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Fraternity Findings

By Joe Fleming and Fred Brown
PASTEL HYSTERIA

Circulating around under a decoration scheme of pastel hysteria, five hundred members and guests of Theta Chi had their full measure of Saturday night relaxation this past weekend. The pastel idea was carried out in large abstract designs of varying shades and tints on the walls of the first two floors plus a waterfall of colored paper and lights in the second floor rear. During the evening, either as a matter of curiosity or record, several Theta Chis took colored movies of the party. This put some light into the situation, but evidently did not slow down the steady drain on the orange blossom punch. This brew, also known as Yellow Death among the Theta Chis, was so cleverly blended that the most recalcitrant young misses, ordinarily expert analysts, missed the essentials on first test and snapped it down by the glassful. Music was by Dick Lombardi and his band from the New England Conservatory of Music. Dick Walddt, social chairman, made arrangements for the party.

ALPHI PHI DELTA'S REACTIVATE

The Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Delta social fraternity was reactivated on campus Saturday, May 8. Joe Paradiso was elected president. The chapter was granted a charter in 1929, but went inactive during the war. Their plans for the future include close cooperation with the Sigma chapter at Boston University and the Upsilon chapter at Harvard.

Freshmen Mobilize For Coming Year

Meeting on Monday and Friday of last week the Class of '51 under the presidency of Arthur A. Wasserman laid plans for the coming year. Committees were formed at these meetings to make plans for Field Day, to organize the Sophomore social calendar, and plan the Sophomore Prom which is tentatively scheduled for February of next year.

A Class of 1951 newspaper to come out before every important event was decided upon at the Friday meeting in Litchfield Lounge. It was also decided to have a Class seal to identify all notices concerning the Sophomore class.

Stratton Prize

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ford Jones, president, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Admiral Edward L. Cochrane, head of the department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering; and Professor William T. Martin, head of the department of Mathematics.

The Stratton Prizes were established in 1931 by the late President Samuel W. Stratton to give students an opportunity to gain valuable experience in the preparation of scientific material for public presentation and to acquire something of the art of speaking, the command of language, proper use of the voice, and poise.

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through the efforts of several prominent Bostonians who are soliciting their acquaintances for contributions for definite countries. The committee expects that sufficient support will be attained by these means to bring students from Greece and Yugoslavia. The largest single contribution to date is a gift of \$1,000 from the Shell Oil Company.

An indication of European reaction to the project is given by a recent letter from French Cultural Attache Leslie S. Brady in which he stated: "This offer of the M.I.T. students has been exceedingly well received, both officially and unofficially. From the standpoint of international relations its importance is very great indeed."

Tech Flying Club Acquires New Plane

The Tech Flying Club, exhibitors of a Cessna light airplane at Open House, have announced the tentative purchase of a second Cessna for the club membership. The final decision to purchase a Cessna 140 for use in conjunction with the present plane, a Cessna 120, will be voted upon by the members of the club tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. at a regular meeting in Room 1-150.

The purchase of the second airplane was made possible by the recent expansion of the club to 68 members as well as the \$1000 loan granted the club by the Institute Committee.

The Cessna 140 to be purchased is basically the same airplane as the club's Cessna 120. The 140 has many advantages for the members on cross-country flights, however, such as a radio transmitter, cabin soundproofing, a 130,000 candle-power landing light, and a very complete set of flight instruments.

The Flying Club will operate at least one of its planes this summer. During the regular school year the club plans to have motion pictures from the Civil Aeronautics Administration for weekly ground school classes in subjects ranging from meteorology and navigation to spot landings and precision spins.

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all students who are interested may be present.

In this half-hour program, Dean Baker will first speak from a prepared copy, discussing the undergraduate activities tax, dormitories, and the Walker Memorial Dining Service. He will also speak about the condition of "spring fever" in the barracks, the dormitory rents, class functions, and the progress of construction of new buildings.

Following this, the rest of the broadcast will be open for questions from the studio audience. Dean Baker will discuss in a round-table session with dormitory men.

Boston Colleges Meet To Integrate Social Calendars

Meeting for a conference last Saturday, a group of students representing colleges in the Greater Boston area discussed the methods of integrating the social calendar to avoid conflicting engagements.

During the school year certain weekends are overcrowded with social events while others have little or nothing to offer. In order to avoid this piling up of dates the committee, representing among others, M.I.T., Harvard, Wellesley, Radcliffe and Boston University, are attempting to set up a system of coordination whereby large events which are scheduled sufficiently in advance will be staggered.

Also organized at this initial meeting was a committee to make a survey of Boston hotels and dance bands to provide a central file of pertinent information concerning prices, capacity and service. This information will greatly facilitate the booking of parties and other functions.

The next meeting was set for October 21 at Technology. Representing the Institute at the conference was Thomas R. Eggert, '50, from the Walker Memorial Committee.

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Almost every time we meet someone and mention that we are from M.I.T. their first reaction is, "That's a tough school. Do they really work you as hard as they say?" Somehow this statement seems to flatter us and we condescendingly admit, "Yes, it is pretty rough. Work all the time, you know, and never enough sleep." This sort of talk would be harmless enough if it affected only ourselves. But this is not the case.

On a recent trip to some preparatory schools the reactions of some of the boys were pretty striking when they heard that you were from M.I.T. One boy started right out by saying, "Sure I'd like to go to Tech. I know that you don't have any sports or fun there but that's kid stuff. I spend most of my time up here studying and I think it's worth it." Another boy who was tops scholastically as well as a fine all around athlete, had this to say about coming to the Institute: "I want to become an engineer, but from what I hear M.I.T. is too much work and no play. Princeton has a fine engineering school and I think I'll head out there." These reactions were fairly typical.

A good number of teachers in these schools contributed their bit of assorted anecdotes about life at the Institute. A frequently heard tale was the one of the best student at the school that went to Tech and flunked out in the first term. One instructor had donated the idea that they flunk you if you make an erasure on your quiz paper.

These ideas are obviously far removed from the truth, but if you look far enough back the source is almost invariably a Tech student or alumnus. We have a fine school here with a lot of opportunity for extracurricular activities. Sure it's tough, but not as tough as we would like to make people believe. There are a number of schools with a harder freshman schedule. Most other engineering schools flunk as many if not more students but few other schools have an undergraduate student body so proud of their own mental and physical exertions and sacrifices that they are eager to tell the world of their unparalleled martyrdom.

For a school our size we have fine athletic teams though they are not the major work of the school. We have a hectic and enjoyable social calendar. We have clubs, publications and societies to suit every taste. And we have a highly developed student government. On the other side of the ledger we have long homework hours, short vacations, difficult courses, not much of a campus and possibly a little too impersonal an approach.

All in all the life here is not as dark as it is painted. M.I.T. is in the market for boys that can do the work here as well as being all around human beings who will be able to face the responsibility of the engineering profession. Loose talk about Technology is scaring away a lot of these men. When we talk about the Institute the intelligent considered truth might be a novel and rewarding approach.

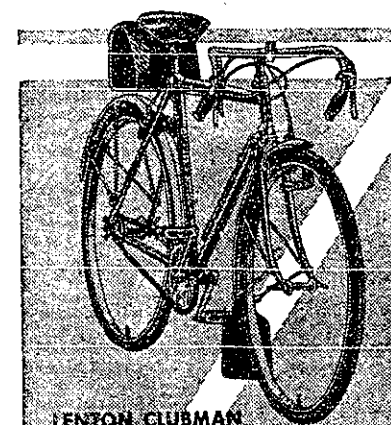
Plans are now being made to send representative volunteers to preparatory and high schools to talk over an engineering education and M.I.T. in a casual and intelligent way. It is hoped that this will create good will as well as dispel some of the more lurid superstitions prevailing about the Institute. It is up to every student though to do his part in presenting Technology in the right light.

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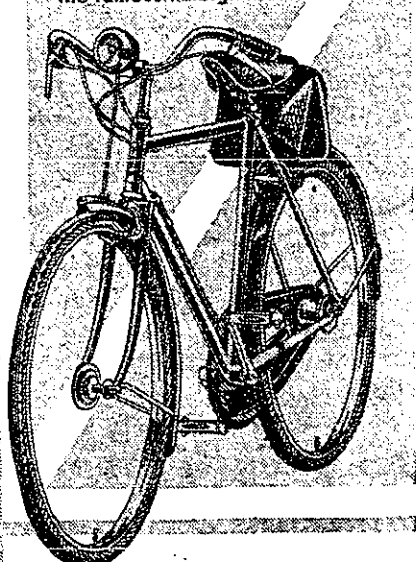


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