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Student Officers Appointed To Replace Last Term's Staff

Naval Unit Places Upper Classmen in Charge of Trainees

The new Student Officers for the coming year have been appointed by the Naval Unit here at Tech to replace last term's staff. The only man to retain his position was Ed Funk as Battalion Commander.

Ed is a Senior Aero from Wooster, Ohio, and has proven his ability for the job by his past performance and his activities on the Hill. He is a member of S.A.E. Fraternity, The Skull, Tau Beta Psi, Editor-in-Chief of the *Peddler*, and a member of the A.S.M.E.

The new Assistant Battalion Commander is Ace Walton, a Senior M.E. Ace is President of the Skull, President of the Athletic Council, a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and has earned his letters in basketball and baseball.

Danny Rice, a Senior E.E., will continue as Bandmaster for the Unit. Danny is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, the Newman Club, the AIEE and the Radio Club.

The new Commander of Company A is Wilfred J. Lee. Bill is a Senior M.E., a member of the Skull, the SCA Cabinet, the Tech Council and the Band. He is Vice President of the Newman Club and a member of last year's varsity baseball squad.

Tom McCaw, a Junior E.E., is a member of Tau Beta Psi, SAE Fraternity, AIEE, Glee Club, and is President of the Camera Club.

Commander of Platoon 2, Company B, is Otto Muller. Muller is a Junior Aero, a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity, The Skull, ASME. He is Treasurer of the Athletic Council and played a lot of basketball last year for the J.V. Team.

Commander of Platoon 1, Company B, is Jack Wilson, a Senior M.E. from Detroit, Michigan. Jack is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, has earned his letter in baseball, and is currently out for the basketball team.

W. F. Smith is the new Commander of Company C. Smitty, a Senior M.E. from New York, is a member of the ASME, and attended Miami University in Ohio before coming to Tech. W. F. was formerly with the fleet, attached to the Marines.

Commander of Platoon 1, Company C, is John Lee, a Junior Aero. John is a member of the Camera Club, the ASME, and is active in inter-company sports.

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Peddler Plans Take Form As Seniors Work for Big Edition

Extensive Preparations To Make Yearbook More Personal and Attractive

If variety is the spice of life, the *Peddler* has plenty of it on its pages for you this year. The book will be bound by a padded leather cover and will contain 150 pages of rich descriptive material of all classes, with pictures of all the faculty, all the men enrolled, fraternities, athletic teams, societies and clubs here at Tech. Chris Herbert and Joe Fischer are the two fellows responsible for the pleasant and extra fine pictures in the book. Besides the formal pictures, Herbert and Fischer have obtained many informal "shots" of the fellows in innumerable situations, such as those taken at chow, on the campus, during study hours and others that will bring back happy memories to the owner of the book.

Ed Funk, editor, and Charlie Mitchell, assistant editor, have worked diligently to put something about everybody on the campus in the *Peddler* and to make it one of the best copies ever put out.

Harry Mehrer, as advertising manager of the *Peddler*, has done an excellent job obtaining ads for the book, and keeping its price down to four dollars and fifty cents. Harry has tried to solicit all the ads possible which makes it possible for all the fellows in the school to get one. As for the business end, we have had that taken well in hand by Auggie Kellerman. He has kept the paper work and books in excellent condition, and he, with the rest of the staff, deserves our thanks for the toil and labor they have put into the production of such an extraordinary edition.

Fellows, the book will, in later years, bring back fond memories of your college career, and be something to cherish for life. So we urge you to get one, as it will be the last official year-book published until 1948.

Tech Band Reorganizes

Since the school has been slowly getting back on a peace-time schedule, the school band has begun to function again. Before the emergency, Tech was always known to have a better-than-average band. This is the first year since the end

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Prof. Pierce Is Retired After Notable Career

Respected by Faculty And Students Alike, He Takes Well-earned Rest

Dr. Clarence A. Pierce of 20 Westminster street, a member of Worcester Polytechnic Institute faculty for 34 years and professor of theoretical electrical engineering since 1931, has retired.

He devoted his life to teaching and writing technical articles in his field and has instructed two generations of students in electrical engineering at W.P.I.

Dr. Pierce came to Tech in 1911 from Cornell where he had been an instructor in electrical engineering for seven years.

He was graduated from Wesleyan in 1902 and received his master of science degree two years later. He was a Phi Beta Kappa student and an assistant in physics there. He was a member of Sigma Xi at Cornell, where he completed postgraduate work in 1908.

His teaching was amplified by experience in industry during the summers; from 1902 to 1906 at the Bureau of Standards in Washington; in 1914, with Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co.; and in 1927 and 1928 as an engineer with General Electric Co.

He is a member of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, American Association of University Professors, a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and was a fellow in American Physics Society.

ENLARGED GLEE CLUB PREPARES FOR SEASON

The W.P.I. Glee Club, under the able direction of Mr. Clifford F. Green, is now busily engaged in preparing for its Fall season.

Since the beginning of this term, the ranks of the club have been swelled by the addition of many new freshmen. At the present time, the club numbers about fifty men.

Plans are now definite for a joint concert with Connecticut University at Storrs, Conn., on Saturday night, December 15. There are also tentative plans that a return concert with Connecticut Univ. will be held here the following Friday night.

In all probability, there will be several selections of Christmas music included in the program. It is also planned that there will be dancing for the members of the Glee Club following both concerts.

Professors Kolb, Morgan and Maxfield Rejoin Tech's Staff

Johnson Tapped By Skull in Special Rite

Popular Metallurgy Prof. Taken Into the School's Chief Honorary Society

At times, Skull, during its tapping ceremonies, chooses a member from the faculty as an honorary member to its society. This tapping of a faculty member is usually held at the regular assembly conducted for the ceremony.

However, this year Skull diverted from its usual custom because of the absence of its choice from the last assembly. It met in secret session in the office of Dean Roys and conducted a special tapping for Carl G. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Peter Vozzola administered the punishing blow to the shoulder of the surprised Mr. Johnson.

Students here on the "hill" who were fortunate enough to study under Mr. Johnson, know well his merits as a teacher of Metallurgy. He is an expert in this field and is in constant demand for his advice by the big metal industries. A fact not known to most people here at Tech, is that the Massachusetts Steel Treating Corporation is owned by Mr. Johnson.

Easy going and friendly, he is considered "tops" by the students and faculty. His being chosen into Skull bestows upon him a token well-earned by his good work.

Veterans Enrolled In Freshman Class

There are 57 civilians taking the first term freshman course this term. Of these 57 men, there are four men returning to the school to start the freshman course over again. Out of the 57 men there are 43 civilians new to the school, and 28 veterans. These 28 veterans are entering the school under the G.I. Bill of Rights, which allows each man so much schooling for the time he spent in the service. Many of these veterans have seen a lot of active duty; one man having been missed in action for four months.

The Tech Council decided that there shall be no hazing of the new class of freshmen. This ruling has broken the precedent established in the dim past of Tech history that the Sophomore class should take the freshmen in hand and introduce the new class to college life as the sophomores saw fit. The reason for aban-

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They Return After Leave of Absence For Active Duty

Hardly a term goes by that we do not see an exchange of teachers here on the hill. The mechanical engineering department has seen three changes in the faculty this last month. Robert P. Kolb, professor of Heat-Power engineering, has rejoined the staff after a leave of absence which began in July, 1942. At that time, Professor Kolb, who served in the first world war as an Ensign, and who has been in the Naval Reserve since 1933, was called to active duty. He was sent to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he joined the staff of the post graduate school. He gave advance instruction in naval engineering to junior officers who had returned from sea duty. Professor Kolb, who recently left the Naval Academy with rank of commander, was first appointed to the staff at W.P.I. in 1936. He received a degree of M.M.E. from Cornell in 1932.

Ray C. Boggs and Joseph B. Chamberlain, instructors in Mechanical Engineering, have left W.P.I. to go into industry. The former came here in 1941 after having received a degree of M.A. from Northwestern University the previous year. He is, at present, employed by the Campbell Soup Corp. in Chicago. The latter, who received a degree of M.E. from Rensselaer in 1933, was first appointed to the staff at W.P.I. in 1936. He is now a member of the research department of Graton and Knight, makers of leather products, in Worcester.

The department of electrical engineering welcomed two members of the staff back to the school last month. Theodore H. Morgan, professor in and head of the department, left Boynton Hill in February, 1942, to join the administration staff of the U. S. Office of Education in Washington, D. C. While there, he was Department Director of Engineering Science and Management in the war training program set up by the government to train men, in two hundred twenty-seven colleges throughout the country, for industry and the armed forces. Instruction was given to prepare men for the radio, radar, aircraft, shipbuilding, and steel industries. Professor Morgan graduated from Stanford University in 1920, after which he went into industry in the western part of the country until 1923, when he returned to Stanford as an instructor

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Editorial

This term brings to Tech one of the largest Freshman classes that we have witnessed in many terms. Many of you are veterans, many transfers from other colleges, and still a great number of you are fresh from high school. It is to you new men that we dedicate this editorial, to you who will soon have to assume the duties of responsibility and management that now rest with the depleted upper classes.

In the short time that you have been here you have probably become aware of the heavy demands of accelerated schedules. You have probably come to realize that your studies will be rigorous and will demand your utmost effort; and you are every bit right. But not to paint too drab a picture for your opening days, let us recount some of the lighter sides of campus life.

In spite of pressing conditions imposed by the recently ended war, Tech has managed to keep a representative place in the athletic world. With the Navy men and civilians pulling side by side, we can still boast of teams that have continued to carry on the Tech spirit. True, we have had some bad seasons, but that is to be expected, even of the best of organizations. With your help we can continue to keep our respected place in the field of athletics.

The list of other activities that provide diversion and also constructive recreation is long, too long to enumerate here. To mention but a few of these activities, S.C.A., Band, Glee Club, TECH NEWS, Tech Carnival, gives you an idea of the diversified fields that are offered to you. You may be fitted for any one, or even all of these types of activity. Think it over; the benefits received will amply repay you for any effort expended in them.

We of the News would like at this time to offer you a position of writing for this paper. We will act first in extending our invitation to you to become a member of this organization. If any of you have had any experience in writing or business technique come around and see us; we are always glad to welcome a new man to the staff.

You may wonder at our purpose in relating the various activities of the Hill, and our plea to you to become part of them. If it is not clear, stop and think a moment! Do you men realize that there is practically no Sophomore or Junior class? Do you realize that after the present Seniors graduate in a few short months you will be the only ones to carry on the Tech traditions and activities? If you do not act, and act *now* to take an active part in extra-curricular activities, all that has taken many years to build will crumble before your eyes.

Tech has many fine traditions, among which fall the athletic programs—paddle rush, Freshman-Sophomore Competition, Formal Week-end—all of which depend upon the students for support and continuation. These are but a few of the heritages left to all of us by the former Tech men, heritages that we have seen fit to carry on for our own enjoyment and for our own betterment. The further continuation of these traditions rests with your enthusiasm, with your efforts in the months to come.

It is YOUR school, Freshmen, yours to live and yours to build in the coming years, so let's get on the ball.

Profs Return

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in electrical engineering. He became a professor at W.P.I. in 1931.

Harold A. Maxfield, professor of electrical engineering, graduated from W.P.I. in 1916 with a degree of B.S. He returned in 1921 as instructor in electrical engineering and continued to study until in 1927,

he received a degree of M.S. In 1941 he was made professor of electrical engineering. Shortly after that he was granted a leave of absence, whereupon he went to Fort Munroe, Alabama. As executive in charge of instruction for the department of engineering, he sent thousands of men to battle better prepared to meet the enemy.

The Greek Column

S.P.E.

The annual Convocation was held on November 10th at the Sheraton Hotel. Reports were heard from various committees and afterwards the new members absorbed school and fraternity lore from the older men. A general good time was had by all.

On November 3rd, a pledge dance was attended by all civilian and Navy members. Games were played under the staid (?) supervision of Auggie Kellermann.

The new pledges welcome to Sig Ep are: Glen From, Sherman Brickett, and Robert Carlson.

S.A.E.

The chapter was fortunate in pledging three veterans: Charles Farrington, Bill Boluch, and Paul Beaudry. All three men have commendable service records, and Beaudry is credited for bagging six Zeros in the Pacific Theater.

Three more veterans have returned to the house and resumed their studies on the Hill. They are: Phil Scott, Ernie LaRose, formerly of the Mass. State chapter, and Bill Howard.

A pledge dance was held the tenth of November.

A.E.P.

Norman Mason, who left early last term because of an ankle injury sustained during P.E. has returned to the house. He is a hard man to keep down. Also Norman Feldman, formerly of the Navy Air Corps, has returned to enter the second term Sophomore class.

The new pledges at the chapter are: Al Horlick, discharged Second Lieutenant and veteran of the European theatre, ex-Sgt. Dave Wiener, Bill Chebot, and Hans Picard. A dance will be held within the next month in honor of these pledges.

During last month eight men from the Tufts Chapter visited the house. They were welcomed despite the outcome of the game.

L.C.A.

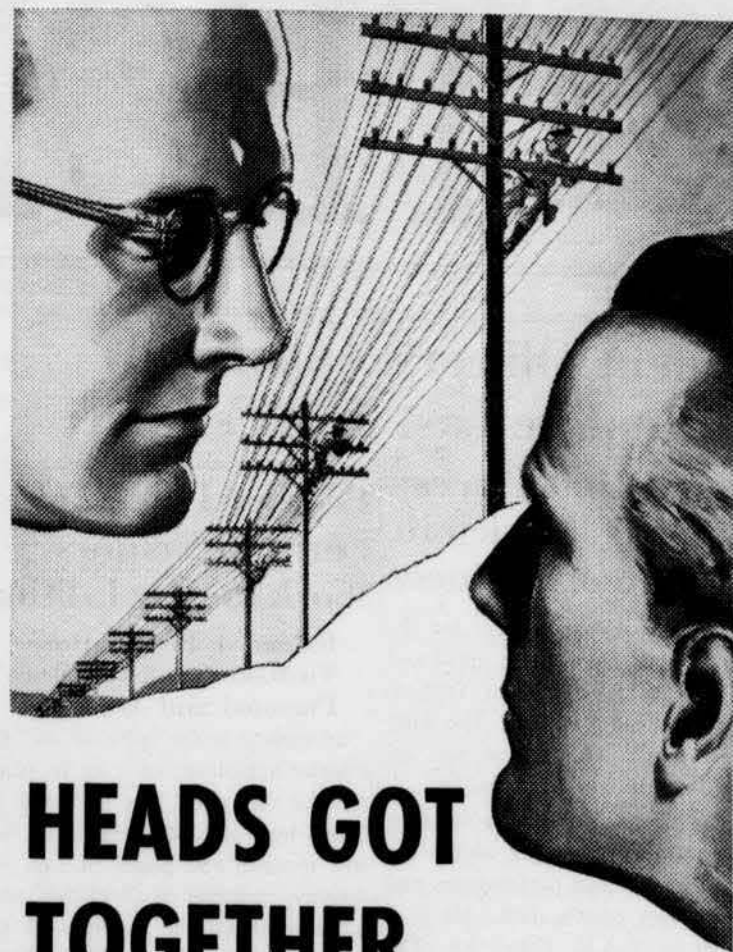
In the pledging ceremony held Wednesday, Ray Peabody, of Watford, Conn., Dick Rider of Queens, N. Y., and Norm Jardine, of Springfield, were welcomed to the house. A pledge dance will be held the 17th of this month.

Several alumni have beaten the familiar path to our door recently. They are: Ensign Don Peter, '46, from the Columbia Midshipmen's school; Don Flohr, who is at present attending a specialized Navy school; Ensign S. B. Johnson, also of Columbia; 1st Lieut. Les Davis; and Willie Gove, '40.

P.S.K.

Paul Dulong, Dick Hawie, and Tom Chadbourne are the pledges of the new freshman class to Phi Sig. Plans are being formulated for a pledge dance for these new men in the near future.

Four veterans are back from the wars to continue their studies at Tech and continue their fraternity life at Phi Sig: Bob Brown, Newt Burr, Bill Sheldrick, and Al Breed. Our congratulations to Bob



HEADS GOT TOGETHER

RESULT: MORE TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

With wire scarce and wartime calls increasing, telephone engineers made existing pairs of long distance wires carry nearly four times as many calls as before. This was done through installation of additional carrier equipment, requiring closer spacing of the wires on the line and transpositions at shorter intervals.

Three pairs on the Southern Transcontinental Route were rearranged, and in a 430-mile section this had to be done while keeping the urgently needed wires in service all the time. To do this, new tools and new methods had to be devised in the laboratories and on the job.

This is another among many examples of how Bell System teamwork and engineering skills maintained telephone service under wartime conditions.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



Brown who was married to Miss Ann Colby of Meriden, Conn., on Nov. 3.

Phi Sig wants to put in a long yell for Ed Lemieux who defends his championship against other New England college harriers in Boston on Nov. 10. Good luck, Ed!

Recent visitors at Phi Sig were Carl Simon, Dick Laughton, Don Ferguson (all of whom graduated in June), Joe McBride, and Myron Johnson (both of whom left Tech while still undergraduates to join the service).

T.K.P.

The house welcomed back veterans Paul Gorman, Harris Dufresne, Al Letourneau, and Jack Laffey at the beginning of the term.

New pledges are Joe Cambell, Don O'Neill, and Harvey Vigneault—all veterans.

Several graduates have visited the house in the last two weeks. Among those who recently graduated from Midshipmen's School, Charlie Mi-

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Student Officers

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Don Girard, a Senior M.E. from Mt. Clemens, Michigan, is Commander of Platoon 2, Company C. D. J. is President of Theta Kappa Phi Fraternity, Managing Editor of the TECH NEWS, a member of The Skull, ASME, Newman Club, is a letter man in football and a member of last year's baseball team.

Bob Willis, a Senior E.E., is Commander of Platoon 1, Company D. Bob is a member of SAE Fraternity, AIEE, Radio Club, Glee Club, manager of the basketball team and is active in interfraternity sports.

Howard France, a Senior Aero, is Commander of Company E. Howie is a member of the ASME, the Camera Club, the Radio Club, Glee Club, the Band, the Rifle Team, and the orchestra.

GAZING AROUND

By Ted Gazda

With basketball coming into conversations more each day, the big question concerning Tech's quintet becomes very important—what kind of a team will represent the school on the hardwood this year?

At the time this paper went to press, only one practice had been held, but even from that one showing, some of the difficulties that will face Coach Stagg this season were very apparent. Probably the most important of these difficulties is the fact that this season's turnout is the smallest in the history of the school. Undoubtedly the reason for the small turnout is the lack of eligible players. With the graduation of last season's Seniors and the transfer of the Sophomore and Junior Navy men, Stagg lost a great number of potential hoopsters. To replace these men are one class of civilian Freshmen and a group of Navy men in V-5. Of these two groups, the only eligible players are the civilians and a small group of the Navy men who were transferred from other schools, and from all indications, the boys transferred from Wabash are going to be a great deal of help.

Looking at the players that are out, both good and bad points were obvious. On the debit side of the sheet is the fact that Tech is going to be sadly lacking height. Visiting the court the night of the first practice was Dick Lawton, the rangy number 10 and center on last year's five. Dick was way up in the air to start with, but this year the boys are going to have to get up there by other means. If everyone had Bob Kuykendall's ability to jump high under the basket, hang on a skyhook for a couple of seconds, and shoot the ball, the outlook might not be so gloomy, but unfortunately, that little feat of Bob's is his own secret, and he either won't, or can't pass it on to the rest of the boys.

In connection with lack of height is the problem of finding a center. Height is a prime requisite for the pivot post, and with Tech's serious shortage in that department, the slot is wide open for the man who can get highest most often. Two men looking good for that position are Steve Uch, a six foot, two inch boy who has an eye for the hoop, and Cliff Juergens, a Freshman transfer who is aggressive and handles the ball fairly well. Naturally, this early in the season the spot is still open to the best man.

Rather than be pessimistic all the time, we also have some credits on our side. Back from last season are Bob Kuykendall, captain elect, and George Fritz. Both of these boys won their varsity letters last year and are expected to play a lot of ball again this season. Also from the varsity is Ace Walton, a very

aggressive ballplayer, who shows a great deal of improvement over his abilities of last year. The junior varsity, made up of a number of the underclassmen, was practically dispersed by the transfer of most of the men to R.O.T.C. However, Stan Morris and Otto Muller, two of the first string J.V.'s, are still with us. Possibly the luckiest break the Navy gave us was the discharge of John Laffey, co-captain elect two years ago serving with Charlie Schmit. With those few men who have played on the Tech court are two potential point-makers, Laffey and Kuykendall, who were high scorers during the past two seasons respectively. Also deserving mention for their exhibitions on the first day of practice are Bradlaw, Carlson, MacKenney, and Turner—all Freshmen.

In spite of everything that may be said about the potentialities of the squad, one thing is certain: Coach Stagg is going to have no little job building a winning quintet from the material available. It is true that there are a great many possibilities, but the rough play and clumsy ball handling are certain evidence that practice and plenty of sweat are going to be the major qualities that will make Tech come out tops.

Prof. Carpenter and Coach Frank Grant have announced that there will be no swimming team representing the school this year since there is not enough experience among the students to make up a squad. Our congratulations are extended to Auggie Kellermann, captain elect of the swimming team, who really showed the boys how to swim last year.

Indoor track is also in season now, although it is overshadowed by football and basketball. Practicing for the coming intramural relay competition in the gym are groups of fraternity men who intend to capture the trophy for their respective houses.

Civilians

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doing the custom this term is that the class will be largely composed of servicemen. They will undoubtedly find the change from military life to college life, and a difficult college curricula, very trying, without the added distraction of hazing.

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Swimming Team Is Discontinued For the Season

Lack of Material and Funds Necessitates End of Squad

At a meeting of the Athletic Council last week, it was decided that, because of the lack of financial support and of experienced swimmers, there would be no varsity swimming team this year.

Because of the low budget allowed for athletics, due mainly to the small number of students who have enrolled in the athletic association, it became necessary to drop the varsity swimming team from the athletic program for this year.

Augie Kellerman is the only member of last year's team still in school, and new prospects are practically nil. The swimming team had only six men last year, and each man usually had to swim in three races.

Instead of trying to have a varsity team, emphasis will be placed on interfraternity competition, and on Navy inter-company meets if they can be arranged.

By means of this competition, it is hoped that interest in swimming can be maintained, and the swimming team will have the necessary experienced men to build up a winning team when it is reinstated next year.

Band

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of the war, and with the increased enrollment of civilian and Navy students, it is expected that Tech will produce an excellent band.

The band is led by Bill Lynch, a confident and able musician, who hopes to have the band organized in time for the basketball season to play at all the games. Concerts used to be held with the Glee Club before the war and if organized in time, there is a possibility of having them again.

So come on fellows, join the band and show that old Tech spirit. Back up the teams and put a little color into the campus. It is open to both civilians and Navy men. Rehearsals are held at 12:30 every Thursday in Alden Memorial.

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Reorganization Of Rifle Club This Semester

The first meeting of the semester was held Friday, November 9, with twenty-eight men striving for membership. The policy of the Rifle Team will be to choose the ten best marksmen to compose the squad. Men who will participate have the opportunity to earn varsity letters.

Last year the Rifle Team had a good representation from the Naval Unit which did well in inter-collegiate competition. But with the departure of a large per cent of the Junior Class, a subsequent loss was suffered by the squad. The club is striving for men to replace the depleted squad to bring its standards up to previous years. All new men interested should attend future meetings.

"Transplants" Aboard From Wabash College

Trumpet Blues Clifford C. Juergens will show the Boyntonians and undoubtedly after his addition to same, many audiences, how to *Blow* the Buckeye way. The Glee Club and Phi Gams will see him around a good bit as well.

Lou McKinney, from South Bend, also a Phi Gam, is a four letter man specializing in football played in the rugged Hoosier way. Next year's team will hail him as one of the "Best Yets".

Borde Crews, recognized here already for his ready wit and aged jokes, piloted the Seniors of Tech High in Indianapolis, acting as their esteemed President. Sixteen to fifteen, if there is an uproar in the chow hall, he's at the bottom of it.

"Kanetuck" Bowling has met or spoken to at least 90% of the girls in Crawfordsville, but welcomed the transfer to Worcester, for here he has a wider field for action. If you hear someone speaking a foreign language in the lower passageway, chances are it's Bowling.

Most of the "transplants" from Wabash demonstrate an outstanding ability in one subject or another, just as do those in the briefly mentioned above. With the splendid facilities offered here, we from the Midwest feel that we can more than pull our load at Worcester "Tech".

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Lemieux Takes First Once More In Track Event

Wins 4½ Mile Grind After Fall in Intercollegiate Cross-Country Meet

Worcester Tech's star track man, Little Eddie Lemieux, came through in the intercollegiate cross-country meet last Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston, Massachusetts, to conquer the championship for the second straight year.

Ed had some difficulty in the 4½ mile grind as he fell and banged his shoulder at the 2½ mile mark, but he quickly recovered to capture the event by more than 100 yards over his nearest opponent, Bob Coutu of Rhode Island State. Despite the fall, Lemieux ran the distance in the good time of 22 minutes and 11 seconds.

Rhode Island State successfully defended its team title in the 33rd running of the meet. Tech did not figure in the scoring as Lemieux was our only entrant.

Newman Club Swings Into Active Season

A meeting of the Newman Club was held in the Janet Earle Room on November 5, 1945, in order to discuss plans for the dance to be held with Worcester State Teacher's College on November 10. Father Brabson gave a few words of welcome to the new men and invited them to devotions at the Immaculate Conception Parish.

The dance was held as scheduled on November 10, and proved to be a huge success. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

The next meeting of the Newman Club will be on Monday, November 12, in the Janet Earle Room at 7 P.M. The guest speaker will be Father Thomas Reilly, who will deliver a talk on the life of Cardinal Newman. All Catholics are invited to attend.

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LIFE IN V-5 — OR — HOW TO BECOME A CIVILIAN

My sponsor (Mr. Upp of the firm Upp, Yores, and Howe) has requested that the censorship be lifted on the secret of how to become a "civilian" by signing up for four years in the V-5. His request was granted and accordingly the machinery has been set in motion to divulge this information. Though the motions seem simple, the backstage workings must of necessity be complex. Rather than putting the affair in a step-by-step procedure, I will attempt to relate the chain of events which led to the placing of a typical V-5 "hot pilot" by the name of Renardo Yodavitch Yuexa Benjamin Schmuck the Third, on the inactive list.

After leaving his V-12 screw, I mean school, Schmuck was sent to Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn (Yes, the same one the tree grew in.) for "Temporary Duty under Instruction" until a place could be found for him at some Pre-flight School. Between naps in a Grumman Goose and sandwiches in the hangar canteen, Schmuck managed to get the word that he was about to leave for a different base via DC-3—sometimes known as the "Douglas Delusion". The delusion pertains to the flying part of it. The new base was Lambert Field in St. Louis, and after a week of liberty, ball games, and evening beer parties, Schmuck again took to the air in the Clumsy Clipper and headed New Yorkwise. A four-day layover in New York was followed by a Pullman ride to "Cripple Hill." As Schmuck and his buddies drew up before the aforementioned muscle foundry, cries of "Go Back! Go Back!" and "You'll be sorree." greeted their still wet-behind ears. Undaunted by this, however, they got squared away and prepared for the worst—which they got.

The schedule called for a 90-degree elevation at Oh! 545 followed by the most delicious chow he had ever eaten—served by German and Italian PW's under the guidance of a beautiful WAVE Lieutenant, whilst the beautiful strains of Strauss' Waltzes and Spike Jones' "Chloe" wafted gently over the appetizing atmosphere. Rigid formation rules were stressed and effected by the best staff of officers ever gathered in one group. These rules included marching to and from all classes, chow, and drills. Navigation, communications, aerology, aero engines, gunnery. Essentials of Naval Service and noon chow, followed by about four hours of sports and some drill, evening chow and study till lights went out at 2130 completed the bill. The total 18 hours of liberty a week was considered negligible.

As time went on, Schmuck began to lose his eager beaver attitude and he didn't shine his shoes quite so often, or wax the deck so much, or stand so straight in line. Finally when V-J Day came his incentive dropped as low as the depths of Hades. Suddenly like a bolt from

the blue came an ALNav—Oh, those ALNavs!! It gave him three choices—(A) Be a civilian, (B) stay in the program, or (C) return to his old rate. Schmuck pondered and poured over all the angles. For second upon second he tried to decide. A full minute later he grabbed his pen and encircled CHOICE A. It was a terrifying and momentous decision. Yes, he would have to give up the \$75 a month, the good chow, no liberty, the beautiful Carolina girls, the cool comfortable Carolina weather, the fine instruction, the aches and pains, the Commando Course, the infinite musters per day, and the Oh! 545 elevation. Would it be worth it? Would his family want him kicking around? Would his gal accept him in civilian clothes? Those were weighty questions which burdened his mind. Well, the milk was spilled—he would have to take his chance.

It might be well for every Tech man who rashly desires to shed his blues to ask himself these important questions: Can I stand civilian life? Won't I miss the sensation I get from Lt. Brown's noon inspection? Could there "akshally" be a good day without Lt. Schweiger's comment? Besides, what if someone happened to come along and gave you some credit where credit was due? Could you take it? And the chow. Could your stomach ever get accustomed to digesting food again unless you went up North to eat grease with the Eskimos and gradually tapered off from there. And Fritz, wouldn't you miss those line plunges, those off-tackle starts, the off-sides, the long run backs, the brilliant plays, the snappy jokes in the huddles which somehow slip out, the end runs, and last, but surely not least, the Crock sisters and the Glunk girls (cousins). I could go on endlessly, but the issue might become abortive. These things *must* be decided. Think about them till there's no doubt left in your mind. All right, you still want to get out in spite of all, and I wish I could help. However, as an old enlisted man, I can only quote J. P. Jones when he said, "Stick in their kick!" "Regret that you haven't a wife to give to your country" and "Remember the Alimony". Never could figure out that last one, but if it was good for J. P. by golly, it's good enough for everybody.

As a last serious note of sincerity, I wish to add that this is the finest bunch of guys I ever met or hope to meet. My only regret is that the circumstances were not more fortunate and lasting.

The Greek Column

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czek, Bill Grogan, Ed Tamulevich, Mauro Lacedonia, and Ed Pendleton were here. "Stretch" Bigda, who just finished the Navy's radar course, was in town during vacation. A breakfast, in honor of the chapter's tenth anniversary, was held Sunday with a large alumni attendance.

A DEDICATION: Goodbye by Georgie

It was in the summer of 1944 that the readers of the TECH NEWS got their first glimpse of "Over the Hill." The result was immediate: cancellation of over sixty per cent of all subscriptions. Some people thought it was a stock market report; some thought it was an ancient Hebrew manuscript; others got the impression that it was a report on the garbage situation in Soho; a few were completely led astray and thought it was funny.

After a while, however, the readers got tired of its one topic—the author. (About the time of the second article to be exact.) For over a year the editors have hunted for another man to write it.

Finally, however, a suitable man has been found. He has many of the characteristics that made his predecessor such a success. For instance, he is delightfully conceited; has no command, whatsoever, over the language; knows very little about anything, yet writes thousands of words on everything; and has a sense of humor generally associated with the type of man you would expect to run a concentration camp.

Mr. Poirier, it is all yours.

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By Norm Poirier

I know that after reading of George's resignation, you are all in a very good mood and it is with this in mind that I shall attempt to bring you all back to your natural state of glumness. Now I don't mind you fellows not reading my article but when I went into the TECH NEWS office after the last publication and saw numerous copies of the paper with my article torn out,—well, you can't blame me for being suspicious, anyway. (Ed's Note —He sent them all home).

You've undoubtedly noticed quite a few changes since last term, senior schedules have been changed so that now the men can devote more time to their card games, R. B. Davis changed the socks that he wore all through the football season, J. O'Keefe has been changing girls weekly, chili con carne has been changed from Monday to Tuesday, and Chief Creedon just didn't change. If I be allowed to waste a few words on the new freshmen, I would like to announce to them that if there are any who are interested in joining the card team, they are to report to Stratton (the stable across the street) in any room, any time, where they will quickly be broken in, and I do mean "broke".

New men are enrolled each term and new men means "rushing". This was the first "rush" that I have ever attended and now I know why the ceremony was so termed. I won't say that it was fast but at the time that a few rushees were expected at the house, a peaceful mailman was unfortunately peddling his route. As he stood on the porch, putting the letters in the box, he was suddenly seized and yanked into the house, pushed into a chair, given the third degree on his life, dragged through various rooms, shaken and jabbed, kicked out the door onto the

street and told that he would receive a bill for the punch that was forced through his lips, before the men realized that he was not a "rushee".

Boots have been accused of pulling many boners but up to date I think that a third deck man is responsible for the best one. After being told by his platoon leader to tear down his sack, he immediately procured a wrench and screwdriver, and nonchalantly proceeded literally to tear down his sack. Before an upperclassman could advise him, he had the bolts out and the upper part of his sack on the deck.

I won't vouch for the amount of knowledge of engineering the men in room 23 in Stratton have, but after observing their trophy board I'd say they had quite a broad education.

The janitors have requested that if any more movies, like the one we saw last Friday, are to be shown, drool cups should be passed to all attending. You don't realize how much work it is for those men to mop up after the show.

Well, I must go and put hair tonic on my chin now so that I can develop a beard (?) like the seniors. I will now leave the V-12'ers with the thought that it still isn't too late to transfer to the V-5.

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