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## V-12 Program to Reopen July 1; Whitney First Casualty of Class of '46

### Status of Trainees Discussed in Talk By Lt. Schweiger

According to latest information, the V-12 program will not be additionally curtailed or drastically changed this summer, but rather increased under the present set-up. Originally it was announced that no new men would be taken into the program after 1 March, but now it has been announced that 2,000 new men would be taken into the program 1 July. The Navy also plans to recall 7,000 aviation cadets.

At a meeting of the Naval Unit Thursday night, Lieut. Schweiger read part of a notice sent out by the Navy Department to V-12 Units regarding the status of the program.

In part, the text of the notice follows:

"... the new plan will provide for the continuation in the V-12 program of all trainees now on board, under the same general conditions as heretofore. No trainee now under instruction will be separated from the program for any reason other than academic failure, lack of officer-like qualities, breach of discipline, or lack of physical qualifications...."

Further information on the increase in the program is found in a Wash-  
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## Recent Tech Grads Attempt Transfer To Seabee Outfit

### Endeavor Unsuccessful For All Volunteers But Electrical Engineer

To the Seniors that will be leaving Tech in the very near future, perhaps this news may be of some immediate interest. Word was recently received from several members of the graduating class of November 1, 1944, that are now stationed at the pre-midshipman school at Asbury Park to the effect that voluntary transfers to the Civil Engineer Corps, better known as the Seabees, would be accepted. Immediately many of the men availed themselves of the opportunity, either because of their love for the Seabees or because of their distaste for Asbury Park.

The transfer papers showed that none of the graduating Mechanical Engineers took the offer; however, the Electrics, with the exception of Laverty and Flink, volunteered as a group. Then when the physical examinations were taken, all were rejected with the exception of Gregory, for strange as it may seem, they were in top physical condition.

### Leo Jansson Leaves Unit For C.B. Service

#### Popular Ph/M Saw Action At Guadalcanal, Tulagi; Now Camp Endicott, R. I.

"Leo" Jansson, our roving pharmacist mate who arrived last May, is leaving now for the CB's. At present, he is stationed at Camp Endicott, R. I.

Leo joined the Navy directly after high school with many of his friends and has been in now for five years and two months. Of this he spent three and a half years with the Marines where he established a very distinguished service record.

On Memorial Day of '41, he was graduated from a polliwog to a shell-back in the traditional ceremonial imposed while crossing the equator.

On his 21st birthday, he went in with the first wave of the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal. Said he about this jokingly, "That proved that I was a man." While there, he was also head man of a surgical team and in charge of an operating room.

He served twenty-four months in the Pacific theatre doing his best for his Marines in Tulagi, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester and Australia.

It might be interesting to note that although Leo now weighs in the vicinity of two hundred pounds, he weighed only one hundred and forty-five when he arrived in the states after his Pacific experience.

Among his ribbons and decorations are the Presidential Unit Citation, the Pre-War Defense, Southwest Pacific Area, American Defense Area, and Good Conduct ribbons.

Leo, now first class, has taken his chief's exam and expects to go up as soon as there is an opening.

A good friend to all of us and one of the most popular men ever stationed in Tech's ship's service—we wish him the best of luck always.

### President Returns

Back again here on the Hill, is our fast stepping and energetic Prexy, Rear Admiral Wat Tyler Cluverius, who for the past two weeks has been taking a much needed rest in Washington, D. C.

### Joined Ski Troopers In 1943 and Left for Overseas August, 1944

The first member of the Class of '46 to be killed in this war was Charles E. Whitney, who died November 26 of wounds received in action in France on November 20.

Most of the members of the original Class of '46—the Senior Class—will remember Charlie who lived in Room 318 during his year in the Freshman Dorm.

He graduated from Gardner High School in 1941 before entering Worcester Tech in 1942 as a member of the class of 1946. He was an active member of the Outing Club through which he found access to his favorite sport of skiing as a member of Tech's skiing team. During his first year, he also pledged to Phi Sigma Kappa, but left school in the latter part of his freshman year to join the Armed Forces. He continued to follow his hobby and joined the Ski Troops in March of 1943 receiving his training at Camp Hale, Colorado. He was then sent to the engineering school at Harvard and later was transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C., going overseas with the 26th Division in August of 1944.

The Class of '46, together with all of W.P.I., pays tribute to Pfc Charles E. Whitney, the first member of the Class of '46 to give his life for his country.

## Newman Club Plans Communion Breakfast February 18

### Conley, '41 Is Chairman; Also Plans for Spring Dance Headed by Brennan

The Tech Newman Club held its final meeting of the old year last December 19. At that time, Father Brabson, the club's chaplain, showed movies on the Mass to a large turnout of Tech's Catholics.

Plans were laid for several activities which will take place early this year. A Communion breakfast was planned, to be held Sunday, February 18. The committee in charge of arrangements for the breakfast is headed by George Conley. Assisting him will be Irving MacDonald, Hagen Nault, and Joseph Tracey. All Catholic men at Tech are invited.

The club is also planning to hold a dance later this coming spring. Fred Brennan will be in charge of arrangements. Also on the dance committee will be Phil Duffy and John Connor.

## Glittering Winter Formal Will Climax Season's Social Calendar

### Rodier Succeeds Simon As Unit Head In Mid-Term Change

#### Men in Sanford Riley Retain Posts, Shenk New Battalion Assistant

On January 5, a turnover of student officers in Tech's V-12 Unit brought some new faces into the limelight. There was a complete change of men in Stratton Hall, while those in Sanford Riley retained their posts.

Dick Rodier succeeded Carl Simon as Battalion Commander. A senior M.E., Dick is one of the youngest members of his class. He is a member of Phi Gam, and is a first string pitcher on the baseball team.

Frank Schenk is the new Assistant Battalion Commander. He was rewarded for his able governing of Company D. "Red" is also a senior M.E.

Succeeding Schenk as Commander of Company D is Dick Merritt, while his new assistants are Roger Brown and Tom Zajac. Bob Bartlett took over Company E, with Ken Petry and Walt Conlin as Platoon Leaders. John Hossack is Company F's new Commander, on Stratton Hall's second deck.

These men are appointed in each company to assist in the organization, discipline, and drills of the Unit. In such a responsibility, they serve as direct representatives of the Commanding Officer of the Unit. It is interesting to note that of these seventeen student officers, all but two are senior M.E.'s.

## H. E. Linsey, RAF Flyer to Speak at Assembly, Jan. 16

On January 16, H. E. Linsey, a former flying officer of the R.A.F., will speak at assembly. Linsey is an experienced speaker and will give a non-technical talk on aviation highlights as well as some human interest stories. He has been asked to come a few hours early and meet and talk with the aero class.

In 1927 Linsey came to the United States and joined the old Curtis Aeroplane and Motor Company. For ten years he was associated with the Curtis Aeronautical Corporation. He is now chairman of the American Society of Tool Engineers, a member of the Army Ordinance Association, and a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Science.

### Week-end Includes Round Robin Dance; Ball Game

All scuttlebutt aside, at last it can be officially said that Worcester Tech is to have a "Winter Formal." Friday, February 9, 1945, is the date set for the casanovas to swish their young ladies to the music of the yet-to-be decided orchestra.

The "Winter Formal" is under the combined sponsorship of the Tech and Interfraternity Councils—two of the strongest student organizations on the hill. John Landers and John Ruggles acting as co-chairmen of the dance are being assisted in the necessary preparations by the following committee: Bill Grogan, publicity; Larry Stewart and Herb Slaughter, tickets; Ed Pendleton, stage and lights; Jim Maloney, patrons.

For three magnificent days Tech will be enveloped in a "like-college-used-to-be atmosphere." Navy men will be granted sufficient liberty Friday afternoon and night to insure them a very good time. Saturday morning the "dates" escorted by their groggy Techsters will be permitted to attend classes. No doubt, Prof. Downing is anxiously anticipating another big red apple similar to the one presented him by Al Haffner's girl at the Fall Formal. Al passed Statics—by the skin of an apple.

Later in the morning the girls will be treated to an exhibition drill by the Naval Unit on the drill field.

Wesleyan vs. Tech, one of the outstanding games on the basketball calendar, will be played Saturday night in the gymnasium. After which, tentatively will follow a "Round Robin Dance" given co-operatively by all fraternity houses to all Tech students, whether members of a fraternity or not. This consists of a shifting of personalities from one house to another providing rather an informal relaxation after the previous formal evening.

## ASCE TO HOLD MEETING IN ALDEN, JAN. 11

This Thursday evening at seven o'clock, the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers will hold a meeting in the Alden Memorial Auditorium. Colonel Robert L. Whipple of Worcester will be the principle speaker of the evening and will discuss the various phases of construction of the \$40,000,000 Boston Municipal Airport that is now being built on Governors Island.

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## Blood Donations for Tech

Many people think that going to college during war-time is not only unnecessary but that it actually hinders the war effort. We here at Tech know that this is not true because trained men are needed both now and in the post-war period. If it were true the Navy certainly would not keep the Navy men here nor would the civilians be here long. However, it is true that our immediate contribution to the fighting of the war is practically non-existent. We haven't got the time to engage in the ordinary civilian activities such as war production, home conservation work, scrap drives, and the many other things through which the citizens of the country help bring victory closer.

But there is one thing which every one of us can do and that is, donate blood. It is well known that the latest developments in the processing and typing of blood have made tremendous strides toward keeping more of our fighting men alive, and also maintaining production on the home front by speeding recovery from injuries sustained by war workers. Through the donation of a pint of our blood we can be assured that we are that much closer to victory.

The Worcester District Center for Aiding Transfusions or "Blood Bank" was the first community blood bank to be established in the country. They now provide whole blood, blood cells, and blood plasma to all the hospitals in the Worcester District, and also red blood cells to the wounded soldiers at the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens, who otherwise could not obtain this life-saving fluid in the large quantities they need.

Recently it was discovered that men wounded on the battlefields fail to heal their wounds or knit their fractures in many instances because they are physically exhausted. By administering daily blood transfusions to these men the healing of their wounds has been remarkable in its rapidity and completeness.

With these facts before us it is easy to see that the donation of a pint of blood is a service which is of vital importance to the welfare of the country and its fighting men. All of us know that some day many of the men now here will be out there in a distant battle area. At that time they will probably realize much more clearly how valuable the blood plasma donated by those back home is in battle. Many of the men now stationed in the Navy Unit have seen a lot of action and they can testify to the marvelous properties of this product to recent developments in the processing of blood.

The TECH NEWS would like to suggest that some definite action be taken in toward facilitating blood donations. One possible method of blood procurement would be to make available to both civilians and Navy men appointment slips worked out in cooperation with the Worcester Blood Bank. Navy men might be granted special liberty to carry out their appointments.

Another method, if found practical, would be to have the Bank bring the necessary equipment to the gym here, and arrange for Navy donations perhaps during gym periods, with the civilians and faculty signing up at their convenience.

Of course, it is up to the Naval Administration and Blood Bank officials to decide the best course of action along this line; but one thing is evident—there is at Tech a large potential source of blood, which, to all radio and press information, is desperately needed at this time.

The donations themselves are painless and do not take over forty-five minutes, including the preparations and a period of rest immediately following the extraction. The only outside preparation necessary is to avoid eating fatty foods for the preceding four hours.

## The Greek Column

S. A. E.

An alumni reunion and banquet was held December 17. Present at the affair were fifteen alumni brothers and the active brothers of the house. William Howard of the class of '45 visited the house recently. Charles Johnson of the class of '45 is spending a few days at the house. A small New Year's Eve party was held, with many brothers attending.

P. S. K.

At a recent election of house officers, John Hossack was elected President; Charles Whitcomb, Vice-President; and Allen Breed, Secretary. A Christmas party was held Friday, December 23, at which a good time was had by all. Eight members from EΔ were guests at our Lambda Chapter in Washington, D. C., for a gala New Year's party. This past Saturday, several members of the Omicron Chapter from M.I.T. were our guests for the evening meal and the basketball game.

S. P. E.

Mr. William W. Hindman, National Grand Secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon, will visit the house this Sunday.

T. K. P.

Frank Mazzone, Frank Sauer and Edward Supple of the Navy Unit have been pledged. Ensign Gilrien of the class of '44 visited the house recently. A gala Christmas Party was held Friday evening, December 23, with Major and Mrs. Longwell as chaperones.

T. X.

John Luoma, '49B, was pledged to Theta Chi Fraternity. Brothers Jack Saunier, '45, Larry Minnick, '45, Cal Davis, '46, and George Dewire, '47, visited the chapter house recently.

L. C. A.

A formal pledging ceremony for the four new Navy pledges at the house was held Sunday afternoon. They are Rex Hoffman, Max Underwood, Ed Montague, and Roger Williams. George Fuller of the class of '36 recently visited the house. After the basketball game on Saturday night open house was held with Don and Mrs. Howe acting as chaperones. Bowling and basketball practice was held Saturday afternoon.

A. T. O.

Six Navy men have been pledged. They are Edward Ryan, Samuel Di Fresco, Bernie Violette, Edward Waranowicz, Robert Lazzarin and George Schupp.

George Morin of the Naval Ordnance Laboratories visited the house this past week.

A. E. P.

Charles Dimston of the class of '48 has left to join the U. S. Navy.

Surely we can each give up one hour to contribute in this way. Most of us here have at one time or another decided to contribute, but the shortage of time and machinery of donation procedure has made it difficult. With this difficulty surmounted by suitable arrangements, there should be 100 per cent participation.

R. H. A.



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TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir: Once again we are being allowed the "opportunity" to contribute five dollars to the Student Activity Tax collection. This time I noticed that a rather long editorial in the NEWS was dedicated to a sales talk-explanation regarding the tax. The lengthy list of expense was not

too interesting, and failed to show me why I should surrender a good percentage of my pay to the school for them to spend. I could produce a similar (although smaller) list of my own expenses, illustrating the difficulties involved in adjusting my budget to accommodate payment of the tax.

Among the "questions and answers" I saw the old argument that if we wanted to get our money's worth out of the tax we should participate in everything we could. This same reasoning could be carried to the same extent as far as buying anything is concerned. We could, for instance, buy five dollars' worth of movie tickets. If we didn't get our money's worth out of the deal, it was our own fault; the theater was open all the time. Many of us do not have the time for or, in some cases, the desire to participate in activities beyond our regularly scheduled classes.

While I am not familiar with most  
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## SPORT SIDELIGHTS

By Jack Brown

For a low scoring game like that against M.I.T. Saturday night, there certainly was plenty of excitement! Starting out right in the beginning to gain a slight lead, the Mass. Techmen held it unchallenged until the exciting last quarter. Tech (Worcester) managed to tie up the score and the battle was on for that decisive basket,—less than three minutes to play. A foul was called on Schmit, one shot,—good.

With M.I.T. one point in the lead the Techmen were really out after that ball, and finally gained control with less than a minute to go. Schmit tried two of those one handed shots of his from out around the foul circle, and managed to connect on the second attempt, putting Worcester out in front. Lou Butler, M.I.T. freshman center, had one chance to again turn the tide but missed an easy lay-up. Simon sank another one for us, and the ball game was over.

Neither team played very impressive basketball relative to previous games of the season, but this was natural enough after the long holiday leave. The most notable result of the holiday let-down was in the shooting. Everyone, with the exception of Simon, was 'way off. Si just couldn't seem to find that basket before Christmas, but Saturday night, —although still a little hesitant, he was managing to connect.

The home team opened with a zone defense in the first quarter, but soon found it ineffective against the accuracy of Ray Evans, little spark-plug of the M.I.T. squad. Switching over to a man-to-man defense held down the opposition scoring, but they were still playing steadier ball up until the last quarter. The last quarter found the home team really out to win, and showing more fight

than at any other time during the game. The boys from Boston just couldn't keep that ball away from them.

Previously this season M.I.T. has played Northeastern, B.U., Tufts, and Trinity. Northeastern and B.U. have little better than pickup teams, and were defeated in high-scoring one-sided games. Trinity, sparked by an All-American center, had little trouble gaining a decisive win, and Tufts, the only team of the four which we are scheduled to meet, also topped the M.I.T. team.

If the boys can regain their ability to sink shots by Wednesday's game with Harvard and hold on after that, the remainder of the season should be successful, but last Saturday's brand of basketball left an awful lot to be desired.

Next Saturday the swimming team opens its season against the Coast Guard Academy. Seven men are making the trip to New London, but Captain Metzger and Auggie Kellerman are the only veterans in the group. Coast Guard is also hampered by inexperienced men, however, so anything can happen. The seven men will be entered in all events except diving. Coach Grant is without a diver this season and anybody with any kind of talent at all in that line has a good chance of making the team if interested.

Inter-platoon wrestling matches, running for four weeks, will probably begin on Tuesday night. They will be run on the elimination basis, and the last week will be devoted to determining champs in each of the ten pound classes from 135 pounds to 185 pounds. These champs will be banded into a team which may take on outside competition. The matches will take place between 1900 and 2000, and all trainees are invited.

### JAYVEES WALLOP COMMERCE 41-31 THIRD STRAIGHT

On Saturday night was witnessed the third win for the Tech J.V. hoopsters. The opening quarter was unimpressive with neither team scoring plentifully. However, the period ended with Commerce in the lead, 12-7.

The second quarter of this tilt saw a five man replacement on the part of the visitors. Nevertheless, this had little or no effect on the Tech team for it was during this period that Coach McNulty's squad threatened to take the lead, but failed, leaving the score: Commerce 18, W.P.I. 16, at the half.

With this slight margin difference, Tech began its drive during the next period. With Commerce leading 24-23, Oshetsky came through with a basket that placed our club in the

### I.F. RELAYS WON BY PHI SIGMA KAPPA OVER ATO

The interfraternity relay races came to an end the week before Christmas with Phi Sigma Kappa winning a decisive race over A.T.O. in the fast time of 4:23.2. This was an after-season race as a result of Phi Sigma Kappa losing to Theta Kappa Phi the week before to the time of 4:23.2. The P.S.K. team was composed of Charlie Whitcomb as lead off man, Myron Johnson next, Dave Hal running third, and Mal Zink as anchor-man.

The season's races were perhaps more competitive than usual. The five teams accounting for the nip and tuck races were P.S.K., A.T.O., T.K.P., L.C.A., and S.A.E.

BUY MORE WAR STAMPS

## Wrestlers To Hold Gigantic Sweat Session

### Chief Roger's Athletes In First of a Series Of Matches January 9

On Tuesday, January 9, the first in a series of wrestling matches by Chief Rogers' crew of sixty grunt-and-groan artists is to be held in the Alumni gym. These sixty members of the Naval Unit have voluntarily chosen wrestling as a physical training activity and receive instruction during their P. T. classes from Chief Rogers.

Tuesday will mark the debut of wrestling at Worcester Tech. The matches conducted that evening will be the first in a series of elimination bouts to be held for the purpose of choosing men to represent Tech on a varsity wrestling team. There exists a possibility of holding matches with teams from the Naval Units of other near-by colleges.

If enough interest is exhibited by the Unit as a whole as well as by the participants, platoon competition will no doubt be inaugurated at a later date.

In addition to wrestling matches, boxing bouts are tentatively being planned. These bouts will follow the wrestling matches and will consist of platoon competition similar to that carried on during the summer months

## Tech's Basketball Team Ekes Out A Close 40-37 Victory Over MIT

### Ship's Company to Tackle Sophomores In Cage Classic

#### Bill Longmuir, Captain, to Lead Sophomores Against Star-Studded Array

January 27th is a date that will no doubt go down in history! On this momentous day, the ship's company will accept the sophomore class' challenge and face them in a thrill-packed exciting basketball game. Our own varsity team is on the road on that date, so the game will be played in the Alumni Gym at the usual varsity game time.

The ship's company powerhouse will be sparked by many returning stars on this, their first game of the '45 season. "Black Mac" McNulty will be back to dazzle the fans, as will "Rassler" Rogers, Patty "Why should I want a basket, I've already got a pot" Creeden, and "Demerits" Brown. Newcomers "We ain't got any" Tumulty, and "Turn your head and cough" McCave will be around to bolster the team. Although Chief Mac was very modest and bashful about the ability of his team, he did manage to offer the sophomores the consolation of knowing that Sick Bay will be open, and the station wagon ready.

### Carl Simon Sparks Tech Team In Slow Unimpressive Game

In a thrilling game which was unimpressive from the standpoint of teamwork, Tech came through to beat M.I.T. with a very close 40-37 score last Saturday night at the Alumni Gym. The opening minutes of the game found the teams matching each other's shots, until, at the end of five minutes, M.I.T. was leading with a score of 8 to 6. Kuykendahl and Schmit led the early attack for Tech, but faulty shots produced no great jump in the score. From that time on M.I.T. led Tech by anywhere from six to eleven points. The big guns for the Cambridge men were Heuchling and Butler who made ten points apiece.

The half time found M.I.T. leading by a score of 24 to 19 but in a few minutes the score was pushed up to 31 to 21. Here Tech slowly came back with a series of free throws and painfully earned shots to within one point of M.I.T.

Evans of M.I.T. was a definite threat in the first half of the game due to his peculiar set-shot that did not require breaking through the tight zone defense, which Tech had set up. He rang up seven points, six of which were shot from mid-court. Tech's zone defense was abandoned.

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## G-E Campus News

RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING KEEP GENERAL ELECTRIC YEARS AHEAD



### JET PROPULSION

QUICK on the take-off, prompt in answering the throttle, the jet-propelled plane has perhaps opened a revolutionary chapter in aviation. The P-59A Airacomet, built by Bell Aircraft, is the first American version—a single-seater, high-altitude fighter.

The engines were developed by General Electric from an original British design. The AAF assigned the job in 1941, and six months later the first jet engine in America, an aircraft gas turbine, was on test.

The jet-plane doesn't have a propeller.

What actually pushes the plane forward is the reaction to a high velocity discharge of gases. It is just a practical application of one of Newton's laws, which says that to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

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# Scuttlebutt Harbor

Orville Ranger

A supreme example of scabby scabbiness was enacted a couple of weeks ago by a certain assistant battalion commander who has bright red hair. Yes, "Red" is the boy who packed a big load of Naval org. lecture notes in his suitcase on the week-end when he went to see his girl friend.

Al Broverman was recently awarded his 502nd Oak Leaf Cluster for an act of extreme bravery. He slept, or rather tried to sleep, out on the fire escape just off Stratton's lecture room. When fully prepared to set out on this dangerous mission, Al was clothed in skivvy shirt and shorts, longie shirt and trousers, pajamas, sox, slippers, shoes and overshoes, a foul weather jacket, three blankets, and a mattress. Next morning his theme song had changed from "Margie" to "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night"—I guess he was too warm. Anyway, he collected five of Morgenthau's rare green for the deed.

To quote one of Georgie-throw-me-the-ball, I'll-shoot-Fritz' sayings: "People have more fun than anybody." You would have thought so had you been sleeping on Stratton's first deck late night. Poor J. L. Taylor doesn't get a chance to say much in the day time—but does he make up for it at night. Whew! It was about 4 o'clock when J. L. let loose. He started gently with a "Hey!" Next came, "There's a little dog in our room"—which grew greatly in volume. The finale consisted of the word "Hey" all over again, but with a volume which blew off every lampshade on the south end of the deck. Then someone said, "Kick him, J. L., or he'll bite ya." James kicked with a will—almost tipped the sack over. Finally Ordie Irwin broke up the free-for-all with several well-spoken

sentences better imagined than described.

Thoughts while shaving: Wonder if it would be possible for V-3 to hit the EE building. . . . Can always hope and dream. . . . Wonder if it's true that Worcester's theoretical good-looking women are tied in the cellar at 6 o'clock every night. . . . (Now building air castles) A week at Tech without a cold-air muster. . . . A commission. . . . A 100 on a calc. exam. . . . Not really bitter, it's just that (cough, cough) coffee every morning. (Now rinsing off the blade).

## V-12 Opened

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ington dispatch to the "Herald Tribune" as quoted below:

"WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The Navy Department, admitting that it "may have made a mistake" in reducing its V-12 college training program and effecting an over all cutback in aviation training, announced today that approximately 7,000 aviation cadets and students will resume training where they left off last June and that an additional 2,000 enlisted men will be selected for V-12 college work and ultimate commissions in the Navy. . . .

"In the case of the V-12 program the entire 2,000 men will be "carefully selected" from the ranks and no civilians will be accepted. Like students at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the men must agree to remain unmarried during their course of studies. . . .

"Enlisted men selected for V-12 training will start classes on July 1, in colleges and universities under contract to the Navy for training to become deck, engineering and supply corps officers. It is anticipated that most of these trainees will be transferred ultimately to the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and thereby become eligible for transfer to the regular Navy under existing regulations."

## Jayvee Basketball

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lead, and from that time we remained in front, and simultaneously built up a safe lead. The scoreboard registered 41-31 at the final whistle. The two sparks of the team were Oshetsky and Longmuir, both with a 13 point total.

## Letter to the Editor

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of the items listed in the expenses, I do know that the amount paid for the new starting pistol is approximately twice the price demanded by a local arms company for a starting revolver. (The price includes the latest mark-up and present taxes.) At the few times I had the opportunity of hearing the ear-splitting click of the starting gun at some of the track meets, the new gun was either absent or not functioning as well as its high price would indicate.

Besides my natural aversion to parting with five dollars, I like to get something for my money. If the school desires the students to support the sports, it should give more conclusive reasons why we should donate our money. As for the other activities covered by the tax, the SCA is probably doing the best job. I like the idea of the pool room very much and hope that some day I may get a chance to use it. I've only been here 10 months, and my turn hasn't come up yet. The NEWS is much appreciated, and I am quite willing to pay six cents for it—but not \$5.

Yours truly,  
A TRAINEE

## MIT Basketball

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doned in the second half rendering Evan's shot useless.

With eight minutes left, Heuchling of M.I.T. got one basket and a free throw to hike the score to 34-30. Then the game settled down as each team watched for sure-fire openings. There were three minutes remaining when Simon finally took over in a shooting spree of three baskets to tie up the score at 36 to 36. At this point Tech teamwork really began to click. M.I.T. tried both to stall for time and yet eke out a sure margin. This they accomplished for a few short seconds when a free shot put the Cambridge men out in front 37 to 36.

Then came the big thrills of the game. With seconds left, Kuykendahl wrestled the ball away, passed to Schmit who came through with his only, but very impressive and necessary basket for the point lead. Then the ball went to M.I.T. who was frantically trying everything for a basket. Then Simon came through again, sweeping down the court and quickly making a careful shot for the final and thrilling score of 40 to 37.

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## Over the Hill

By George Fritz

With heavy heart and weary body, the unhappy trainee, crying pitifully that his train was late, returns to the fold. The glamour that was leave transfixes itself into the cold realities of study. Reluctantly, he transfers his attentions from the sphere of femininity, alcohol, and sack duty to that of books, the restriction list, and Great Lakes. A gloom settles upon the unit and life, monotonous and methodical, seems to have no meaning. This bleakness remains until February when it is suddenly realized that only three weeks separates him from another respite. Then once again he smiles and begins to take an active interest in the things about him. Oh well, such is life.

## In the Music World

The unit's foremost exponent of the "sogo flute" and world famed virtuoso, Brian (I Only Went To Get a Hair Cut) Gallagher, has announced that he will present a recital some time in January in which he will render such favorites as "It Was Her Fault But He Pushed Her," "The Flight of the Bumble Bee," and with his own improvisations, "Country Gardens." After the performance, the maestro will cut members of the audience's hair for the nominal fee, twenty cents.

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## Famous Last Words

*Purity Paul:* "All right, let's use the slow break this time." A unit man before he was quietly and quickly mutilated: "I am in full sympathy with the activity fee and think it should be returned to its old value of ten dollars."

## Best of Luck

An overcrowding of the swimming periods can mean only one thing: the little fat man with the big car and bigger gang of friends left us. Yes, Leo Jansson is off to Camp Endicott, and Seabee's gain is our loss. I feel that the whole unit joins me in wishing him smooth sailing and many good liberties.

## "Toothless Groggins"

How the mighty have fallen. Time was when one of the most efficient BAMS on the campus was Lester (Big Ole) Olson; men refused to introduce their girl friends to him and his dashing manner and smoldering eyes caused the feminine heart to skip a beat.

But that was before he caught an elbow in the mouth during one of those gym class basketball brawls, and where there was once a tooth in the front of his mouth there remained only air. For a while he frequented the shadows and darker portions of the buildings, hoping not to be seen, and practiced talking and smiling with his mouth closed; but, with the aid of a false tooth, he now threatens to regain lost prestige.

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