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## Prof. Charles J. Adams Retires After Forty Active Tech Years

### Pop Known to Students As Journalist, Human Naturalist, Hobbist

Retiring from teaching and the Institute he has worked in for the past thirty-six years is Prof. Charles J. Adams, affectionately known as "Pop" by the many students he taught. He leaves the English department where he rose from instructor during the years 1908-1913, to Assistant Professor of English from 1913-1930, to the head of the department for the past seven years.

The professor, a native of Worcester county, will be long remembered by his numerous students for the many good stories and a wealth of things about life and behavior not found in college textbooks that he taught them. He graduated A.B. from Amherst College in 1896 and went to work for newspapers including the *Worcester Gazette*, the *Worcester Telegram*, and Newark (N. J.) *Evening News* where he served as reporter, telegraph editor, literary editor, and editorial writer. He received his professorship in 1930. Several years ago, the *Peddler* was dedicated in his honor.

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## FOUR MEN GO TO ARMY, NAVY ACADEMIES

### O. Moore, J. Waddell, J. Dunn, J. Berggren Leave For More Training

Just before the end of last term the Navy V-12 unit lost four men to military schools of the Army and Navy. These four men were all accepted for the regular courses at West Point and Annapolis. Otis C. Moore, a sophomore from South Carolina went to West Point Acad-

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## Summerson's Group Captures the Navy Drill Competition

### Scott's Platoon Second As Leanza, Moore Follow Closely Behind

Jerry Summerson's Co. E platoon was the winner of last term's drill competition with Scott's second and Leanza and Moore following.

In judging the competition, there were several factors which were considered important. General appearance was perhaps most important. Unity of execution and military behavior are some points which were considered under general appearance. Next, came the quality and preciseness of execution of com-

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PROF. CHARLES J. ADAMS

## UNIT LOSES 16 SHIPMATES TO THE FLEET

### Juniors and Seniors Hit Hardest by the Action of Traditional 1/2 NC3LH-F

With the coming of the new term there is noted the presence of many new faces on the campus but there is also the marked absence of the faces of some of our former shipmates. In all, 16 men were sent out on new assignments and training in other branches. Five Fleet men were sent to Receiving Ship, Boston. They were: Steven R. Blanciak, SK 3/c, George R. Brown, MoMM 3/c, Fred H. Drake, FC 3/c, Frederick L. R. Hill, F 1/c, and Dennis D. O'Brien, EM 3/c. One man went to Sampson Naval Training Station. He is John M. Wacker, Jr.

All the others went to Great Lakes Naval Training Station. They were Apprentice Seamen Lennart H. Anderson, Richard A. Atwood, James F. Bingham, Earl L. Clemens, John H. Jacoby, Ludlow H. Kaeser, Jr., Kenneth A. Lyons, Donald J. Murray, Edward J. Polkabra and Chester A. Snow, Jr.

The Fleet men will be assigned according to their various rates. All the men that went to Great Lakes will be given assignments according to their abilities. Some may get Deck School and others may get specialist service schools since all these men were upperclassmen and do have a good background for further study in mechanical skills.

It should be noted that many of these men worked hard to pass their courses and their failure should not be attributed to the lack of effort. The pace is a hard one to follow and failure should not reflect on the men. It is sincerely hoped that these men will get back safely from their naval duties and through government provision conclude their studies under peace-time conditions.

## Seniors Take Cruise Aboard Boston Pier With Disappointm'nt

### Inspection Tour of Surrounding Buildings and Cruiser Marblehead Good

A good many Tech Navy seniors were disappointed when their June 24th cruise turned out to be a dry land affair. Saturday morning all left Worcester for Boston under Lieutenant Schwieger at about .0545 with a neat lunch in hand.

At Boston four ships were waiting, two large P.W.C.'s and two smaller P.W.C.'s, for the combined bunch from Tech and Holy Cross. Some of the fellows were already aboard when a storm came up which brought the decision to call off the cruise. There was many a sad face, and the Navy department tried to console the men by showing them through the ordinance department and food plant, and then through Pier 1's schools which dealt with gunnery as well as with numerous types of identification. Many of the things which were shown to the fellows were on the restricted list and not to be mentioned to anyone on the outside.

In the afternoon all hands were taken to inspect the cruiser *Marblehead* of 6,000 tons, which had seen action in the Philippines and in the Java Sea where she was badly hit. So, while the men were disappointed in their expectations of a cruise, at least they received some information along with the preview of what they may be dealing with in the future as engineering officers on these ships.

## MYSTERY MASKS EXCAVATION ON MUSTER GROUND

### Junior Civils Supervise Construction of Hole, Offer Many Suggestions

When concrete reinforcement arrived on the muster grounds about a week before vacation, the scuttlebutt began to fly thick and fast. According to the "authorities", they were to be used for purposes anywhere from a new out-door swimming pool, to a brig for the less well behaved of the Navy unit. However, when a huge shovel appeared on the scene and started to dig out part of the road a few feet behind the chow formation, everybody was mystified.

Then the project began to arouse the interest of the junior civils who gathered around to offer and discuss suggestions as to just how the hole should be dug.

Returning from vacation, a large "U" tube on the bottom of the excavation was found and some began to see the light.

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## Tech Faculty Undergoes Most Drastic Change in Many Years

One of the most extensive faculty shake-ups in some time was announced last week. Four departments were affected by the changes.

The English department lost its chief in Professor Charles J. Adams, who resigned after forty years of continuous service with the Institute. His place as head of the department will be taken by Professor Edwin Higginbottom. To replace the vacancy thus caused, a new instructor, Edward R. Easton, Jr., has been added to the English staff.

The Civil Engineering department, which has been slowly growing smaller, has been brought back to size by the addition of two instructors. One of them, Dean Jerome W. Howe, former head of the Civil Engineering department, has returned as Water Supply instructor.

Mr. John Lowe, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been called in as Soils Mechanics instructor. Mr. Lowe will do part-time work here in addition to his duties as instructor in the Civil department of M.I.T.

The third department affected is the Mechanical Engineering department, which suffered the loss of Walter R. DeVoe as an instructor in Mechanical Drawing and Pattern-making. Mr. DeVoe is reported to have taken an industrial job.

In addition to these changes, Frederick A. Anderson, instructor in Mechanical Engineering, left Tech to accept an Ensign's commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Mr. Anderson graduated from Tech in June, 1942, and became a member of the teaching staff of the M.E. department.

Raymond F. MacKay, instructor in Electrical Engineering, has also obtained a leave of absence from his position at Tech to be commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Mr. MacKay will report for active duty on July 28.

To fill out this vacancy, Professor William W. Locke, Jr., has returned to part-time duties in the Electrical Engineering department.

Mr. Edward R. Easton, Jr., the new English instructor and a native of Tennessee, taught at Carnegie Tech for two years before coming to W.P.I. He received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from Columbia University in 1940-41 and is a member of Beta Theta Pi, the English Graduate Union and the Columbia Graduate School. Besides being an English instructor, Mr. Easton also published an article "James Joyce" in the student quarterly, *The Columbia Review*.



PROF. EDWIN HIGGINBOTTOM

## Enrollment At Tech Back To Par With 479

### Total Registration Up 33, As New Navy and Civilian Men Enter

With a total enrollment this year of 479 students, which exceeds that of many low peace-time years, Worcester Tech finds itself in a more favorable position than the majority of the small colleges throughout the country, many of which are in serious straits.

In a breakdown of the present civilian enrollment it is found that of the 160 students studying here there are three post-graduates, 35 seniors, 15 juniors, 20 sophomores, and 87 freshmen. Eight seniors, nine juniors, six sophomores, and three freshmen withdrew at the end of last term.

While only 21 members of the Naval unit left the Institute—16 due to scholastic failures—33 new trainees were enrolled bringing the strength of the unit up to 319 members.

## PREXY TO TALK TO THE STUDENT BODY THURSDAY

The first student assembly of the new term will take place on Thursday, July 13, at 11:20 in Alden Memorial. Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius will speak on the subject, "At Sea in War and Peace".

It is hoped that there will be a good civilian attendance, since it will perhaps be the last assembly before the end of August.



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## Editorial

### Are We Going To Lose Them?

With new freshmen and Navy men here on the Hill it seems advisable to have an editorial pointing out the common need of the many activities represented here at Tech and the students of the college. The men here at Tech are among the most favored in the country in that we, even those in the Navy, are able to participate in and enjoy so many of the activities usually associated with peacetime college life. In time of war most college activities are hard-pressed to keep going, especially with men working harder than ever to keep their grades up and with duties of being in uniform or expecting to be soon.

Now we are being faced with a crisis. The civilian population of the school is becoming increasingly smaller and many of the Navy men who came from other colleges, high schools, or the fleet have not yet had the chance to enter into these activities and realize the enjoyment which participation brings. Many of the Hill's organizations are faced with the possibility of either drastically curtailing their activities or folding up completely. Either one of these alternatives would be most unfortunate because it is through these activities that much of the true college spirit is manifest and the real side of college life is felt.

In order to avoid the loss of our valuable activities every man who is new to the campus should begin to work for any activity in which he is interested or feels that he can develop an interest in. Men with previous experience in any of the literary fields, who have special abilities in the musical line, or who have special hobbies represented in any club here on the campus are especially wanted and needed.

Engineering societies are well represented here on the Hill, most of the courses having their respective group of members. The fraternity system is still very strong and its ranks are rapidly being filled with the addition of new Navy members. Clubs of all types are found and are extremely valuable in creating new interests and developing old ones. Musicians are wanted for the four musical associations at the school and the two publications can always use new men. Athletics are of great interest and help greatly in spreading the name of the college. New talent is forever being sought and developed. These are but a few of the many activities open to students and each offers to men participating in them the added enjoyment of working at something you enjoy.

It has been argued that Navy students have not enough time to indulge in these extra-curricular activities. To be sure, time is limited, but if those Navy men who are now actively engaged in all of these affairs have found the time, then certainly those new to the college should be able to. If the Navy felt that participation in these things would be detrimental to the student's work, they would without a doubt forbid it. But it is not forbidden, nor even curtailed; rather it is sanctioned and suggested as a necessary part of a well-rounded education. The civilian students here on the Hill, especially the freshmen, have an excellent chance to "get in on the ground floor", so to speak, of these activities and all of the Navy men, both new and old, should begin to do their best to engage in any and all of the Hill's activities in which they are interested or have ability in. The mutual need of the college activities and the students of every class and status is great and should be realized and taken care of by these new men who have come to Tech.

## The Greek Column

### Lambda Chi Alpha

A house party and dance held last Saturday for the new pledges, Robert Hoermann, Malcolm Sanborne, and Donald Taylor. Next Saturday another dance will be held at the House. Three of the Brothers, Russ Jenkins, Warren Fitzer, and Frank Emerson, are at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, while four others, Bruce Hainsworth, Bill Moulton, Dick Holden, and Stan Drew are at the Radio School at Chicago.

### Alpha Tau Omega

A dance will be given Saturday, July 22, in honor of the House's new pledges; Irwin Vanderhoof, Thomas Egan, Robert Orrange, and Edmund Ohbetsky. Jack Robinson, '44, and Red Underhill, '44, recently visited the Brothers. Jack has announced his engagement to Miss Marilyn Wilson.

### Phi Sigma Kappa

The following men were pledged during the recent rushing period; Al Penniman, Ed Tepyne and Ed Lamierx. Plans are being made for a dance honoring these new pledges, but as yet, no definite date has been set.

### Theta Chi

Theta Chi has two new pledges; Robert Begley, and Leonard Fish. Several alumni have visited the house recently.

### Alpha Epsilon Pi

The men recently pledged are Emanuel Gottesdiener, George Kramer, Richard Maer, Neil Fishman, and Harvey Pastan. A pledge dance and house party will be held this Saturday, July 15. Malcolm Bromberg and Edward Wainshilbaum, both of '46, have recently completed their boot training at Great Lakes and will go to Radar school shortly. Leon Rosenthal, '44 is stationed at the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md.

### Sigma Phi Epsilon

During this last week Ensigns Rice and Johnson visited the house. As a result of last week's rushing period the house acquired two new pledges Bruce and Blain Stone, two brothers from Springfield.

### Theta Kappa Phi

The following new men were pledged last Monday night as a result of rushing of the new Freshmen; Thomas Coonan from Springfield, Gerald O'Neil from Plainfield, N. J., and Edward George from Pittsfield. This Saturday there will be a house dance for the new pledges. Last week, word was received from Richard Tracy who is at Great Lakes and will soon be sent to radio school at Chicago or California as a result of the Eddy Test he took while at Tech. Brother Dupnik left this week for a Civil Service job and Brother Laffey has now left for the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Washington.

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## Scuttlebutt Harbor

By John Waverczak

### New Headgear

The unit has taken on a more military appearance with the advent of wearing khaki overseas caps. For a time it was thought the old familiar yell "square that hat" would be missed, but apparently there are always a few, shall we say "gentlemen," who have their own fancy, unorthodox method of wearing even these hats.

Several of our mates left recently for boot camp and the receiving station at Boston. Those of us that were close to them regretted to see them go, and yet envied them for they leave for a more romantic and adventurous life. They probably will have quite a few "sea stories" to tell in no time at all, and this column would be only too glad to reprint any tale (in good taste) that might be sent on by these men.

### Pugilistic

With the arrival of the new boxing ring, pug noses and black eyes will not be an uncommon sight around the campus. An inter-company match is planned with prizes for the fortunate battlers. It is hoped that at the conclusion of these, a golden gloves match might be formed. The boxers will train during the physical ed periods, this will excuse them from taking the course. With a little enthusiasm and support this should prove to be a lot of fun for all.

### Something New Added

The Medical dept. has acquired a new assistant, a carpenter's mate, in the person of "Duke" Jansson, a registered springer spaniel, who is reported to have done odd jobs on the floor of the sick bay, much to the chagrin of Grandchamp and the amusement of Dr. Coes. As a matter of interest, Duke, who belongs to Lo Jansson PhM 1/c is a half brother to Lt. Schweiger's dog "Butch."

While we are in the animal corner, Room 204 of Sanford Riley had an unexpected and uninvited guest the other night. The members of that room, and primarily Gallagher, were scared out of their wits when a bat flew through the window and into the room. (No fellows not a female bat, a real live flying bat.)

### Enlarged Softball League

The schedule for the soft-ball competition has been posted, with the first games to be played Monday, July 10th. These leagues differ from the last in that the fraternities will have teams representing them and in competition with naval teams. There are nine fraternity teams and six company teams in the leagues. Unofficially it can be reported that the stakes will be extra liberty, the amount and time for this will be confirmed and released by the naval

office at a later date.

It is interesting to note that the winning team of the last competition, Co. E, is practically all together in Co. A. Whether the fraternities will take men and break up this smooth operating group or not, is a question a lot of the weaker teams would like to have answered.

### Wedding Bells

This column takes pleasure in announcing the marriage of George Grandchamp to Miss Rena Harnoise of Worcester. The happy occasion took place in Worcester on the 22nd of June, after which the couple spent their honeymoon touring Maine. By the way, Grandchamp's bed broke down and he would appreciate any news of a good sturdy one for sale.

Have any of you noticed the name plate on the pharmacist's desk in the gym medical office?

### Tall Tales

In a private fishing competition of their own, Lt. Brown, Chief Rogers and Chief McNulty, Lt. Brown is considered the "Champ." However, there seems to be a very light controversy and the three of them intend to go fishing together, the man catching the most (?) fish or the largest fish will be the proclaimed champion. Chief Creeden thinks that the outcome will have to depend on the largest fish caught.

### Repeat Performance

The script for a new mammoth "Severs Production" has been started. This musical variety will be put on sometime in August, and according to E. B. Severs it will be something that "will knock your eyes out." There is a lot of dormant talent about the campus, and if you can sing, dance, or act, or know of someone that can, get in touch with "Monk" Severs or this columnist. This will be a drag affair, so all of you lovers better get your sex lined up for this big day. Since this is the first major affair of the school this semester, it might be suggested that the fraternities run a round-robin in order that the new men who have just arrived could get acquainted with the social life of the unit and of the school.

### Hep To

Drill competition will start next Saturday, July 15. As yet there has been no official announcement about the rewards for the winning drill team. However, speaking for myself and the unit, it will have to be more of an inducement than it was last time.

Chief Creeden was seen wheeling a perambulator (baby carriage to you fellows) the other night! He doesn't look in any too good shape either—could it be his night life catching up with him?

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## SPORT SIDELIGHTS

By Paul Kokulis

Well, with the starting of a new semester, the customary lull in sports activities has once again fallen heavily over the campus. Sports news being at a low ebb at the present time, perhaps a brief summary of the biggest events and highlights of the past athletic seasons would be in good taste.

For the biggest surprise of the year, this column nominates the scheduling of Holy Cross for the February basketball game by the athletic department. Coming as a complete surprise to most Tech fans, the scheduling of this game seemed to indicate that, at last, the department was beginning to see the Cross as others had already seen it.

For the most humorous event of the past semester one needs to go back once again to the past basketball season at the time when Ships Company met Logan's company champs. For the role of most humorous player and cleverest comedian this column suggests Chief Creedon, who still, and he's had plenty of time to think up some good excuses, can't account for those magnificent shots of his that kept the Old Men in a close argument with the salty V-12'ers.

For the greatest team triumph of the entire last semester two victories must be considered, the basketball win over Holy Cross and the baseball win over Trinity. Both of these victories were won psychologically long before the final scores went into the scorebooks as victories. Hal Fleit's magnificent blitz of points early in the second half of the basketball game tore all possible hope of a victory out of the Crusaders. Down at Hartford, that win too, was decided early in the tilt when Kellerman tossed out the first Trinity runner on an attempted steal. This

not only discouraged future thefts of second base, but gave the inspired Techsters the added confidence that was needed to overcome Trinity's domination of Tech baseball activities. These two games truly brand themselves as the two most outstanding wins of the last semester. However, where the basketballers played torridly only in those few moments that saw the winning margin established, the baseballers played head-up and errorless ball for the full nine inning stretch and thus deserve to be given the edge.

For the biggest disappointment of the semester, this writer points with disgust to the failure of the Athletic Council and athletic department to withdraw the eligibility rule barring players of Tech sports from participating in out of school sports when the school schedule has been completed. Someday and someday soon, this column hopes that the injustice of this type of rule will be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and athletes will not have to call their athletic seasons completed after they have finished up a full Tech schedule of five games. Second only to this, is the disappointment at the failure of having no summer sports schedules for any athletic teams.

And those, friends, are the highlights of the past athletic activities. Today, the new athletic activities got under way in the form of the three league softball competition. With all varsity players eligible and no holds barred, redhot competition should be just around the corner.

### Lafayette College Loses ASTP Unit

For the interest of former Lafayette men, it was announced last week that the July enrollment at the college was 135, with an expected freshman of about 130. The 1150 men of the ASTP Unit left in June. Lafayette, however, has a good chance of receiving some pre-West Point cadets. The peace time enrollment was 950.

## Tech Softball Tournament Is Best Ever

Navy and Civilians Form 15 Teams With Competition Keen

W.P.I.'s summer intramural sports program swung into action yesterday on the local softball diamonds. The league has the formidable name of "The Worcester Tech Round Robin Softball Tournament" and will include both civilian and Navy participants.

Professor Carpenter, the power behind the loop, thinks that a set-up of this type enables more men to play the game and steps up the competition. The tournament, consisting of three separate leagues, is made up of fraternities and Navy companies mixed.

The games start at 4:30, and if a captain is unable to put a team on the field by 4:40, the game is automatically forfeited. The captains are responsible for obtaining umpires and should report the scores to the gym office directly following the encounter.

The Institute sponsored an identical loop last year and Professor Carpenter seems quite proud of the fact that 58 consecutive scheduled games were played without a rain-out or postponement.

At the termination of the regular season, there will be a play-off between the winners of each division for the championship.

## NAUTICAL CLUB IN SUCCESSFUL SPRING SEASON

Tech Invited to Become Regular Members of Inter-Collegiate Assoc.

The W.P.I. Nautical Association has been invited to become regular members of the Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association after being an associate member for the past years. This puts Tech up with the leading colleges in the east in the inter-collegiate sailing meets besides entering in about three times as many regattas as when associate members.

Although the Nautical Club's financial support from the school has been discontinued for the duration due to the schools cutting of expenses, moral support has been assured and this is the main thing the club needs to become regular members. What expenses are incurred are to be borne by the Nautical Club members.

At a recent meeting John Hossack was elected Commodore of the Club, and Al Rockwood and Bud Murphy were elected Vice-Commodore and Secretary respectively. Bob Foster, the retiring Commodore who received his diploma last month, skippered the club through a fairly suc-

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## Hilltoppers Close Ball Season After Losing Four, Winning Same

TOP P. F. TEST SCORE OF 83.1 BY THOMPSON

Unit Average Up 1.7 Pts. Since April as Ten Men Climb Over the 80 Mark

"Give me ten men, ten stout-hearted men, etc." If ability to perform push-ups is indicative of a stout-hearted man, we have ten such men all of whom made over 80 in the recent physical fitness test.

Leading "the strength through one more grunt group" were Thompson, Maloney, and Lacedonia, with respective scores of 83.1, 82.6, and 82.4. Of equal significance is Nordquist's 17 point increase over his April score.

As a whole, the unit averaged 67.2, which represented an increase of 1.7 over the April test. Statistical data on individual achievements is as follows:

Event	High	Low	Average
Sit-ups	275	34	75
Squat-thrusts	54	33	44
Push-ups	76	13	30.7
Squat jumps	153	22	66.9
Pull-ups	22	1	9.8

In the water as well as on the ground, W.P.I. men exhibited marked proficiency. Each swimmer was put in one of five classifications with the result that 79 were listed as chief swimmer, 105 first class, 69 second class, 43 third class, and five as non-swimmers.

Looking back a ways, the unit average was 68.6 before the new men appeared on the scene last March. Since an abrupt drop in April, gradually hopes are once more arising that we shall make the 70 mark. Undoubtedly, the July entering class will not hold the average down, for most of them have brought favorable P.F. scores with them from other colleges.

Now that most of the reminiscence of leave has been worked off, plans for gym periods include softball, soccer, and touch football. Likewise, the tennis courts are to be made available for use during gym classes after a short calisthenic drill.

## Stiff Competition Expected in Coming Tennis Tournament

The annual interfraternity tennis doubles tournament will start Monday, July 19. The sets are expected to feel the blows of numerous low serves and backhands. The ball smashers, probably with more spirit than skill, will undoubtedly send many a ball over the fence. There should be plenty of stiff competition, however, since the houses are closely matched. Last year the hard-hitting boys from Phi Gam, Schmit and Keith, took the cup for their house. At a date to be announced later there will be a singles tournament for the Navy.

## Captain "Koki" Wins Games As Stellar Performer on Mound

The baseball team finished up a fair season on June 17 when they played Camp Thomas at Davisville, R. I. The engineers lost a close game, 8 to 7. The Tech team was held scoreless until the fourth inning when they made one run. Then in the fifth inning the engineers made three runs, and another in the sixth. In the seventh they made two more, but the team from Camp Thomas was just enough stronger to win. This was the second time Tech played Camp Thomas this season, and the team did much better this time as they lost the first game 9-3.

Tech started the season on April 22 against Northeastern, winning the game 2-1. This game was a pitcher's duel, and neither Kokulis nor Rosatto allowed a hit from the third to the eighth. With the score tied at 1-1, Kosso made first on a wild throw, and was forced in by Fyler on a walk.

In the second game against Brown Tech triumphed 9-7, after Brown took the lead in the third with a home run and two men on bases. The engineers came back with two runs in the last of the third, and three in the fourth. Tech scored two in the fifth and two in the sixth to win.

Tech dropped its first game to Trinity on May 6, 8-2. Trinity scored five in the first to take a decisive lead which the engineers could not match. Tech's score was made in the fourth when Kellerman drove in Simon and Laffey.

After piling up a 5-2 lead in the first inning, Tech defeated the 707 AA Unit 11-9 on May 13. Although the engineers were outthit 14-8, they made the most of their scoring opportunities. Tech scored two in the second and third, and one in the fourth and seventh, but a rally in the ninth almost tied the score.

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## TURNOUT FOR FALL SPORTS ABOUT AUG. 1st

Varsity fall sports are starting early this season. Football, soccer, and cross country practise, which normally begins the last week of September, will start the first week of August. The schedules were advanced in order to make the most of the senior athletes, who will graduate in October.

Last year the fall sports had one of the largest turnouts in the school's history. The results of this turnout were shown especially by the football team's season. The coaches are hoping for as good a turnout this year.

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## Track Team in Walkaway Meet At Middlebury

Hugo Norige Again Is Top Man For Tech Taking 3 Firsts

On June 12, the Tech track team enjoyed a field day at the expense of a weak Middlebury team. Hugo Norige was the big gun of the Tech barage, taking first place in the discus, shot put, and the javelin throw. Harry Mehrer contributed to the rout by capturing first place in both the high and low hurdles, and placing third in the high jump and the broad jump. The Middlebury team had suffered from Naval transfer which had taken several of their best men.

The results were:

100 yd. dash: 1st, Lacedonia; 2nd, Nietert; 3rd, Werli—all Worcester. 220 yd. dash: 1st, Werli; 2nd, Nietert; 3rd, Lacedonia—all Worcester. 440 yd. dash: 1st, Woodsum, Worcester; 2nd, Goodrich, Middlebury; 3rd, Zink, Worcester. 880 yd. dash: 1st, Goodrich, Middlebury; 2nd, Taylor, Worcester; 3rd, Chase, Worcester, and Leppar, Middlebury, tied. 120 high hurdle: 1st, Mehrer; 2nd, Striker—both Worcester; 3rd, Mayshank, Middlebury. 220 low hurdle: 1st, Mehrer; 2nd, Striker; 3rd, Hamilton—all Worcester. 1 mile: 1st, Lepper, Middlebury; 2nd, Taylor; 3rd, Chase—both Worcester. 2 mile: 1st, Brook, Worcester; 2nd, Gustafson; 3rd, Scholey—both Middlebury. Discus: 1st, Norige; 2nd, Hayward; 3rd, Berndt—all Worcester. Shot put: 1st, Norige; 2nd, Matzelevich; 3rd, Hayward—all Worcester. Javelin: 1st, Norige, Worcester; 2nd, Waters, Middlebury; 3rd, Polkabra, Worcester. High jump: 1st, Hunt; 2nd, Baginski; 3rd, Jacobs and Mehrer, tied—all Worcester. Broad jump: 1st, Baginski; 2nd, Adams; 3rd, Mehrer—all Worcester. Pole vault—1st, Adams and Polkabra tied; 2nd, Ogden—all Worcester.

### Adams

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While at Tech, he not only contributed his services to the Modern Language department but he participated in writing and has had several stories and articles printed in national magazines. He was a member of the Society for Promotion of Engineering Education, National Council of Teachers of English, Worcester Photo Clan, and Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

"Pop" Adams was born January 23, 1874, in North Brookfield, Mass. He met and married Laura Parmelee and is the father of four children, all living and married. He is affiliated with the Central Congregational Church of this city. Photography is his hobby and at one time he was a member of the Pictorial Photographers of America and has had the pleasure of exhibiting several examples in national and international salons.

As a last tribute to the professor, Admiral Wat T. Cluverius honored him at a luncheon recently and had the rest of the English department as guests. As announced, Professor Higginbottom has taken over the head of the English department.

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## Newly Commissioned Officers Pay a Visit To Alma Mater

Envious Trainees Greet Former Tech Students Who Are Now Ensigns

Green eyes watched gold braid last week as several members of the Class of '44 and former members of the V-12 unit, returned for a visit at Tech. Most of the upperclassmen will remember Red Underhill, Sid Stayman, Al Green and Roy Baharian, now all Ensigns. For the past four months following their graduation in February, they have been midshipmen at Columbia, where they were stationed aboard the Prairie State.

They were of the opinion that the studies at midshipman school were quite difficult, but that anyone who gets through W.P.I. should not have much trouble getting through midshipman school. Their only complaint was the discipline, which they described as exceedingly rigid.

The courses they took included Navigation, E.E., and a course in boilers. There has not been any course in boilers at Tech, but starting this term the Institute is giving such a course.

Underhill, while at Columbia, was editor-in-chief of the class graduation book. While at Tech, Underhill was photographic editor of the *Peddler*.

### Ditch

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The explanation: The steam pipe between Sanford Riley Hall and the Gym expands and contracts about eight inches. This necessitates some kind of an expansion joint. A sleeve joint was first used to take care of the situation but it was found that this was not satisfactory. After this, an accordion-like joint was tried but this also failed because of the work hardening of the metal. Finally it was decided to use a "U" tube which was designed with the help of the senior civils. The project was conducted under the supervision of Professor Staples, Superintendent of Heat and Power.

### Nautical Club

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Successful spring season. The most outstanding showing was at Brown University where W.P.I. tied M.I.T. for second place in a field of seven colleges. Coast Guard took first place, with Yale coming in third. In this regatta Foster and Hossack collected 28 points in taking a third place in the A division, while Rockwood and Murphy had 35 points which placed them second in the B division. Two other members of the Club now in active service in the Navy, George Collins and Lud Kaesar, turned in excellent showings at the two meets held at M.I.T. this spring. This, plus the records turned in at a dual meet (on June 4) with Coast Guard, the school that won the Schnell trophy a few weeks earlier, justified the invitation W.P.I. received from the Inter-Collegiate Yacht Racing Association to become regular members.

## Reserve Mid'n At Annapolis Writes Back

Former Navy V-12 Man, G. D. Williams, Tells Of Life After Tech

A former member of Tech's V-12 unit, George Williams, who graduated last February, was assigned to the reserve midshipman school at Annapolis. A letter received from him last week described his life at midshipman school, and told of the type of duty midshipman graduates were getting at the present time. Since it may be of interest to see what lies beyond Tech, here is part of his letter:

### Line of Duty

"Next week we indicate our choice of duty. If one's marks are good, he gets his first choice. Might as well give you a few statistics. We started in May with 300 plus. Nine went to deck school, and 13 to boot camp, at the end of the first month. Then classes began. . . .

"Here's a tentative line-up for possible duty: No landing craft or Deisel school; 75 to destroyers, 38 to DE's and small craft, 25 to carriers, 30 to cruisers, 10 to battle-ships, 20 plus to submarines, 25 to auxiliary vessels (transports, oilers, etc.) and a number to radar school. Those are approximate figures.

### Inspection Trips

"Since coming here, I've had a chance to go aboard and examine an LCI, the battleship *Wisconsin*, and an AGC. The battleship was really sumptuous. However, it contains too much gold braid for comfort. Some of the crew I gabbed with said the captain was a good scout, but the younger j.g.'s and ensigns. . . .

"This place is, with one exception, highly desirable in every respect. Trouble is that Annapolis is no good as a liberty town. We only get two week-ends off, from noon Saturday till 1830 Sunday. Eleven dollars per month doesn't allow much of a high time in Washington or Baltimore. . . .

### Courses

"The E.E. course here is exactly like that which the M.E.'s get at Tech, plus magnetic circuits and a little more theory. We just finished DC and begin AC next week. Have plenty of lab, do reports right in lab. Marine engineering covers boilers, pumps, and turbines. It is mostly straight memory work. We get from 12-16 quizzes a week in the three subjects. All classes are run much like Prof. Staples' classes—searching quizzes that cover descriptive material. I'm glad I was a student under him. Free time comes in the afternoon between 1635 and 1845. Study from about 1915 to 2200—late lights till 2230. We can have town liberty every day, Saturday afternoon and evening, also Sunday afternoon. Must be present at all meal formations. . . .

"We graduate August 23. . . ."

## Logan New Battalion Commander With Change of Student Officers

Commanders

LOGAN—BATTALION COMMANDER. Gene, the new big boss of them all, is well qualified for the job. Last term he commanded Co. D, and was the high scorer of his company's basketball team, which won the championship.

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SCOTT—ASSISTANT BATTALION COMMANDER. Scotty, a member of Phi Gam, is in charge of the boys in Sanford Riley. He was formerly commander of Co. F, which gave a good showing in drill competition.

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### Company Commanders

SUMMERSON—Co. A. "Jerry" is the man who so capably commanded a platoon of Co. E last term in winning the drill competition. His "squad scatter" was something to see. "Jerry" takes his work seriously and can be expected to do a fine job in command of Co. A. Two Juniors under him, Dick Rodier and Carl Simon, are being broken in as platoon leaders.

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LEANZA—Co. B. Frank, a senior M.E. and member of Theta Kap has been promoted to the rank of company commander. Formerly a platoon leader, he was evidently slated for this promotion, because of his fine work in keeping his platoon among the top in drill competition. Frank's platoon leaders are Morgan

### Baseball Review

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On May 20, the SeaBees from Camp Thomas defeated Tech 8-3. Boasting several ex-pro and semi-pro players, Camp Thomas lost the lead in the second, but came back in the fifth with five runs, and another in the eighth. Tech was held scoreless after two runs in the second.

Middlebury took a close game from Tech 5-4 on May 27. With many fairheaded fans in the audience, it was a rather embarrassing defeat.

After suffering an earlier defeat at the hands of Trinity, the Techmen came back in the second game to win 6-0. Pitcher Kokulis pitched probably his best game of the season, and only four men reached first for Trinity. The engineers scored one in the fourth, and then collected five more in their last three times at bat.

### Drill Competition

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mands. The appearance of personnel, that is, whether hats are squared, shoes shined, and pockets buttoned was considered usually only when the competition was very close.

During the last period of drill, it was quite obvious that the winning platoon was to be either Scott's or Summer's. Because of this, their 10-minute exhibition was lengthened to allow more time for the groups to make errors which would cost them first place.

and Stengard, both Chem. Engineers.

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KENNEDY—Co. C. Owen W. has been prominent in student officer circles for some time, and is now a company commander. His work as a former battalion commander was of the highest quality, and his company is expected to be tip-top. Grant and Smith are his platoon leaders.

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SEVERS—Co. D. "Monk" has held his post over from last term. The fact that one of his platoon leaders commanded the winning softball team, and the other commanded the winner of the drill competition is something to be proud of, and it looks as if "Monk" is going to be in there trying again. He is relying on Berry and G. I. Brown as assistants.

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MARSHALL—Co. E. Paul is continuing his post as company commander. Platoon leaders are Massa and Miles. Not too much is known of the new Co. E, but it may turn out to be the dark horse in the race for first place in drill competition.

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MOORE—Co. F. "Jeff" has command of company, F. He is taking over the post formerly held by Bob Scott. The boys of last term's Co. F. sincerely hope that "Jeff's" outfit will keep up the fine spirit which presided over number two deck last term.

## Letters to The Editor

1. TECH NEWS will publish all letters received from contributors providing:—

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2. Drop your contributions, sealed in envelope, in TECH NEWS box, Boynton Hall.

3. TECH NEWS welcomes all student, faculty and alumni comment.

DEAR EDITOR:

After climbing tedious floors from the chow hall with beads of sweat falling from my brow, I have come to the firm conviction that a bottle of cold Coke would hit the right spot. There are now Coke machines on the decks of many of the V-12 units such as at Dartmouth. I wonder why the same might not be done for us here. The fellows, I am sure, would keep up the machines if the Naval Office would approve such a move.

WALTER CONLIN

## Academy Men

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emy from the Institute after being transferred here on March 1.

The other men who left school for further training were all sent to Annapolis after placing high in nation-wide competitive examinations. John A. Dunn, John J. Berggren, and John C. Waddell were the three men assigned to work towards their commissions in the regular Navy. Dunn is from Framingham, Mass., Berggren hailed from McKeesport, Penna., and Waddell came originally from Oil City, Penna.