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## Commencement Exercises Held In Alden February 22 and 23

### Gagliardo Appoints Senior Men To Committees

The Senior Class, headed by John Gagliardo, the class president, has an elaborate program under way for the Commencement and Commissioning exercises which will be held February 22 and 23, 1946 in Alden Memorial.

The Commencement this February will have the added feature of a Commissioning Ceremony in the auditorium early Friday afternoon. The sixty-one Navy Seniors will be commissioned Ensigns, U.S.N.R. at this service. Saturday afternoon the eighty graduating seniors will be presented their degrees in Alden Auditorium.

John Harry Mehrer, Jr. is in charge of the Class Day Exercises. Christopher Albert Herbert heads the committee in charge of the Senior Dinner Dance which will be held Friday evening. August Kellermann is in charge of the Baccalaureate Service.

Edward Funk has been chosen Class Orator, and George Conley has been chosen Class Historian. Walter Bank heads the Class Gift Committee.

Each year the graduating class plants a tree on the campus, and this year the Tree and Ivy Committee is under the direction of Charles Mitchell.

### The Commencement Schedule February 22, 1946

1:30 P.M. Commissioning Ceremony in Alden Memorial.

2:30 P.M. Class Day Exercises in Alden Memorial.

3:30 P.M. President's Reception to Seniors, Parents, and Faculty in Janet Earle Room.

7:00 P.M. Senior Dinner Dance. February 23, 1946

11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Service in Alden Auditorium.

2:30 P.M. Commencement Exercises in Alden Auditorium.

4:00 P.M. President's Reception to the Commencement Speaker at the President's Home, by invitation.

As February 22, 1946 will come in the midst of our final examination week, and on a day when various Commencement activities are scheduled, it is not practical for the institution to observe that day as a holiday.

Final examinations have already been regularly scheduled for the morning of February 22, 1946, and the usual social events attending Commencement activities will take place during the afternoon and evening of that day.

### Tech Gets New Officer In Lt. S. F. Stevens

#### Quartermaster Hanson Relieves Lt. Brown for Short Time

Lieutenant (j.g.) J. F. Stevens, U.S.N.R., is to be the Naval Unit's personnel officer. He attended the University of Maryland, worked for Westinghouse awhile, then on August 28, 1942, enlisted in the Navy.

He was given four months' Engineering training under the V-7 program at the Naval Academy, received his Commission May 4, 1943, and was subsequently transferred to the destroyer *U.S.S. Forrest*. Aboard this ship he visited France and Norway. The ship was converted to a destroyer minesweeper and was sent to the Pacific. Here it participated in the battle of Bodo.

Mr. Stevens is expecting his discharge early in March. He plans to return to his old position in Annapolis as an electrical inspector. His plans also contemplate marriage in the near future.

Quartermaster 1st Class Hansen, the gentleman temporarily residing in Lt. Brown's office, has been around and has seen things.

He started his five years' service in the Navy at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Graduating from that grand institution, he was assigned to the battleship *Colorado*, upon which he saw plenty of action. After two years aboard her, a transfer was effected to the *U.S.S. O'Toole*, a destroyer escort.

Hansen remembers that it was aboard this ship that he got his first class seaman's rating. Transfers seemed to be the order of the day for he served on a P. C. in the Caribbean; a destroyer escort on the North Atlantic Patrol between Iran, France, England, and Ireland; and the destroyer *U.S.S. Compton* which traveled from the East Coast, through the Panama Canal, to the West Coast, and thence to Eniwetok, Kwajalein, and Okinawa.

Transferred again at Leyte, he returned to the States aboard an Army transport and assumed duties under the command of the *U.S.S. Juno*, a cruiser then yet to be commissioned. After serving a short stretch in the Boston Discharge Center he was transferred to Holy Cross and though he is still under that command, he came to Tech temporarily and is serving here in Lt. Brown's stead.

Hansen volunteered the information that he is getting out this coming September and wants to go back

## New Program For 7th Termers To Be Effective

### To Complete Course at WPI On An Individual Basis

Admiral Cluverius recently made a statement saying, "As we here at W.P.I. understand at present, those men of the V-12 who have not completed their work as of 23 February will be continued at the Institute on an individual basis by special provision not yet determined by the Bureau of Personnel. The V-12 program here at Tech will be concluded 23 February, except with respect to a few men, about 17 in number, who will continue until the end of the coming term. This is to be done in the interest of the individuals in order that they may receive their degrees and Commissions at the same time."

Congress has appropriated enough money so that the men now in the program will be able to finish. As it was before, those who were in the seventh term had the option of receiving their commissions in February, or staying at the Institute and finishing at their own expense. This meant that those not graduating who received their commissions in February would go on active duty and sometime later would have to come back to gain their degree. As for those men who did not accept the commission in February it meant that they would complete the final of the eight term course on an inactive status as civilians, perhaps, living outside the college somewhere. Upon their completion of the course they were to be called back to active service, given their degree, and be Commissioned as Ensigns in the U.S.N.R. This was the original plan, but it has now been superseded by the one mentioned above.

In a short time a visit will be paid to Tech by a commission from the Bureau of Personnel who will determine by what means the men will continue.

## Office of the President

"The President is deeply appreciative of the many greetings which reached him during the Christmas season from faculty and students and desires to express his thanks through these columns."

WAT TYLER CLUVERIUS  
President

to his home town, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, with his wife as soon as the discharge comes through.

## Interfraternity Council Ball To Be Held Friday, January 18, 1946

### Joint Concert Between WPI And U. of Conn.

#### Boyntonians Make Hit With All at Dance, After Well Enjoyed Concert

The spirit of the past yuletide season was improvised upon when, on the 21st of last month, the Tech Glee Club united with that of the University of Connecticut to entertain us with a concert that was largely composed of Christmas carols.

The recital opened with a selection performed by both organizations under the splendid direction of the visiting conductor. After several vocals by both choirs, each school presented its specialty which proved to be the delight of the entire audience.

As their feature, Connecticut introduced an original and enjoyable method of singing Christmas carols. Seated around a table in marvelous effect, the men in a direct innovation of the orthodox glee club, merely supplied the rhythm, while the girls carried the melody which provided the necessary atmosphere to gain the satisfaction and applause of the audience.

An accomplished octet, under the direction of Cliff Green, was Tech's attraction. The effective presentation of novelty selections coupled with the antics of Walt Bank and Pres Grout was enjoyed by all.

The biggest surprise among the activities on the Hill was the Boyntonians. Relatively inactive last term mainly because of the lack of interest displayed by the musicians, the importation of new talent this term has been a deciding factor in the success of the band. With an extensive library of old and new tunes, the band has developed a unique style which has won the favor of all at Tech. Amassing experience and developing a style all of their own as they go along, they will soon be considered the best college band in the East.

With "Bo" Lutts as first saxman and Ed Arnow on the tenor sax together with Ed Salakiewicz, P. Gridley and D. Brown, the sax section is smooth.

The rhythm section is controlled by Broverman and Pratt on the drums and Morrison and Devlin on the "keys", so that with such men as France, Gilmore, Stinchcomb and Juergens taking the brass, the band is a well rounded organization.

### Johnny Newton To Be Featured With His Dance Orchestra

Heralded by gay posters and anxiously awaited by everyone on the Hill, is the Annual Inter-fraternity Council Ball. Taking shape over a period of several weeks have been plans for one of the best formal week-ends in the history of the school.

Festivities will begin early in the evening on Friday, Jan. 18, when the girls will arrive to take over the fraternity houses. Liberty for the Navy Unit will be from 4:30 Friday afternoon until 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

The dance, the big event of the week-end, will begin at 9 o'clock in Alden Memorial. Johnny Newton and his orchestra will provide the music in a ratio of two slow tunes to one fast tune. The maestro, who has won great favor among the men at Tech since he played here last term, leads one of the most popular aggregations in this part of the state. He has cooperated enthusiastically with George Morin, of the committee, in making out an interesting and varied dance program. As before, a big attraction with the band will be its vocalist, lovely Alice Fitzgerald, who lacks nothing in putting over a song. Her sweet personality and charming voice are remembered by all those who have heard her as the highlight of the orchestra.

A new feature at the dance will be the Grand March, which will be led by Dr. Schultz. This happy event will take place just after the intermission, and everyone is urged to join in the fun.

Two more novelties adding to the gaiety of the dance will be provided by the photographer who will take souvenir pictures of everyone, and an ice-box full of "cokes" in the Janet Earle room which will be open during the intermission.

Tickets can be purchased for \$3.60 from the member of each fraternity who is on the committee.

Classes as usual will be the schedule for Saturday morning. The committee is trying to make it possible to have the girls attend classes, but as yet nothing definite can be said about this plan.

Saturday afternoon has been left to the fraternities and to the couples themselves. Many fraternities are planning skating parties and some have made plans for dinners in downtown restaurants.

Saturday night, in the gym, the

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## Editorial

For nearly five years our country had been at war, and during that time everyone has been affected, some way by the world condition. Many individuals, who never knew what the word "war" actually meant, were suddenly thrown into the greatest conflict that this battle-scarred world of ours has ever seen. These men weren't leaving their loved ones, homes and jobs because it was their desire, but rather because something greater than these, called them to a task that had to be done. Of course, men dreaded the thought of leaving their most precious possessions to go into a different world, altogether remote from any kind of living they had previously enjoyed. Certainly it was hard for them to do these things, but this was a situation where none could say, "I'll put it off until another time"—as the time was then, not later.

Men and women of our country went forward, placing individual likes and dislikes aside and met face to face the problem that was of the utmost importance in the lives of everyone. We Americans didn't go out to investigate just another problem. We were encountered by a situation which meant everything to us. Our very lives, our many freedoms that we enjoy and take all too lightly, and even our own United States could have been obliterated had we not gone forth when we saw the challenge and prepared ourselves to prove to the world that we were not of the kind to be trampled upon by any dominating power. We proceeded to advance in knowledge, strength and power to finish the job that had to be done. To accomplish this, we knew, would take a long time; the men who were actually doing the fighting found this out, and the people, although they were not in the fighting, on the home front realized that it would be no easy task to arrive at the ultimate victory. A victory due to the combined efforts of everyone.

While the men who had first-hand contact with the war had many tough and trying times, the men, women, business firms, manufacturing companies, and educational institutions throughout the country were also struggling through the war years trying to continue their day by day business even with the many difficulties that they encountered. Perhaps the most marked change in the country was noticed among the nation's firms, companies and educational institutions. These establishments were the ones that relied upon the flow of incoming young men to continue the organizations throughout the coming years, but with the majority of younger men of the country being taken off to perform a more important job due to the critical need of them at the time when they would be most advantageous, these establishments suffered severely.

We need not go far to visualize this fact, as here upon our own campus was felt the call of war. At first, the new era which had come upon us, was not noticed to too great a degree as enrollment was maintained at practically the same level as in pre-war years. But as the age of the war advanced through the years of '43, '44 and '45, it became more and more apparent of the seriousness of the world condition. Whereas the enrollment of the school was maintained before the war at a level of 500 to 600 students, during the years of the conflict enrollment at Tech was slowly dropping off as each new semester began. Tech wasn't the only college in the country confronted with such a problem; nearly every school, large or small, met the same situation. Trying times? Yes, these were trying years of educational institutions, business firms and manufacturing companies throughout the country. But under such circumstances the true worth of an establishment can be observed. Had the organization been one of mediocre policies and had not been too keen in maintaining its standards, they would have soon folded

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## The Greek Column

### S.P.E.

We have been notified that William W. Hindman, Jr., National Grand Secretary of Sig Ep, will visit the house within a few days.

News from Ohio State University reports that John B. Tilton, former pledge of this house, has been pledged to the Sig Ep chapter of that college.

Big plans are in the wind for the coming formal. Approximately 15 couples will attend.

During the last month former President Arthur Rosenquest, formerly of the American Field Service, visited the house. "Rosie" intends to resume studies at the Institute next term.

At the formal induction ceremony held December 16th, George Thomson, Henry Spring, and Theodore Majka were initiated into the fraternity.

Members of the chapter bowling team are: Dick Propst, Frank Baumgardner, Rus Wood, Dave Wright and Ben Barker.

### A.E.P.

Everyone reports having enjoyed a restful (?) vacation over the holidays.

The house gave a pledge dance last Saturday night following the basketball game.

The House on Dayton Street sports a new mailbox. It is a copious green one with a bird that flies out when mail is deposited.

The chapter expects a visit from the Tufts Chapter of A.E.P. when

that college meets Tech on the basketball floor.

### L.C.A.

L.C.A. has adopted a new mascot in the form of a kitten (female) called "Muggsey."

Open house was held after the game Saturday night.

Les Davis visited the house recently. He has been discharged from the Army Air Corps and expects to resume studies next term.

Don Taylor of the Navy returned for a call. He was formerly studying radio in Mississippi.

Rus Jenkins was also a visitor before the vacation.

### P.S.K.

The fellows have been making ardent plans for the formal. A large percentage will attend.

Brother Peepas called at the house for a visit on January 4th.

Members of the bowling team are Bob Campbell, "Ace" Walton, Jim Graves and Bill Ritchie.

### S.A.E.

Tom McCaw will live at the house next term.

Ed Hebditch of the sophomore class has been pledged.

The chapter house living room is being completely renovated and done over.

Bill Bowluch and Paul Beaudry were initiated last weekend.

Paul Sandford, Al Rockwood, Bob Willis and Bob Hubley comprise the bowling team.

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## GAZING AROUND

By Ted Gazda

With its first five games, including the first of the 1946 leg of the schedule, under its belt, the Tech quintet appears to be on its way toward a brilliant close of a season that started with a dismal outlook. In contrast to the forecasts originally made in this column, from here on it looks as if the Techmen are ready, willing, and able to take on all comers.

Bouncing back from its two initial setbacks, the squad has turned in three impressive victories. The explanation lies in the fact that the same type of team that played the first pair of games did not play the successive ones. Actually, the men are identical, but their abilities have been coordinated by the knowledge gained through playing and working through the tight spots together.

The squad dropped the first game to the highly-touted American International College, which won five straight before the Tech encounter, and the second to Brown, who boasts of an ex-G.I. star, at Providence. However, those two defeats seem to have been just what the doctor ordered, because the third, fourth, and fifth games told a different story. In a beautiful exhibition of fast, close basketball, the Techmen stole the show, and from the opening jump stayed out in front to take Norwich with an half-a-hundred margin. Trinity bowed next in a hard-fought four periods after trailing by only a few points throughout the contest. Coming back after the Christmas break, the squad showed that it still had the stuff it takes as it marched for its third straight against Northeastern on the Alumni court.

Various reasons were tributary to Tech's initial failure. The opening game showed the same defects evidenced at practice sessions, and the tension of that first encounter did not allow the quintet to adjust themselves. The result was a roughly-played game with the Engineers on the short end of the score. The nemesis of height was the deciding factor in the Brown tussle. Fighting all the way, the Stagmen played heads-up ball the full forty minutes, but finally tired out after nearly upsetting the highly favored Bruins. Special commendation should be given to Captain Bob Kuykendall and Russ Bradlaw, a freshman, for their exceptionally good work under

the backboards.

After these two defeats, the hoopsters really went to town. Pacing Norwich with a red-hot offense and an iron-tight defense, the Boynton Hillers displayed the form that fans like to see. The game was evidence of the fact that Tech always has had and will have an ace-high squad. The game also showed that the team had developed from five men into a solid quintet. The plays were run off with machine-like precision, and there seemed to be no tie-ups in dead corners. Passing was accurate, shooting was good, and, in general, the squad looked ready to take over anyone. After witnessing that game, one should not be surprised at the sudden change expressed toward future contests. The most favorable impression that can be derived from the results of the following two games is that regardless of how weak the Vermont team may have been, the home five has come through with close scores but on the long end of them. Without a doubt, the season should end definitely in favor of the Techmen.

The winning quintet has experienced several changes from the one that opened the season. Steve Uchich is still playing his bang-up game at center and is developing into a top ball player. He really gets up in the air for those high rebounds. Bob Kuykendall and Jack Laffey, at guard and forward respectively, are holding the team together and piling up the points at the same time. Bob Carlson, a freshman, started at guard, but his recent performances have shown his greater value as Laffey's running mate. Filling up the starting five is Russ Bradlaw, who has definitely displayed the reasons Stagg has picked him to work the ball down the court with Kuykendall. The five have proved to be a very effective combination.

Next on the roster is Massachusetts State followed by Tufts. Of the two, State has the weaker team, and Tech should win out without too much trouble. Tufts will be out for a repeat victory after the football season, and by the same token, the Engineers will be out for revenge. The game promises to be close and hard-fought, but we're picking the home team hands down. It will be a good time to celebrate too, since it will be the night after the winter formal.

## Squad Evens Standing Before Vacation

Drops to Brown;  
Trounces Norwich;  
Edges Trinity

By winning two of their last three games, the Worcester Tech basketball team evened its seasonal record at two victories and two defeats. The Stagmen lost the first encounter to Brown University by the score of 53 to 43; then they trounced Norwich University 75 to 21; and finally they edged out Trinity College 50 to 43.

In the game against Brown at Providence, the Bears' greater height and more experienced players ultimately proved too much for the fighting Techmen. For a time it looked like Tech might have come through with an upset as guards Russ Bradlaw and Capt. Bob Kuykendall defensively controlled the backboards while Jack Laffey kept us in the game offensively with his accurate shooting. In the third period, however, after Worcester had taken a surprising four point lead, Costa, an ex G.I., sparked the Bruins as they evened the score and then forged ahead of the Techmen, never to be headed again.

In the game against Norwich, the Techmen by far played their best basketball of the still young season, and the inexperienced Norwich five was simply no match for their shooting and fast ball-handling. With the starting five of Bradlaw and Kuykendall, guards, Uchich, center, and Laffey and Carlson, forwards, playing only a little more than one-fourth of the game, the action was dominated by reserves. The Stagmen pressed the visitors so much that fourteen minutes of the first half had elapsed before the Vermonters were able to score their first floor goal. For Tech, besides the starting five, the reserves George Fritz, Ace Walton, and Auggie Kellermann also performed well.

In the game against Trinity at Hartford, which was a nip and tuck battle all the way, the Techmen led 21 to 20 at half-time. The unique part of this score was, that of the Trinitians' total points, half of them were scored from the free throw line as the Boynton Hillers proved a little over-anxious in guarding their men during the first half. In the second half of the game, the Techmen worked like a new team. They committed fewer fouls, passed the ball with greater assurance, and showed a decided improvement in the accuracy of their shooting. Everyone who played performed well for the Techmen, and with the weaker teams of Northeastern and Mass. State next on our schedule, Coach Stagg has high hopes of having a definite winning streak under way before the big game with Tufts.

## Tech Hoopmen Trample Huskies In Second Period Scoring Spree

TKP Takes First In I.F. Relays Held In The Gym

Interfraternity Bowling Gets Underway with Theta Chi Taking First Position

The Interfraternity Relays which started November 28 have been completed, after a spirited competition between the fraternities on the Hill. Near the end of the season, Theta Kap had won all their races, while Lambda Chi had won all but one, having lost to T.K.P. by a few feet in that race. Then T.X. came up and beat T.K.P., when one of Theta Kap's men accidentally ran four laps instead of three, which disqualified T.K.P. With Theta Kap and Theta Chi tied, they ran off the tying race with Theta Kap winning. Conley, Sasek, Marcello and Andrews were the members of the winning team. Gammons, Glencross, Smith, and Mitchell also turned in a fine exhibition of running for Lambda Chi. S.A.E. with Brown, Crowell, Jodrey, and Hamilton were third; while A.T.O. with Hatch, Morin, and Dzwiliski were fourth. Phi Sig was fifth, and S.P.E. and Theta Chi were tied for sixth place. A.E.P. was eighth, while the cellar position went to Phi Gam.

The Interfraternity bowling is also getting under way with T.X. in the lead, having won seven points and lost one. A.E.P., P.S.K. and T.K.P. are tied for second place, all having won three and lost one point. A.T.O. is in the cellar position at the present. As to individual averages: Strogoff of A.E.P. is in the lead with an average of 96.0 points per game; Bingam of T.X. is next with an average of 94.6 points. Johnson of T.K.P. has an average of 93 points per game, while Campbell of P.S.K. is not far behind with an average of 92.6 points per game. The high single string is headed so far by Bingam of T.X., who has 117 points for one game. The high team total is held by A.E.P., which has 1078 points for three games. But with the season just starting, and many more games to be played, the high averages of the men and teams will no doubt go up.

Class of '79 prize contest closes Jan. 12, 1946. All entries must be given to Professor Higginbottom at noon of that date.

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Laffey High Scorer With 26 Pts.; John Labadia Tallies 14

Playing before a crowd of about one thousand at Tech Gym last Saturday night, the Worcester Tech basketball team won its third game in a row as it registered a thrilling 57-41 victory over Northeastern University. The Techmen were sparked in their win by the sharp-shooting Jack Laffey, who poled a high total of 26 points.

Throughout the first half, both teams played equally well with Tech holding a slight edge in scoring at the midway mark, 27 to 20. In the second half, however, the Techmen completely outclassed their rivals both in shooting and passing, and they quickly pulled away to a commanding lead which the Northeasterners could not contest.

For Tech, Steve Uchich, who played his best game of the season, showed definite signs of developing into a very fine center. The lanky freshman not only controlled both backboards consistently, but he also, by his fancy bucket shots proved himself to be a definite offensive threat to future Tech opponents.

For the Huskies, forward John Labadia grabbed the scoring honors with a total of 14 points. Bespectacled Tom Blair also played well for the visitors both offensively and defensively.

As in the previous games, fouling again proved costly to the Techmen. Northeastern scored a good percentage of their points from the free throw line, while two of the Tech regulars were forced to retire from the game with five personal fouls. On the other side of the ledger, the Techmen were able to garner only seven of their attempted nineteen foul shots.

The Tech cause suffered a slight blow early in the second half when Capt. Bob Kuykendall was forced to retire from the game with a bad cut over his eye. Three stitches had to be taken on it; nevertheless, "Kentucky Bob" was all smiles as he returned to the bench to cheer his mates on to victory.

Besides the starting five, Kuykendall and Bradlaw, guards, Uchich at center and Carlson and Laffey, forwards, others who performed well for the Techmen were George Fritz, forward, Cliff Juergins, center, and Harry Nielsen, guard.

In the preliminary game the Tech Jayvee's were nosed out by Worcester South High School by the score of 26 to 24. The Junior Varsity boys had their share of tough breaks throughout the game, both in their passing and shooting. Whalen of South scored eight points for his team, while Harnish and Cromack tallied eight and seven points respectively for Tech.

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# CEILING ZERO

By Norm Poirier

Now that we're back from enjoying a merry Christmas and a happy hangover, it's time that we settle down to our books again (Forever Amber, Lord Jim, and Kitty).

I hated to leave the school though, especially after the fine time we had at the Glee Club Concert. Those Connecticut girls were swell. They must have complimented the Stratton boys all night because the next morning they were all telling me that they had BIG HEADS. U. of CONN'S Glee Club was the most convincing I have heard in a long time. They sang a selection entitled, "Sing Me to Sleep", and I'll be darned if they didn't. But when they sang, "Bells", it sounded so realistically like an alarm clock that I awoke to enjoy the rest of the show.

But the dance afterwards was really enjoyable. After a battle of music by the Juergens-Arsnow team and the Boyntonians, the band smoothly slithered into a syncopated session of stinkin' selections. I've never seen anybody dance like these sailors do. I won't say that they dance close but I saw Dave Dobson, in baggy pants, walk over to a cute girl with bangs wearing a smooth skirt, and ask her for a dance. After the song was over and they untangled, I was amazed to see that his pants were pressed, she was wearing a pleated gown and that her bangs were replaced by a mustache and a purple goatee. I don't know how he does it.

I never saw such cutting in at any dance before. In fact, I was dancing cheek to cheek with a pleasant young Miss coyly whispering sweet nothings in her ear, when I discovered that I had been dancing with Hugh Powell for the fifteen minutes. I kinda thought she needed a shave.

It seems that a few of the V-5'ers went skiing over the leave, one of whom was Red Bowman. Red started skiing before he could walk (of course he was rather slow and didn't start walking until he was seventeen) so he caused quite a sensation on the steep slopes of New Hampshire. I won't say that Red can't ski, but after rolling down the slope once, he was so covered with snow that the ski patrol termed him, "SNOWBALL", and restricted him to a three foot mound in front of the lodge.

A report has just reached me that claims the Senior Aero's have a prep on the 27th of January. Of course this has not been confirmed and the men will not be awakened until the rumor is authorized.

The first thing Dick Forward did after returning from his leave was to dash over to the pool to take a

refreshing swim. But luck wasn't with him. Three beautiful swan dives he tried, and three times the ice refused to crack. It seems that Prof. Heller had a quart of milk left over from the last meal before the leave and since the kitchen was out of ice, he decided to turn on the cooler in the pool and save the milk. (Note to the unfortunate who drank the first glass of milk after the leave: That milk was 25% milk and 75% chlorine.

The word is being passed around that George Fritz, the never was, is going to stage a comeback and write another article for the TECH NEWS. If any of you are so unfortunate as to read it, ignore it. It is either a copied article from a corny joke book, or some of his own humor (heaven forbid), but since we can all realize that a misled youth who has chosen the wrong vocation finds it hard to admit defeat, we all should, upon seeing George slinking in the halls, rush up to him, grasp his hand firmly, and say, "Swell article, George."

NOTICE. . . After 18 months of a lowly seaman at Tech, Spider Conroy has finally crashed the ranks of power in being appointed a student officer. Having always done his best to harass his officers, power hungry Conroy will know how it feels to have the little imps in his hair, that is, if he can grow hair in the next week.

William (I'm getting my name in the paper because my roommate is the editor) Smith must have been heard threatening his company because he has been promoted to Ass't Battalion commander. Asked what he thought of his new appointment Smitty replied, "From now on there will be an inspection of left nostrils every Saturday."

For the benefit of those who commented on the "phenorten" after the last issue, it is a gnome-like creature that is forever looking over a fence and can be seen in any Higgin's classroom where the Steam Engines hold their session. To better illustrate, imagine Kellerman's ever running nose on a square head like Bradford's, then glue on a set of cauliflower ears like McKinney's and two rubber lips like Wheeler's. Put the concoction in front of a baby and the expression on his face will be the same as Prof. Staples as Knibb walks in the room, utter resignation.

### Formal

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) W.P.I. hoopsters will pit their skill against Tufts. The Tech men, having shown great improvement in

## New Student Officers Are Appointed

### Funk and Smith Will Lead Battalion As New Men Take Positions

The Naval Office has just announced its appointments for the student officers who will serve the remainder of the present scholastic term.

Remaining as head of the unit, Edward R. Funk retains his position as Battalion Commander and in charge of Stratton Hall. As Assistant Battalion Commander and in charge of Sanford Riley Hall, William F. Smith has been elevated from his previous position as Company Commander of Company C.

In Sanford Riley Hall, the entire student staff has been replaced by new men. Frank L. Baumgardner is now Company Commander of Company A. At the head of Company B is John E. Wilson. The Platoon Leaders acting as Wilson's assistants are Joseph J. Conroy and Paul V. Freese. Replacing Smith as commander of Company C is Richard F. Probst, while the Platoon Leaders of that company are Robert P. Kuykendall and John H. Knibb.

In the Senior divisions that are quartered in Stratton Hall, two new men will replace the present student officers. Walter J. Bank will assume the duties of the Company Commander of Company D, while Company E will be led by Floyd A. Wyczalek.

In addition to the new student officers, the band will remain under the leadership of Bandmaster Daniel J. Rice.

their teamwork and ball-handling will really put up a stiff fight. On the other hand, Tufts shows promise as a scoring team. The result promises to be a fast tricky game.

A round-robin will follow the basketball game. This ever-popular social event is always one of the highlights of a Tech week-end. Everybody visits the fraternity houses, meets his friends and has a real good informal time.

The committee has been planning and working for weeks in an effort to make this the best formal week-end in the history of the school. Bob Hubley, chairman of the committee, who has the success of the Sophomore Hop to his credit, is assisted by Paul Mugford, George Morin, Lennie Berg, Ed Jurga, Chuck Heyelman, Mickie Gordon, Bob Proctor, and Auggie Kellerman.

## CIVILIAN CHATTER

By BOB HUBLEY

The Christmas vacation sure flew by, didn't it? I wonder how many others besides myself waited over a half an hour for the Boynton bus last Tuesday night at Front and Main only to find out later that the Boynton bus has been re-routed, and now goes straight down Main Street?

It looks like the main topic of interest right now is the I. F. C. ball which takes place a week from this Friday. Elaborate plans are being made to make this formal one of the best yet. Bill Yurkee did a professional job on that poster in Boynton. A. E. P. will be celebrating their fifth anniversary at the Sheraton Hotel on Saturday night so they won't be able to take part in the Round Robin.

If you hear someone walk past you mumbling, "Only forty-three more days," that's just a Senior counting the days left until graduation. Some of them have even got the seconds counted.

There'll be quite a class of civilians entering in March. Probably between 150 and 180, the majority of them veterans.

I wasn't surprised to see on the bulletin board in the gym that A. E. P. is leading in everything connected with the bowling tournament. They were putting in quite a few afternoons of practice before the tournament started, and had about a dozen men trying out for the team. It looks as if they've got four good men in Strogoff, Gordon, Genser, and Robinson.

For my money, I'll take Bob Campbell of P. S. K. to knock down the pins when they're really needed. Bill Bingham of T. C. is another man who can almost always be depended on to come through with a 90 or better.

Phi Sig had a female rooting section of one at the P. S. K.-S. A. E. match. Maybe she's good luck, boys?

## Telephones



## on Wheels



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The Bell System plans an extensive trial of two-way radio in providing telephone service to vehicles in a number of large cities.

Connections with other telephones will be made through the nearest of several receiving and transmitting stations operated by the telephone company. It is generally similar to the existing ship-shore radio telephone service for vessels in coastal and inland waters.

The main job right now is making more telephones available for those who have been waiting for regular service. But as soon as the new equipment can be built the Bell System will begin extending telephone service to vehicles

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