contenders for the cup, last week. Should both LCA and AEP beat SAE and either PGD or ATO win their two remaining games, the league season would finish with a first place tie, necessitating a play off. The Humboldt Hoopsters have shown impressive strength throughout the season, however, and at this point it looks like they will be the new champs.

Olson of ATO and Wright of LCA currently head the list of high scorers, sporting 7.5 game averages as they have each hooped up 45 points. Green, AEP, follows closely with 44 points.

Monday, LCA turned back the Phi Sigs 39-21 in a free scoring contest. LCA started fast, building up a 19-8 lead at the fifteen minute mark, and they continued to pour it on throughout the second canto. Baker of LCA was high scorer of the fray with 12 points.

In the second tilt Monday, AEP turned back SPE, 28-20. The scoring was very close throughout the entire game as AEP led by only three points at the half. Goldstein was high man for the victors with ten points. He was followed by his teammates Green and Michelman who each dropped in six. George Borski of SPE was top man for the losers as he hooped up eight points.

Lambda Chi returned Tuesday afternoon to shade TKP, 18-16. The LCA men had to come from behind, however, to take the tilt, as TKP led 10-8 at the half time. Lambda Chi turned on the heat at the end, however, Wright was high man for the winners with six points. Theta Kap lost the game at the foul stripe,

as they managed to convert only four out of eleven free tries.

SAE rolled over ATO in the second contest of the afternoon. The Purple and Gold outfit was never headed as the score stood 12-5 at the half and 20-10 at the final buzzer. SAE's Griswold and George were the high scorers with seven points each. Smokey and Wheeler entertained the crowd with their leap-frog act early in the second half.

Phi Gam turned back AEP Wednesday to the tune of 25-19. The teams matched baskets throughout the opening period, with the score standing at eleven all at half time. AEP faltered after the rest, however, and the Purple and White took the tilt. Ed Judd of PGD was high man with nine points.

The second contest Wednesday was a real "hoopless wonder" as SPE topped TC, 14-11. At half time the score stood at 7-4, SPE. Plenty of shots were attempted by both teams, but the lids were on for sure. Miller, of SPE, with four points, emerged the high man.

Thursday afternoon Phi Sig topped ATO, 20-17, while TKP rolled over TC, 29-13. PSK led 12-9 at the half and the teams matched baskets throughout the second period. Clark of PSK with eleven, and Olson, the "wounded wonder" of ATO, with nine, topped the list of scorers.

The Theta Kaps couldn't miss in their game as they led 14-7 at the half and continued to pour them in right up to the final gun. Don Sasek of TKP was deadly as he dropped in ten points.

Howie Green of AEP went wild Friday as he tossed in twenty-four points, enough to stop LCA single-handed. The AEP men were really hot as they led 22-10 at the half and won 44-18. Willis of AEP also tossed in ten big points.

In the final game of the week, SAE humbled PGD, 30-23. The game was well played and very close until the final minutes when the Phi Gams weakened. The Purple and Gold were down two points at the half, but they bounced back on Schmucki's fine ball handling and Johnny George's deadly shooting. George was high man for the day with twelve points, while Big Tom Hodgett tossed in eight for the losers.

The standings:

SAE	6	0
ATO	4	2
PGD	4	2
PSK	3	3
LCA	3	3
AEP	3	3
TKP	2	4
SPE	2	4
TX	0	6

Peddler Staff

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Jim Peepas reports that although 200 more Peddlers than usual have already been purchased, 30 are still available for anyone who has not taken advantage of this golden opportunity. A note addressed to the Peddler and a willingness to part with \$4.00 will do the trick.

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By ED POWERS

For this week's dissertation on topics of the times, let us turn to a subject concrete in nature, an engineer's mind. This is a somewhat peculiar mechanism, as we shall see in the case of one Jasper Q. Jesser, e. e. (embryo engineer). Born into a scientific age, and proud possessor of a phenomenal formulae-filled mind (in fact he filled it in three days when the high school math teacher lost his tables) Jasper, having a prejudice for three squares a day, forewent the broader education in the liberal arts and trundled off to engineering school. He didn't hold too high an opinion of liberal art students anyway since he had heard that a lib art student was one who, after barking his shins on a chair in a darkened room, will roar vociferously, "Oh! the perversity of inanimate objects!!!"

So Jasper arrived at college. But it was not as glamorous as he had expected, in fact it was so rough that at times he had to pass exams by hook or by crook and frequently hooks weren't available. Once he passed an exam, but on one of the usual occasions the professor inquired as to the reason for some quotation marks which appeared on his exam book, and Jasper replied, "Courtesy to the fellow sitting next to me." He endured this wretched existence as long as he could, and then one day while in the abyss of abject despair, he got a date. She was a curvaceous wench, but he was enthralled by her comprehension of thermodynamics, and so he invited her on an inspection trip of the local steel mill. This excursion proved to be most entertaining since the young lady was avidly interested in the operation of an open-hearth furnace. (Jasper had once spurned a girl because she could not accurately state the composition of dolomite.) After the date, J.Q. took the Miss home and on the doorstep she whispered bewitchingly "You're very bashful, aren't you. Come here, now. I'm going to scare you. (She kissed him.) Now you scare me," to which our engineer replied profoundly, "Boo!!!"

Well, the young lady always had a pioneering spirit, so she decided

to wait for Jasper, and after she filled three hope chests and a moving van, Jasper finally graduated *magna cum laude*, and settled down. Soon the patter of little feet was to be heard in the Jesser household, and pandemonium prevailed. One night Mrs. Jesser discovered Jasper in the nursery, standing over his babies' cribs. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infants, she saw in his face a mixture of emotions—rapture, doubt, admiration, despair, ecstasy, incredulity. Touched and wondering alike at this unusual parental attitude and the conflicting emotions, with eyes glistening, she slipped her arms around him. "A penny for your thoughts," she said in a tremulous voice. He blurted out, "For the life of me, I can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for three-forty-nine." The moral of this story is every home should be without one.

FOOTNOTES BY PHIL

By PHIL STANIER

We all expect that Spring will bring not only budding beauty in the fields and feathered music in the skies, but also snakes and thistles and the like to serve in ugly contrast. A few days of rain and sun around this time of year and we expect to see all sorts of things come forth, but gad!, who could have foreseen that shocking growth that attached itself to the middle of page two in last week's NEWS! Where were our editors when Powers sprouted? But surely, it was a mistake; and I am confident this weed will soon be rooted out, so without further consideration I will turn to my accustomed form.

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