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## Ruby Newman's Music For Formal Weekend

### Tau Beta Pi Pledges Ten Men Of Junior and Senior Classes

#### C. F. Simon Officiates In Pledging New Men At Assembly Exercise

The Tau Beta Pi Fraternity held its annual pledging ceremonies Tuesday morning, January 16, 1945, at a regular assembly held in the Alden Memorial Auditorium. Carl Simon, president of the organization, opened the pledging ceremony by explaining the purposes and ideals of the fraternity. He explained that the men picked for the fraternity must be in the upper eighth of the Junior class and in the upper fifth of the Senior class. Aside from these qualifications, the men must have participated in college activities and in general fostered the advancement of culture in the Engineering profession. The following men were pledged:

Among the Juniors was Walter H. Hatch, a Chem. Eng. from Old Town, Maine. He is top man of the Junior class and an active member of ATO. Also from the Junior class was C. William Bergman. He is an E.E. and hails from Toledo, Ohio. He is secretary of the A.I.E.E. and secretary of the Tech Radio Club. He is a transfer from Toledo University.

The seniors were:

Herbert H. Slaughter, Jr., from Washington, D.C., is one of the most active seniors on the Hill. He is an M.E., a member of PSK, and he played varsity soccer. He is also president of the S.C.A., treasurer of the Senior class and a member of Skull.

Rodney S. Chase, an M.E. is from Farmington, Conn. He is a member of LXA, sports editor of the TECH NEWS and a letter man on the track team.

Walter F. Conlin, a C.E., is from Avondale, Md. He is secretary of TKP, member of A.S.C.E. and news editor of the TECH NEWS.

William R. Grogan, editor-in-chief of the TECH NEWS, is from Lee, Mass. He is a member of the A.I.E.E., vice-president of TKP and is also secretary of the S.C.A.

John E. Hossack hails from Upper Montclair, N. J. He is an M.E., an active member of PSK, and Commodore of the Nautical Club.

John C. Metzger has distinguished himself both in the tank and on the field. He was an outstanding player on the soccer team and captain of the swimming team. He is an active member of PGD. John is a Chem.

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### 12 Sophs Get Navy Conduct Ribbons

#### Fleet Men With 3 Years And High Proficiency Of 3.5 Honored

The Navy has recently announced that twelve members of the sophomore class have earned the distinction of wearing the Navy Good-Conduct Ribbon. This award is given to men who have served for three years or more, and who have a 3.5 in proficiency in rating. Those honored were Dennis Allshouse, Allen Breed, Alexis Charest, Frank Colgan, Michael Dougherty, Howard French, Carl Hamlin, George Hawke, Wilfred Lee, Joseph Manna, John May, and Cecil Walton. With the exception of Al Breed and Al Charest who came to Tech as freshmen, these men are new here, having been transferred from other V-12 units in November. Every man honored has been with the fleet. The longest service record belongs to Al Breed, president of the sophomore class, who has been wearing the blue for six years.

### 357 Midshipmen at Seabee Base Given Their Commissions

#### Rear Admiral Moreell In Address Says That Seabees Still Expanding

This small item of news may be of interest to some of the men of the unit who are expecting to enter into the Construction Battalion. It was officially received via the Camp Endicott weekly paper, *Bulldozer*, that commissions were granted to three hundred fifty-seven midshipmen stationed there. This has been the point to which the graduating Civil Engineers of Worcester Tech have been spent upon completion of their course.

This makes the fourth and incidentally the largest class of Seabees that have obtained commissions, which ought to counteract the scuttlebutt circulating, that they do not intend to accept any more applications into the corps. Vice-Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and who addressed and granted their commissions, set as his goal the continuation of the

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### H. E. Linsey, Main Assembly Speaker; Engin'r of Curtis Co.

#### Presented Movie and An Interesting Talk on the History of Aeronautics

The assembly given by H. E. Linsey on Tuesday, the 16th, provided some interesting material for all air-minded young men, especially for the Aeros. Linsey began the assembly with an interesting motion picture made in 1940 on the history of the Curtis Motor Company and on the production of the 2,200 H.P. Wright Cyclone engine. The fact was stressed that since 1940 there has been great progress in the manufacture of airplane engines. After the motion picture he made a rapid survey of the postwar air world and commented on a few interesting facts about the development of Wright engines.

Linsey not only spent the hour speaking to the students but he also spent most of the day at Tech. In the morning, about an hour was spent with the Aeros at class. After the assembly Linsey dined with Dean Roys and Professor Finlayson and then spent the afternoon on the campus. He visited all of the buildings and had a look at most of the laboratories and equipment. He was very much impressed at the display of engineering material in this institution.

Ten new men were pledged to Tau Beta Pi at this assembly.

### '46 Peddler Staff Set Up In First Meeting of Term

#### Pendelton Made Editor-in-Chief; Juniors and Seniors Asked For

Last week, the first meeting to organize the staff of the '46 *Peddler*, the Class Yearbook, was held in Prof. Swan's office. Several appointments of department heads were announced, but the majority of staff assignments are still incomplete. The positions announced thus far are: Editor-in-Chief, Edward Pendelton; Managing Editor, Carl Simon; Business Manager, Mauro Lacedonia; Advertising Manager, Herbert Slaughter; Photographic Editor, William Grogan; Art Editor, Charles Miczek; and Sports Editor, Larry Stewart.

Since the staff is still under organization, it affords an opportunity for any Juniors or Seniors interested in this type of work to get positions.

### \*Tech Completes Plans For A Winter Formal February 9th

#### Ship's Company Stranglers To Tackle Sophs

#### Star-Studded Array of Officers Challenged by Sophomore "All-Stars"

This Saturday, at 8:30, the Sophomores will face the Ship's Company in an exciting game of basketball. The game, to be played in the Alumni Gym, is the result of a challenge by the Sophomores.

The Ship's Company games are coming to be annual affairs at Tech. As those of us who saw last year's game well remember, they are packed with fun and excitement. Even the staid dignity of Lt. Brown gives way to the spirit of the contest! This being one of its few opportunities for glory, the Ship's Company always puts on a big show.

The probable lineup for the Ship's Company "Stranglers" will include Lt. Sullivan, Lt. Brown, Chjefs Creeden, McNulty, and Rogers, Stkp. Tumulty, and Ph.M. McCave. The Sophomore "All Stars" are tentatively set to include many of the J.V. stars. The probable players are Longmuir, Muller, Probst, Geary, Gross, Lewis, Ackley, Longo, and Bailey.

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### Trainees View Launching; Tour Boston Yards

#### Group Inspects New Destroyer, Buildings And Yard Installations

At the invitation of the Commandant of the Boston Navy Yard, a group of men from the W.P.I. Unit attended a launching at the Yard Saturday afternoon.

The group of about 30 men, headed by Lieutenant Brown, left for Boston by train, arriving at the Yard about 1500. Two officers, a graduate of General Motors Institute, Class of '43, and the other, Lieut. Stanley B. Gawlowicz, Class of '30 (W.P.I.), met the party, and were the escorts for the afternoon.

Before the ceremony, the party divided into groups of five, boarded a destroyer where each was met by a member of the crew and shown around the ship. A few of the Tech men were at first thought by some of the crewmen to be new additions to the regular crew.

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### Basketball Game, Round Robin, to Enliven Weekend

The orchestra of Ruby Newman, CBS band leader, will feature the Winter Formal at W.P.I. The ten-piece orchestra with vocalist will play at Alden Memorial from 9 to 1 on the evening of Friday, February 9, 1945. The strains of favorites, old and new, will be blended into a smooth melody by this popular Boston orchestra.

This formal has been forthcoming a long time—our last one was on September 22, 1944. It is under the combined sponsorship of the Tech and Interfraternity Councils, with John Landers and John Ruggles acting as co-chairmen.

The formal will be attended by the following patrons: Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius, Captain and Mrs. Guy Davis, Lieutenant and Mrs. Albert J. Schwieger, Lieutenant Robert M. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Houston.

A large crowd of Navy men and civilians are expected to attend this affair. The Navy men will be granted liberty on Friday night probably until 0300.

On the Saturday morning following the formal, the "weekend guests" will be allowed to attend classes (primarily to keep their escorts awake). Many of them will undoubtedly try their hand at those infamous E.E.-9 "Guess-No" contests, and put their companions to shame. Later on, a drill exhibition may be presented for the girls' enjoyment by the members of the Naval Unit.

Many of the fraternity houses are planning banquets for Saturday afternoon before the basketball game between Tech and Wesleyan which will be held at 8:15 o'clock.

After evacuating their houses to allow the girls to stay overnight, the Tech fraternities will throw open their doors in a "Round-Robin" which will take place after the basketball game.

Tickets for the formal will be \$3.60 and will be available for all Navy men from their respective Company Commanders and civilians from their fraternity representatives.

The chairmen are being assisted in the necessary preparations for the dance by the following committee of civilian and Navy students: Bill

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## Editorial

### The Unheralded Swimming Team

Before reading this editorial, perhaps it would be a good idea if you turned your eyes to the third column in the sports page concerning Tech's swimming team. Your first reaction after reading it is, perhaps, "They apparently are not doing very well; no wonder I haven't heard about them." It could be possible that this is the first time that many of you knew such a team existed.

That is just it; it is about time that more people knew about this team and the facts behind it.

Editorials in this paper are confined generally to the academic events and problems of the school, but it is evident that something must be done to better the condition that the swimming team finds itself in and it is up to the student body to help them. Perhaps some of you are thinking, "If they can't win now, how will they possibly ever win?" However, if the facts are examined a little more closely, you would see that we have a winning combination.

Saturday afternoon against the New London Sub Base swimming team, all five of our men (yes, five) won their W's in swimming for this season. However, they still lost. Something must be wrong then. Yes, there is, and let's examine some of the facts!

First, with odds of three to one in manpower against them, who could possibly hope to win. In spite of that, nevertheless, the score was 43-30, which is not as bad as it outwardly looks since it was the final relay that lost the meet for them. But why did we lose the relay?

Believe it or not, each one of the men on the team swam in three events, which is quite an order. Every one of these men was exhausted by the time the relay was run off because this race is usually scheduled for the end of the meet. Even considering that, each man would obtain a lead, but they were so tired they could not maintain it.

Also, at the start of the meet, we were "behind the eight-ball" because of lack of divers; in fact, there was not one man in that event. Therefore, before the starter's signal was given Tech found itself seven points in the hole.

And then there is the question of hard luck. Every team gets its share, but it is expected that someone else will counteract it. With five men it is hard to expect such a condition to exist. In Saturday's meet, Briesemeister was missed because of an appendix operation, and the team was confident that if they had him they would have won.

You can see that races are rather difficult to win under such conditions. However, they, indeed, have the fight necessary, as shown when even the inexperienced men came through with victory Saturday. So now this gallant little squad of men want to tackle the Sub Base again and Professor Carpenter will go ahead making plans, if he is assured of a bigger squad. They know that they have a good team and can win. But although they have the fighting spirit, they need your outside help. You need not be a star, but just a little better than average. They are the nucleus and now they want some men who will get second and third places for them. For instance, there are many divers around school who would easily place perhaps not first, but second or third.

It is apparent that they need help, and badly too; so if you are capable at all, why not show up tomorrow night in the pool. If you are not moved by school spirit, then at least be moved by the gallant effort they are making.

## The Greek Column

A.E.P.

Brother George Cramer, class of '49A, has been accepted in the maritime service and is now at Kingspoint. Brothers Gershon Kulin and Bromberg are now also in the service. Kulin is at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, while Bromberg is at the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington.

T.K.P.

A house dance was held on Saturday, January 13, after the basketball game. Many brothers and pledges attended as well as the following brothers: Chief Petty Officer Elso Caponi, Chief Petty Officer Bob Blouin, and 3/C Petty Officer Paul O'Donnell, all from the Naval Ordnance Laboratories in Washington, D. C. Brother Meade has been accepted by the Navy and is leaving this week for training.

A.T.O.

This week is the beginning of "Hell Week" for eight unfortunate pledges.

Ken Truesdell, Navy sophomore, has been pledged.

L.X.A.

Last week, seven new pledges went through "Work Week" at the house. They were Paul Mugford, Bruce Nagler, Gordon Turner, Rex Hoffman, Ed Montague, Max Underwood, and Roger Williams. Ensign John Bjork visited the house last week.

### Ship's Company

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Bill Longmuir, All Star Captain, says that he has a guilty conscience toward going through with the game because, "the Commandant of the First Naval District will have a hard time trying to find replacements for a whole ship's company—but that's basketball!"

After the game, there will be dancing to the latest popular records. The proceeds from the game are to be used by the class of '48 to pay for their annual advertisement in the *Peddler*, because at present the class funds are inadequate to meet the expense. Tickets are on sale at the fraternity houses or may be obtained from members of the class entertainment committee. (And you can pay at the door, too!)

### Boston Trip

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The launching ceremonies followed at another part of the yard.

The Commandant had planned a special tour of the yards for the W.P.I. men which was resumed immediately following the ceremony. Now divided into two groups, each accompanied by one of the officers, the men visited the various yard shops and buildings of technical interest, including the foundry, forge shops, rope factory, turbine shops, pipe shops, plating works and dry docks.

### The TECH PHARMACY

Sol Harowitz, W.P.I. '22

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## Scuttlebutt Harbor

Orville Ranger

The old story of getting paid at Worcester Tech reminds one of the story about income tax. A recently arrived foreigner was asking an old Vermonter to explain to him the ins and outs of the income tax situation. Said the old timer: "Well, I'll tell ye—When you go to work, the amount of pay you git for a week's work we'll consider as a big block of wood. After you git through payin' yore Victory tax, cigarette tax, food tax, contributions to Greek relief, Russian relief, and Bohemian relief, you don't have nothin' 'ceptin a little pile of sawdust. Naow, income tax is what them @@@@!!! in Washington is usin' to try and get the sawdust!"

Last Saturday, at muster before the field day began, Lt. Brown asked why it was so difficult to keep Stratton Hall clean. Without trying to seem impertinent, it may be said that the answer is quite obvious from the "trainee's" point of view. Answer: (1) There are not enough brooms for every room. Consequently, each must wait his turn and, therefore, it is easily seen that some rooms must of necessity be very "efficiently" done. (2) There are NO dustpans. (3) The mops which sort of skulk around the building do a magnificent job of spreading dirt around but just will not pick it up. And it's illegal or something like that to shake a mop out of a window. (4) The decks are unvarnished and unwaxed and dirt seeps into and out of cracks with every air current. Two terms ago, when some ambitious trainees on the second deck tried to obtain some wax, the janitor had so little for his work that he could spare only small amounts about once every six weeks. (5) It takes about three times as long to sweep a room properly as it does for the deck sweepers to do their work. BUT the room officers have to muster, and the deck sweepers don't.

Daniel J. (for Judas) Rice always carries in his dear little head a voluminous amount of extremely . . . funny stories. Several of the latest include this scream: The one about the man who walked over himself. Man: (to clerk in smoke shop) "Do you have any cigarettes?" Clark: "No, but I think the store across the street has some." Man: "Would you please walk over and get me some?" Clerk: "Sorry, I'm too busy. SO—the man walked over himself. Any time you don't have anything better to do, let me urge you to look up dear old D. J. and urge him to give out. This does not, however, constitute an endorsement of this procedure by the Navy.

Let it be known that that great virtuoso on the drums, Jim Gunning, is going to spend all his spare time giving free lessons to interested trainees. All music lovers may obtain tickets at half price for the weekly Musical Jamboree given by the Master Ensemble in Rm. 16: Dougherty conducting (with slide rule); Boats Daly, Washboard and Hairbrush; Helbig, Comb and Wax Paper; Gunning, Overturned Waste-baskets; Whitney and Woodsum, Sweet Potatoes.

So thrilled is Prof. Gay over the accomplishments of infinite series in calculus, that he wishes to announce that those who have difficulty with math need only to "Relax and Quote the Series." After taking his advice to heart and letting the series do its homework, Gay's special section came through with a "C", two "D's", three "E's", three "F's" and an "O" with the comments: "You forgot quotation marks." "Why don't you do your own work?" "I guess you didn't relax", and "I said 'quote' not 'originate'." Seriously, though, series will do many things. Why, one Limey of 18th century origin computed pi to 777 places—the darn fool.

### Whitney Carries On Old Navy Tradition With Verse in U.S.S. Stratton Log Book

A week or so ago, Harry Whitney was assigned as Duty Officer in the Navy's Stratton Hall. As most of the V-12's know, it is one of the tasks of the Duty Officer to record all the events of the day in the "Log Book." It is uncertain whether or not the drafts in the hallway carried a certain aroma of brine-tinged air that day. At any rate, Whitney was carried back to the times when he served as yeoman aboard the BB Wisconsin. He recalled especially, typing the New Year's Day Log, for it is Navy custom to compose the log for that day entirely in verse. His pen had a slightly nostalgic tilt as he entered the following log:

"15 January, 1945:

0640: Whitney, H. R., logged in as D.O.  
0720: Treanor, P. J., logged in as D. O. relief.  
0800: Janitor logged in.  
Lt. (jg) Brown logged in.  
0810: Lt. (jg) Brown logged out.  
1100: Steaming as before. No change in echelon of command or composition of Task Force. SOPA in U.S.S. Sanford Riley. Boilers 1 and 2 cut in on main line. Sea calm, weather good, visibility

clear. Condition of readiness III Mike. Able in main and secondary battery. Catapults secured.

1215: Mustered crew for chow.  
1230: Relieved by Treznor for chow.  
1300: Lt. Schwiager logged in.  
1330: Lt. Schwiager logged out.  
1645: Janitor logged out.  
1700: Barber reported aboard.  
1830: Barber left the ship.

Anon: Hours stand I this watch dreary,  
Stand I pondering, weak and weary,  
No. G. Q. to make me fret,  
No high waves to get me wet.  
Bogie planes I will not hear,  
Torpedo wakes I need not fear,  
Gone is life of ships at sea,  
Secure and safe in N.C.T.P.  
Stratton's roll cannot be felt,  
Nor have I found her armor belt,  
Her guns secured, her ballast drawn,  
Her engines idle—makes me yawn.  
And yet this vigilant watch I keep,  
Of U.S.S. Stratton on the briny deep.  
Crew and skipper all ashore,  
Steaming, steaming, as before.  
Long t'wards evening, dare I falter?  
D.O. duties shall not alter,  
Twenty hundred—secure the pay phone,  
V-12 Trainees may no more roam,  
I, my duties, have down pat,  
Watch for fires, things like that.

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## SPORT SIDELIGHTS

By Jack Brown

Tech rolled up a very impressive score indeed, last week with A.I.C., but it was probably the most one-sided game that Worcester's more ardent basketball fans have ever paid full admission prices to see.

Fortunately there won't be any duplication of the A.I.C. game. Eight games are left to be played before the end of the season, and all are against teams on a par with Tech. The first of these will be the home game with Holy Cross, and here the high feeling of rivalry between the two schools should add to the excitement of what would under any circumstances be a hair-raising contest. The Cross will be favored to win, but if the Techmen are in scoring form there is no telling what might happen.

Before the Cross game, the team is scheduled to meet R.P.I. and Union on a road trip. Tech should triumph over Union, but the Rensselaer game will be mighty tough and there is the big question mark!

The swimming team has now completed two of the five scheduled meets, and have had rather tough luck in both. Journeying down to New London on the 13th of January they met defeat at the hands of the Coast Guardsmen, and on the 20th in a home meet with a Motor Torpedo Boat Base they lost again to the tune of 43 to 30.

Worcester Tech's embryo wrestling team is still going strong, if not stronger than ever before. Two Tuesday evening programs of matches have been run off for the edification and amusement of all; the net result is that many new men have signed up for the sport. A match with Holy Cross in the middle of March is now being planned, and the handy grapplins who manage to

stay on top the longest in the Tuesday evening matches will have the questionable pleasure of defending the reputation of the unit against the Cross's strong arm artists.

Incidental items of current interest: The coming Interfraternity basketball season, and the big game next Saturday night—The Ship's Company "Stranglers" vs. the Sophomore "All-Stars". The latter item will definitely be one of the most laugh provoking circuses since the famed Sever's production took to the road. *Don't miss the fun!*

Waves training at Smith College received circulars from a tattooing firm offering to "beautify American womanhood with anchors, flags, battleships, tracer shells or anti-aircraft guns."

A federal subsidy providing a year's education, at least, to veterans wanting it, is preferable to a bonus payment, in the opinion of Dean Thorndike Saville of New York University's engineering college.

*The Rambler*, student newspaper at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas, is now in its twenty-fourth year of publication.

An increase of from 200 to 1000 new students each month during the current year of correspondence instruction offered by the University of California is announced by the extension division.

The first intercollegiate football game was between Princeton and Rutgers on November 6, 1869.

The late Senator George W. Norris was an alumnus of Valparaiso University.

## Outnumbered Mermen Lose Two Meets

Working under severe handicaps, the Tech "quintet" swimming team has nevertheless made an excellent showing. In the meet against the Melville, R. I., Motor Torpedo Boat Base swimming team last Saturday, Jan. 20, the five men comprising the Tech team did so well that the score was not anywhere as one-sided as the number of men on the opposing teams might have indicated. In fact, the winner was anyone's guess until after the final event, the 400-yard relay race. The final score was 43-30 in favor of the PT's. The sailors from the PT base had all sorts of praise for the Tech Tankers, who were outnumbered 3-1.

Every man who swam for Tech won his letter, by winning five or more points each; and each man had to swim in two or more events. Captain Metzger won the 150-yard backstroke; Augie Kellerman won the 100-yard freestyle. Schupp helped to win the medley relay, and placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke, while Underwood, also in the medley relay, placed second in the 150-yard backstroke. Dick Martin swam 22 tiring laps to win the 440-yard freestyle. He then was called upon to swim in the 400-yard relay because of the absence of Breisemeister, who was sick with appendicitis.

On January 13, the team lost its first meet to Coast Guard. Needless to say, Coach Frank Grant, who is doing well with what he has, wants anyone who might have the talent, regardless of experience, to come out for the team. The mermen at present are without a diver.

## Tech Quintet Wins Fifth Straight While Downing Harvard, 60-37

### Navy Wrestling Tournament Is In Full Swing

**Roger's Rasslers Stage Weekly Sports Classic In Alumni Gymnasium**  
"In this corner we have—"; with a brief but hilarious introduction by Ed Stokel, the wrestlers shake and the match is on. For the past two Tuesday nights at 1900, "Rogers' Rasslers" have been staging a thrill-packed, fascinating forty minutes of wrestling before an interested audience of some one-hundred and fifty spectators.

This tournament is the blooming of a group of budding wrestling majors who for some time have been spending three gym periods a week learning the "art" under the guidance of Chief Rogers. From the winners of these scuffles, a team will be formed which will challenge the College of the Holy Cross to matches which will be held the latter part of March.

For the tired, haggard wrestlers who have not succumbed to the tenacities of their opponents there remains more action in the coming weeks. The winners of the bouts to date are as follows: 145 lb. class—Breed, Hall; 155 lb.—Bliven, Mitchell, Quinn; 165 lb.—Boddoroff, Balcon, Whitman, Brown, J. L., McDonald; 175 lb.—Bredahl, Sarkees, Stoner; 185 lb.—Daly, Mayes; 205 lb.—Wells.

Tuesday night's feature bout will bring to combat two wrestlers from "way, way back when" in the personages of "Angel" Biuso and "King Kong" Kellerman. These men are closely matched in height and weight

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### Lawton, Schmit, Corf Stand Out For Engineers

Last Saturday night the favored Tech quintet piled up its fifth victory in a row, when they took Harvard over the hurdles the second time this season with a score of 60-37.

Sparked by high scorer Dick Lawton, the Engineers took the lead after five minutes of play and held it all the way to the finish. At the end of the first period Tech held the lead by a narrow margin of one point with a score of 11-10. Harvard stuck just behind the Tech five for the first half of the second quarter, getting point for point. Then Tech began to hit its stride and, led by Dick Lawton and Jack Corf, closed the first half with a 35-25 lead.

During the second half Tech continued to work on a disillusioned Harvard team which was beginning to fall apart, and built their lead up to fifteen points at the end of the third quarter. Tech kept right on increasing this lead throughout the last period, while Coach Stagg gave the entire squad a work-out with frequent substitutions. When the game ended Tech had a 23 point lead and had run up a score of 60-37 to hand Harvard another defeat.

The high scorer of the game was Dick Lawton who dropped in 14 points. Not far behind was Charley Schmit with 11 and Jack Corf with 10.

Early in the game the Harvard informals lost the services of one of their high scorers, when Mike Keene and Dick Lawton crashed into each other. Keene had to leave the

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## Inter-Platoon Rifle Matches Under Way; Handball Competition To Be Scheduled

Chief Rogers and company have branched out in their inter-company activities again. At present there are men from each Navy platoon over on the firing range every afternoon sharpening up their shooting eyes and firing for scores. Ten men from each platoon are entered and the five

with the highest scores will be taken as the team members to determine the championship of the Unit.

Tentative plans for a handball competition, perhaps even with a standard set of rules, are also under way. This competition will begin soon and will no doubt see some excellent games played.

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# Hoopsters Beat Harvard, 52-45, Trample Outclassed A.I.C., 87-28

## All Members of Team See Action in Easily Won Game

Tech's rejuvenated basketball team journeyed to the ivy twined campus of Harvard a week ago last Wednesday to hand the Crimson a 52-45 setback. In spite of exceedingly loose ball and a poor shooting eye, the Engineers were in trouble but once.

Hopping to an early lead, Worcester remained about five to ten points in front for the rest of the game. Especially deceptive to the visiting team was the solid bank boards of the Cambridge school's spacious floor.

Spearheading Tech's attack was slight, but fleet-footed Bobby (Kaintucky) Kuykendall. Shooting while moving at top speed, the product of the Blue Grass country meshed the enemy netting for fifteen points. The remainder of the scoring was well divided between the playing squad.

Harvard possessed a fine scorer in King, blond haired pivot man, but never could they seem to bring about a sustained drive. Both teams worked entirely from a man to man defense.

Though failing to recapture his pre-leave point-getting form, Captain Charlie Schmit contributed his usual outstanding floor game, intercepting a host of enemy passes and setting up most of Worcester's plays.

### Tech 81—A.I.C. 28

Saturday, January 17, Tech walked away with its fourth straight victory, over a badly out-classed A.I.C. five, and piled up a score of 87-28.

The scoring honors of this game go jointly to George Fritz and George Walton, who each netted 14 points. Close behind were Carl Simon with 13, and Dick Lawton with 12.

Early in the game Tech took the lead and by the end of the quarter had built up a score of 29-9. Here a new team took over for Tech, and they pushed the score to 45-19 by the end of the first half.

Almost as soon as the second half started Tech boosted the score to 51-19. Then Coach Stagg sent in Bill Longmuir and Edmund Oshet-sky of the Jayvee squad, who played the rest of the game.

### 357 Midshipmen

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vast construction program of this outfit, which has grown from a small number of officers in 1941 to the thousands of officers and men now in the Seabees.

### P.S.K.

Seven men were initiated at the house. They were John Fitzpatrick, August Flotteron, John Williams, Charles Seaver, Bob Campbell, Len-nart Berg, and John Ebbs. Fifteen men were pledged: William Boyd, Bob Cable, Leo Geary, Ace Walton, Jack Wilson, John Hambor, John Harding, Bill Longmuir, Don Knoll, Ralph Richards, Paul Slater, Don Thompson, Nay Chang, James Peepas, and Albert Riley.

## Jayvees Take Fourth Straight Win As C.H.S. Bows 41-29

The Tech Junior Varsity clinched its fourth successive tilt last Saturday by defeating a tall, capable Classical high quintet, 41-29. The game was speedy and fast breaks were displayed by the Classical team. The J.V.'s made some excellent angle and set shots. At the first quarter the J.V.'s led 17-6 and did not lose this lead for the rest of the game. With a score of 26-12 at the half the J.V.'s came back and piled up 15 points in the last half to the Classical's 14 and the final score was Tech 41, Classical 29.

## TX On Top In Bowling, ATO Close Second

The intramural bowling match has developed into a pin-by-pin battle between Theta Chi and A.T.O. As the TECH NEWS goes to press, T.X. has a scant one-point lead over the Horseshoes, with a 10-2 standing. They dropped one point to Theta Kap, and one to Phi Sig. A.T.O. is working hard to break that one point lead and take the top position.

A.T.O. and T.X. have always gone in for bowling in a big way, placing high in the list each season. "Wild Bill" Bingham, of T.X., a Fitchburg flash, is pacing the league with a 93.7 average. Bingham also holds the high single mark for three strings, with 297. Bob Bartlett, of Lambda Chi, bowled a 111, the highest single score to date. S.A.E.'s 394 is the best so far for a team single string. The high team total of 1092 was bowled by Theta Chi.

### BOWLING STATISTICS WEEK ENDING JAN. 20

Team Standing		
	Won	Lost
T.X.	10	2
A.T.O.	9	3
S.A.E.	6	2
P.G.D.	6	6
P.S.K.	6	6
L.X.A.	6	10
A.E.P.	5	11
S.P.E.	2	6
T.K.P.	2	6
Individual Averages		
Bingham, T.X.	93.7	
Lagadinos, T.X.	91.3	
Miczek, T.K.P.	90.8	
Stewart, A.T.O.	90.3	
Burr, S.A.E.	90.0	
Hubble, S.A.E.	89.6	
Bartlett, L.X.A.	89.2	
Rockwood, S.A.E.	88.6	
Cable, P.S.K.	87.8	
Campbell, P.S.K.	87.8	
Egan, P.G.D.	87.7	
Orrange, A.T.O.	87.8	
Coonan, T.K.P.	87.5	
Martin, S.P.E.	87.0	

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## A.I.E.E. Hears Talk On Television; Future Promising

### Mr. McLain Describes Typical Station; Shows Movies on Development

On Tuesday, January 16th, the combined local and student chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers convened to hear Mr. McLain of the General Electric Company speak on "The Future of Television".

Mr. McLain stressed particularly the future of television in the United States which he termed as bright. According to Mr. McLain immediately after the reconversion of industry to peace time production, television receivers will be available to the general public for approximately two hundred dollars.

The television station WRGB at Schenectady was described to the gathering and a movie giving pertinent information about the development of television was shown.

### Stratton Log

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Should civilians or strangers call, Phone to Sanford Riley Hall.

2300: Muster on stations. All hands present and accounted for.

Thus ends my watch in Stratton Hall, The Duty Officer did not call, The lights are out, the hatches dogged, The minds of V-12 Trainees fogged, The sea is calm—a peaceful night, The good ship Stratton will not fight, And so I end this seaman's lore, While steaming, steaming, as before.

Secured from watch—H. C. Whitney."

### Tau Beta Pi

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Eng. and comes from Morristown, Pa.

George C. Nysten, another Chem. Eng., is a local boy. He lives at 5 Wood Avenue here in the city. He is an active member of SPE.

And last but not least is William T. "Doc" Welles. He is an M.E. transfer from Geneva and he comes from Rochester, Pa.

### Wrestling

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and should prove the most serious of the evening.

At 1900 Tuesday, with Ryman and Stoner doing the refereeing the following nine, three-minute matches will take place in addition to the feature bout.

Name	Weight	Name	Weight
Lazerin	140	Hoffman	136
Lee	150	Whitney	150
Morice	150	Lempges	147
Conlin	154	Brown, R. H.	154
Funk	155	Conley	152
Ham	169	Feldman	173
Bergman	165	Schenk	159
Miller, W. C.	180	Runniger	181
Freese	181	Passanisi	182

### Ruby Newman's Music

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Grogan publicity; Larry Stewart and Herb Slaughter tickets; Ed Pendleton, stage and lights; Jim Maloney, patrons.

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## Over the Hill

By George Fritz

### AN EDITORIAL

Nothing is so disheartening to the instructors of our colleges today than to look out over his class, after rendering a most enlightening lecture, and perceive a mass of gaping mouths and drooping eyes indicating that a large percentage of his class is asleep. Daily, these kind gentlemen, who have devoted their life to the betterment of the mental facilities of our youth, devise and employ diverse methods of combating this ubiquitous somnolence.

There are innumerable species of class slumbers. The most gifted is of course the person who can sleep with his eyes open while sitting bolt upright. To catch this man the teacher must be a combination of The Shadow, Nero Wolf, and Lt. Brown. However, few are so lavishly endowed with such talent. There are those who make pitiful efforts to cover their eyes with their hands and some try to break the napping up into intervals.

At the very bottom of the list is the character who stomps clumsily into the room, dumps his books into a crude pile on the floor, and, before the professor has taken the roll, shoves off to the land of dreams often emitting loud reverberating snores. After a while, his body takes on the rigidity of jelly. His head topples forward. Then with a sickening thump his face drives into the floor followed by the remainder of his body. If the shock of the fall is sufficient to awaken him, an expression of extreme stupidity covers his face and he makes the startling statement, "Huh, I musta' been asleep."

Faced daily with this problem, the instructors have invented a wide range of countermeasures. Some use ridicule, others scorn and still others fierce anger. There are those who rely on humor to hold the class's attention. Professor Morley is an excellent example of these lecture hall Bob Hopes, who often come forth with such jocular puns as "you should not have disintegrated during the last calculus exam." As yet, Messrs. Kay and Skelton do not fear that any quipster from the coun-

### Harvard Basketball

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floor, and although Harvard was somewhat slowed down by this loss, it is doubtful that it made any difference to the final outcome of the game.

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try's intelligentia will force them from their field.

Having been provided with a voice of tremendous volume, Professor Downing makes the catching of winks in his class extremely difficult. Those sitting in the front rows are warned to have their ears examined at least twice a year.

The most insidious type, however, is the cynical individual whom the constant looking at sleep-sodden faces has left bitter; he has no scruples; his only thought is revenge. Cultivating a dull, uninteresting voice with a lullaby effect, he spends the greater part of the hour enticing the class into the waiting arms of Morpheus, all the while dealing with distantly irrelevant material, and, when he calculates the greatest percentage of his scholars are beyond his hearing, he drives the most important points—or at least those he will include on his coming quiz.

In spite of the heroic efforts maintained by educational systems to stem the tide, class room slumbering continues to increase, and in the near future lectures may be given with a backdrop of vaudeville or dancing chorines; or the professor of today with his conservative dress and mein of dignity may be replaced by slinking, voluptuous creatures answering to the description of Lauren Bacall or Hedy Lamarr. If these extreme measures do not work, our educational system may completely disappear. Therefore, I feel it is our duty, we of the younger generation, to fling ourselves into the battle to stamp out this scourge that strikes at the very roots of our institutions of higher learning. It is our obligation to our children yet unborn.

Editor's note: According to William Farrel Smith, Jr., when the bell rang ending one of the author's classes today, he jumped to his feet and did three types of morning exercise before anyone could stop him.)

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