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Technology Model Aircrafters And Flying Clubs Formed

Model Builders Hope To Form Group For Advanced Research

The Tech Model Aircrafters held their first general meeting in the Ware Lounge at 5:00 p. m. on Monday, November 24, 1947. The club was started by a group of enthusiasts who organized to more fully utilize the equipment and knowledge available at the Institute. The members of the club have planned to make their organization more than merely a pastime for model builders by establishing a nucleus for advanced research in design and flight characteristics of model airplanes. Plans have been formulated whereby individual members will devote time to research on specific problems such as effect of rudder area on flight stability and will deposit their results in a club library. By this means the club will have at its finger tips the most up to date file on design characteristics, and they will have the specialists in each field.

A few weeks ago you may have seen some gliders being flown near the Eastman Building. They were being tested in preparation for the first glider contest which was held November 2. Ed Lays amazed spectators at this meet by producing a hand launched glider which stayed aloft for over six minutes before it flew out of sight.

At the general meeting the club displayed some unusual models including a microfilm plane which flies slow enough to be flown in a medium sized room, and a revolutionary channel wing monoplane which develops vertical thrust while at rest. For any information about the club contact Henry Jex in the barracks or Yen Whitney in the dorms.

WMIT Features Music of Bill Katz

For the past several weeks every Tuesday at ten, WMIT has been presenting a new sort of program called "Music from a Beat-up Bar," featuring Bill Katz at the keyboard of the battered upright piano and pop announcer Chuck Licht describing the characters who drop in to listen.

According to Bill, who dreams up the script, the idea of the show is to present original arrangements of old standard popular tunes in "their natural surroundings." Says he, "There is something fascinating and friendly about the little seedy bars of America which blends well with our popular music as played on a slightly jangling upright piano. "I have tried, without too much chatter, to create such an atmosphere as a background for the program—no vaudeville jokes, nothing too loud or too long, just a comfortable fifteen minutes of entertainment for people to relax and hear."

First General Meeting Of Flying Club Held Today at 5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the new Tech Flying Club is scheduled for 5:00 p. m. today in Room 1-190. All persons interested in becoming members are invited to attend.

The club was organized last year under a different name, and last week received recognition as a Class B activity from the Institute Committee. Membership is open to the entire student body.

The purposes of the club are primarily to interest students in flying, to facilitate the training of student pilots, and to enable student pilots to extend their flying time. At the present time the club owns an Aeronca training plane based at the Bedford Airport. Arrangements have been made to provide flying instruction there at special rates to club members. As a protective measure the club is incorporated and the plane fully insured.

Tau Beta Pi Elects Thirty New Members

As the result of elections held last Tuesday evening, November 18, 25 men from the class of 1948 were elected to Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary society. On Thursday evening five juniors were chosen.

The juniors chosen are: Louis Bucalo, Mario S. DiQuillo, Howard R. Feist, Robert Hanpeter and Harrison E. Rowe.

The following seniors were elected: Paul H. Baker, William Bangser, Jr., John A. Baring, Phillip Bragar, Mark E. Campbell, Thomas Cantwell, Jr., Richard A. Cleveland, Robert C. Dean, Daniel J. Fink, Guido J. Frassinelli, Robert S. Friedman, John E. Fries.

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Stu.-Fac. Comm. Hears Complaints Of Tech Students

Many students are probably unaware of the fact that the administration of the Institute, wishing to insure a successful organization, provides a channel through which suggestions may be made freely by any student. This channel, the Student-Faculty Committee, has been functioning successfully for over twenty-five years, but it is only through the interest and cooperation of the entire student body that the Committee can reach its maximum efficiency.

All first term sophomores wishing to compete for posts on the Student-Faculty Committee should report to Litchfield Lounge in Walker Memorial at 5 p. m. on December 2.

Here's how the Committee operates. Suppose a student has a question concerning some policy of the Institute, or a complaint about one of its instructors, or any similar problem. The simplest thing for this student to do is to express his problem in writing, include his name and address, and drop the letter in the suggestion box opposite the cashier's window in Building 10. The Committee will then contact the student, talk over the problem with him, and if worthy of attention, the problem will be discussed in their next meeting with the faculty. There's no need for the student to worry about his name being mentioned during the meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Before the 1947 Junior Prom fades over the horizon the Prom Committee would like to express its appreciation to the costumed couples and activity booths that made the Saturday night party such a success. Many less spirited Techmen expressed the opinion that very few in the Junior Class would attend in original costumes. However, the results were not only gratifying but were terrific. The originality and the imagination that went into the get-ups demonstrated that the '49 spirit and punch is among the best in the Institute.

Since many students and activities unselfishly contributed to the Prom in the form of time, work and ideas, with little or no return, we feel that a public acknowledgment of their service is in order. Therefore, the 1947 J. P. Committee wishes to sincerely thank Len Newton, Tom Toohy, Joe Gottlieb, Cooper McCarthy, Bob Gilmeister, and a group of SAE's and their dates who gave their Saturday afternoon to help decorate the armory. In line for special thanks are the active activities that originated, built, staffed and ran the Mardi Gras booths. These were the A. M. A., Voo Doo, 5:15 Club, Catholic Club, W.S.S.F. and T.E.N.

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Dormitory Housing Problem Expected To Improve In 1948

In February, at the end of this term, it is expected that between 50 and 75 vacancies will occur in the permanent undergraduate dormitories. These vacancies will be filled for the most part from residents in Building 22. In all probability the group will be comprised mainly of Sophomores and will not affect the Class of '51 men now in the barracks. The openings will be made available by students who are moving into vacancies in the Senior House, by those who are taking outside rooms, and by those few who, each term, fail. The Sophomore class this year is over 1000, but there is only a fairly small group of Sophomores which is still living on the campus, and who desire rooms in the permanent dormitories. It is expected that the vacancies will coincide fairly well with this excess part of the Sophomore class.

The new Senior Housing Unit, contracted to be completed on October 1, 1948, will comprise the real factor in alleviating the housing troubles. It will hold 383 men, and will take a substantial number of students out of the undergraduate dormitories. According to Professor L. F. Hamilton, Chairman of the Dormitory Committee, and Henry K. Dow, manager of the dormitories, if the senior house is completed, all men in the class of

'51 who are now in Building 22, and who desire to enter the permanent dorms, will be given an opportunity next fall to do so. Some time before the end of each term the dormitory board distributes ballots, on which all students state their preference of housing units, and although this ballot will mean little to the freshman class this fall, it will be of major importance next spring. The priority lists are made out according to the results of these application circulars.

If the new Senior house is not completed, it is hard to say at this time just what the situation will be, and no statement was made at this time by either Professor Hamilton or Mr. Dow.

One very unfortunate aspect of the housing situation is the fact that once a student moves off campus, he is automatically removed from the priority lists. This is detrimental to some students, but has been the established policy of the dormitory board. The policy is based on the theory that those who can "stick it out" are more eligible for consideration.

Building 22 will continue to be used as a home for a large part of the entering classes, and until some large change is made in the housing facilities, the barracks will be a permanent member of the dormitory family.

Techsappoppin

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a worn-out slide rule. Last Thursday in response to frantic cries from the Techsappoppin committee, twelve girls from schools in the greater Boston area met in Dean Everett Baker's office for tea. A serious consideration of the problems of prizes to be given the Queen and the members of her court followed. Results of the conference were not revealed in anticipation that the prizes will come as a surprise.

After the choosing of the queen and her court the crowd will move over to Massachusetts Ave. where free trolley transportation will be provided to the Boston Arena. It is hoped that permission will be granted by the city to clear the street for the parade that will be led by the queen and court in open convertibles. Torches will be lit and the parade will proceed down Mass. Ave. with music being provided by the R.O.T.C. band.

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