



EE Lab Insurance In EE Fee

In past years it has been the policy of the Electrical Engineering Department to allow Eta Kappa Nu, the honorary Electrical Engineering Society to sell EE laboratory insurance. The charge for this coverage was fifty cents per student each semester.

This term a change has been made. The Electrical Engineering Department took steps to incorporate this service into the standard lab fee, which at present is three dollars. When questioned about this new policy, Professor Herbert Taub, chairman of the department, said, "In the past, the student was equivalently paying a \$3.50 laboratory fee. We feel that the responsibility for the equipment can be assumed by the department, thereby reducing the student's cost to three dollars."

Undergraduates using the labs during the past terms have generally been careful with the equipment. It is as a result of

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No Blast At Last

Another step to bring cheap nuclear power closer to reality was revealed at an engineering meeting in Atlantic City December 2.

A paper delivered before an evening session sponsored by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers at its Annual Meeting in the Haddon Hall Hotel, outlined a new way of containing a nuclear reactor in order to guard against possible explosion. The paper was written by two California engineers, C. C. Wheelchel of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and C. H. Robbins, of the General Electric Company.

Essentially, their proposal is to eliminate the huge metal domes that now surround nuclear power plants, by substituting a pool of cold water and a much smaller dome. This would cut costs and help to make power more economical as well as reducing any possible hazard from escaping fission products.

In current practice steel domes

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TIIC Endorses Freeman For Student Gov't Prexy

The Technology Interfraternity Intersociety Council has announced its endorsement of Jay Freeman for Student Government president.

Freeman, an electrical engineer, has been a representative to Student Council from the School of Technology, and a member of the Debating Society, Vector, TECH NEWS and Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honor society.

TIIC has been interviewing aspirants to school office for the past two weeks. Mr. Freeman participated last Thursday in a question and answer period held by the tech council. His opponent, David Bernheim, had been interviewed the previous week.

In an interview with TECH NEWS, Freeman stated his program. He intends to investigate the cafeteria situation, including, if possible, an inspection of their books. The locker room "scandal" also forms a part of his program, with a student council investigating commission in the offing. He favors free admission to playoff soccer games, and would have them take place during the twelve to two break on Thursday. Council inefficiency comes under the prospective president's ken with a planned Preliminary Committee to Screen Motions. This would have jurisdiction over all motions, and is intended to eliminate the "frivolous motions" sometimes discussed by council.



Judith Perry, TIIC President

In a discussion of the role of Student Council, Freeman maintains that the purposes of Council have shifted over the years. "Council can no longer call a rally or a riot." In line with this,

"it must learn to live within a limited framework. Its two great powers are the control of funds and the power to expose. The power over funds could be used more effectively, with co-operation rather than fighting of other groups recommended, since fighting requires strength which Student Council lacks."

Other duties of Student Council include sending representatives to national student conventions, electing heads of committees, and recommending actions to the Administration. Mr. Freeman recommends the elimination of Faculty members from the Student Faculty Fee Committee, since it is his belief

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Placement Meeting Gives Seniors Tips

Seniors graduating in June and August attended the semi-annual job orientation on Thursday in Townsend Harris Auditorium. The orientation was conducted by the Placement Office.

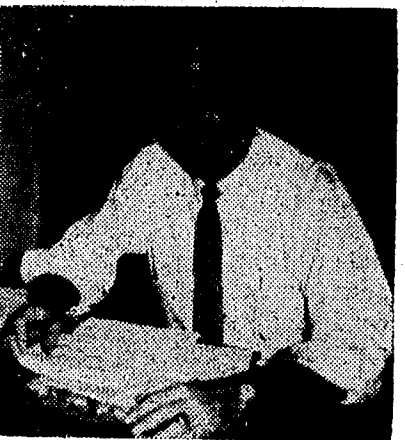
The discussion was led by Mr. Ernest Schnaebeler, director of the Placement Office. He was assisted by Mr. Buckley and Mr. Axelrod. Mr. Schnaebeler introduced the students to some of the aspects of the present employment situations and operations of the Placement Office.

Mr. Axelrod followed with a short talk on the Alumni Association and the City College Fund. He suggested all graduating seniors join the Alumni Association, as the benefits are well worth the small fee. One of these benefits for the present graduating senior is the printing of resumes for job interviews at the price of \$2.50 for the first fifty copies. Along with this, however, the prospective graduate must join the Alumni Association, paying two dollars for dues. Also, the graduate is able to keep in touch with the activities of the college as a member of the Association.

Mr. Axelrod concluded by reminding the students of their almost free college education and stated that this can be continued only if the College has sufficient funds. One source of these funds is donations to the college, and in this line, Mr. Schnaebeler urged all students to

remember their alma mater when thinking of a worthwhile charity after graduation.

Mr. John Buckley concluded the orientation with the formal business at hand. This consisted of seniors filling out the proper forms and envelopes and receiving the reading matter giving pertinent placement information. Mr. Buckley supplemented



William Buckley of the Placement Office

the data by answering questions and explaining other why's and how's for the senior job-hunter. He advised seniors to get a copy of the "College Placement Annual" and "Careers for College Men — 1960" at the Placement Office. These books list many firms hiring graduates and describes both the companies and what they are looking for in their employees.

Mr. Buckley also reminded the students that the work of

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January Vector Promises

The January Vector, to be sold immediately after the Christmas break, promises to equal in quality the superlative issue published in November. More diversified than usual, it will present humor, profiles of the Tech societies, and of course, the articles of a technical and semi-technical nature that are its reason for existence.

A full color cover introduces the first feature article, "Oil's First Century," a review of the history and progress of an infant grown to monster proportions.

Another giant industry, the automobile industry, is represented by the article, "The Big Three's Little Three," which looks under the hoods of the three new compact cars. The roads they roll on also come under consideration in this issue with a story on the double decking operations now taking place on the George Washington Bridge. This piece is the result of an exclusive interview of Port Authority engineers by two Vector reporters.

"Wheels," a new department in Vector, is a result of the recognition of the importance of engineering societies. In this issue, the profiles include the presidents of SWE, ASME, ASCE, IRE, and AICHE. The SWE profile, written by Vector's first female staff member in several terms, "does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editors."

Vector Variety

A new approach to technical articles will be attempted in "TV on Tape," which delves into the new process of recording television programs without losing "live quality." This is the first effort to present a "split-level" article. The highly technical parts have been separated from the main body of the article so that students who wish to skip this material may do so, while still obtaining a basic understanding of the subject.

Since Mercury isn't publishing this term, Vector was allowed to write a satire of TECH NEWS. "The TECH NEWS staff has been so co-operative this term, that we were uncertain as to whether we should print the satire," said the editors. "We hope the satire will not be taken as a direct criticism of TECH NEWS, or the students or instructors mentioned, but rather as friendly fun."

In order to bring Vector closer to the students, a new North Campus "office" has been established. Students who wish to contact Vector editors may leave a note at the "office," which is located near room 215 Shepard. Past issues of Vector may be ordered, and copies of other college engineering magazines may be obtained by leaving a note. Suggestions are welcomed.

Vector will be on sale beginning January 4. The price is still a quarter.

TIIC Picks

At its meeting last Thursday, the Technology Interfraternity Intersociety Council adopted a resolution calling for investigation into the possibility of setting up a separate Technology Student Council, in the event that the referendum up for approval in this week's election, does not pass.

The referendum under discussion provides that representatives to the Student Council be elected to represent their individual schools as well as their classes. Under this system, three representatives are elected for each of the graduating classes in the School of Technology, with separate students representing the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The old system provided for election of Council members by the College as a whole.

The tech body felt that, if the referendum is not passed, engineers will not be receiving the representation on Council necessary for the most equitable utilization of fees and College facilities under Student Government supervision. It is thought that a separate Tech Student Government would, in this event, ensure the engineers of full use of their money.

Marty Mildren, Vice-president of TIIC, and one of the proponents of the secession measure, stated, "I'm very much in favor of keeping the school a unified body. There is enough of a

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No Secession

The referendum up for your approval today, tomorrow and Friday deserves your support. The measure, approved by the entire College at elections last year, and supported by TIIC, TECH NEWS and both presidential candidates at this time, will ensure that students in the School of Technology will be adequately represented on Council in both matters of policy and fee and facility apportionment.

On the matter of secession from Student Government if the referendum fails, however, the editors of TECH NEWS must disagree with TIIC. While at first glance it may appear that the tech council is correct in urging a study of the possibilities of such a move, we feel that ultimately the adoption of such a drastic step would be harmful to the College as a whole, and students in the School of Technology in particular.

There is already enough of a division between students on North and South Campuses. The only chance to break down this division and instill a sense of unity is through extra-curricular activities. With the establishment of discrete units of power, as is advocated, chances for such contact will decrease and greater bad feeling arise.

The expense that duplication of bookkeeping and paperwork would entail would mean a reduction in services received by the student. The problems encountered by a student who wishes to join an organization receiving liberal arts fees, or by a liberal arts or science major wishing to join a group under tech jurisdiction would be prohibitive. And if, as is being advocated, tech fees will be used in partial support of non-tech activities, what is the need of a separate organization?

Support the referendum at the polls, but do not make the mistake of supporting ill-advised action if it is defeated.

Endorsements

Several organizations on campus have seen fit to endorse candidates for Student Government office. Among them are the Democratic Forum and Union, the Party of Liberal Students, and the Technology Interfraternity Intersociety Council.

Unlike TIIC, TECH NEWS has decided not to endorse either of the presidential candidates. Jay Freeman, who received TIIC's nod, seems to us to be well meaning and likeable, but completely innocent of knowledge concerning the student government he is asking us to let him administer. Furthermore, though he may make many friends, he does not seem to possess the leadership ability necessary to pilot Student Government through the changes required if it is to become an effective student organization.

His opponent, Dave Bernheim, has the opposite drawback. While basically intelligent and capable, he has a capacity for making enemies and creating opposition that is unequalled in our experience. A Council mistrustful of their president cannot be expected to approve fundamental and controversial

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The Merit System

By HERB HIRSCHFELD

Dr. Tillman was a playwright
Most stupendous every play
Though his tragedies could never
Last a fortnight on Broadway.

As an author he was brilliant
From his works the scholars
quote

But Jack Paar had never backed
up
Anything that Tillman wrote.

Then a painter he was also
And his paintings were ranked
high

As the kind of art men rave
about
But very seldom buy.

All his poems were published
monthly
In the Saturday Review
But being very difficult
Were read by very few.

And the people cried
From the lowest ranks
How can we show
This man our thanks?

He was also an inventor
He discovered in a day
An invention that brought
fortunes
To G.M. and R.C.A.

And he would have made some
money
In a slow accumulation
If it hadn't all been spent upon
The patent litigation.

Now inventors in the business
World are often very wackey

Engineering Day History Reviewed

By MAURICE BLUESTEIN

With the announcement of this year's date for E-Day, the highlight of the engineering school's activity, the thought comes to mind for those who were a part of it, of the failure of last year's E-Day to live up to expectations. Years previous, however, E-Day had been rolling along as one of the most successful events of the school year. Thus looking back on the E-Days of the past may inspire some ideas for making this year's day a great success.

In the winter of 1953 (way back when) E-Day was a huge success, largely because it was held during intersession! This enabled more students, both college and high school, to attend. This did not set a precedent, however, as the 1954 day returned to its usual Spring date and still catered to a good turnout.

E-Day 1955 was likewise very successful, as the date, May 7, coincided with Homecoming Day for the Alumni. A large attendance was received from pre-engineering students from Hunter, Brooklyn and Queens colleges in addition to City Technicians and high school students. One of the most important objects of the 1955 day was to display the new labs and equipment to members of industries. The highlights of the display were cutaway engines in the ME Dept., electro-chemistry and metallurgical processes in the ChemE Dept. and surveying equipment in the CE dept.

For the first time, servomechanisms were put on display and a wind tunnel was demonstrated to study fluid flow. Perhaps the most popular displays of 1955 and also of succeeding years was the 30,000 volt "Jacob's Ladder" which demonstrated the power of a transformer. Another new display was the art exhibit of the students' works sponsored by Tau Beta Pi which has become quite popular as a pleasant distraction from technology. Over 1,000 persons enjoyed seeing themselves enter the exhibit by watching a TV monitor hooked up to a TV camera over the entrance; Yes, 1955 was a banner year for technology.

And, I must admit, on Wall Street
He was dumb as any lackey.

So he just went on inventing
And, I might add, all alone
Making everybody's fortune
Everybody's but his own.

And the people cried
From the lowest ranks
How can we show
This man our thanks?

Not a soul had a suggestion
Not a soldier or civilian
When a very distant uncle died
And left him 40 million

A large estate, a brand new car
That's not illegal, is it?
A mansion with a swimming
pool
That Murrow came to visit.

The papers said of him, "It's
clear
No man was ever wiser"
The President appointed him
His personal advisor.

The lowly and the uppercrust
Said he deserves it, this is just.

Now in the good old U.S.A.
Excuse me if I boast,
Most any man of merit
Can aspire to any post.

Still the cynics must continue
Making comments glib and snide
That he never would have made
it
If his uncle hadn't died.

EE's Pick Top Soph

Eta Kappa Nu, the electrical engineering honor society, has recently awarded its outstanding sophomore award to Manfred M. Freund. Mr. Freund was an evening session student until the beginning of this semester when he transferred to the Day Session.

This term's recipient of the award spent most of his life in Israel and Germany. Upon his graduation from high school in Israel, he was named the outstanding student in the electricity course. It is to be noted that in that country, many of the high schools are similar to our vocational high schools. Mr. Freund has worked as an electrician and was a member of the Israeli Air Force Reserve before coming to the United States four years ago.

The award was presented at Eta Kappa Nu's induction dinner, held at the Shelburne Hotel.

Orientation

All June and August Tech and Science graduates who did not attend the Placement Office orientation session on December 10, must attend the final orientation to be held Thursday, Jan. 14, in Townsend Harris Auditorium. It will begin promptly at twelve in order to finish early, so that those of you who have pending exams may have time to study.

At the end of the orientation, appointment cards which are necessary to sign up for on-campus interviews will be distributed. This will be the only time that these will be offered.

The first company's visit schedule will open on Jan. 28, therefore all haste must be made in completing the necessary prerequisites.

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are provided to protect the atmosphere and the neighborhood in the very unlikely event of an accident in the power reactor. The domes have to be big enough and strong enough to hold all the escaping energy from any possible accident, including a ruptured steam line.

The paper describes a system which would place the reactor in a pool of cold water. In the event of a leak, the steam, hitting the cold water, would condense almost immediately, thereby eliminating the need for the big dome. At the same time, escaping nuclear fuel or other radioactive material would also be contained in the water pool, reducing the chance that anything might escape.

The paper was based on a research and development program suggested by the General Electric Company and financed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

TECH LIFE

By MARK LEEDS

Nu, the electric honor society, has added its outstanding member to Manfred Mr. Frund was a student until the semester when he was elected to the Day School. He is a recipient of the most of his life in Germany. Upon his high school named the out in the electric to be noted that many of the are similar to our high schools. Mr. Frund worked as an electrician and was a member of the United States Reserve before the United States was presented with his induction into the Shelburne Hotel.

Allegedly, the engineering curriculum of the School of Tech is reputed to be one of the best in the country. On the basis of personal contact with students and instructors from other engineering schools, representatives from industry, and mainly, the exposure to it that I have obtained during my undergraduate career here, I believe this to be true. However, since engineering itself, a dynamic field, the contents of any engineering curriculum are subject to changes which are imposed upon it by this very dynamic nature of the profession, in order that the graduating engineer be equipped with the necessary knowledge and abilities to meet this demand.

More important, the basic components of technology — that necessary for a tomorrow, i.e., the attainment of and understanding of the fundamental, presently accepted, scientific truths, the applicability for today of the scientific methods and achievements of all history, the ability for the individual to apply all this correctly, and, the ability for the individual to think freely (first as a human being and then as an engineer) and to create, must be imparted on the student.

Thus I am motivated to examine and discuss certain aspects of our curriculum so as to see just how well this challenge is being met.

FACETS OF THE CURRICULUM

Before proceeding with this scrutiny, I wish to bring out that as graduating engineers, we, as students, are not yet in a position to evaluate the curriculum and justifiably come to any conclusions as to what technical knowledge is absolutely necessary for the engineer to digest and maintain, and what specific courses will prove to be beneficial to the individual's development as a professional. Perhaps, in five, or ten, or "n" years, we will be able to honestly evaluate this problem. However, at this time, we are in a position to make certain statements concerning this problem solely on the basis of common sense observations, limited exposure to the profession and some professionals, some slight, if any direct working experience, and, intuition.

Upon entering college, many of our young, naive minds were filled with such thoughts as the pursuit of knowledge (and not information). Yet, over the years, as is evidenced by mediocre performances in the laboratories, for example, it seems as if enough general knowledge was not obtained. Too much specific information is doled out, often cursorily, to the student. Not enough general knowledge was received. The laboratory bears this out because nothing can be more specific than experimentation in the lab. By learning specifics, difficulties were encountered when the student was exposed to other specifics that were alien to him. Since it is impossible to learn all the specifics, then the only answer is that the general must be imbued into the minds of the students in such a manner that any specifics lying within the scope of the generalities can be successfully met. Also, it appeared that many of the specifics that were included as integral parts of the courses in the present curriculum could have easily been acquired through the method of instruction.

We come to the question, who shall decide what the curriculum shall consist of? It is understandable that each engineering department display a chauvinistic attitude. Therefore I ask, who can apply the litmus? An unbiased individual would not be influenced by the pressures and prejudices of his profession. Yet, such a person would have to be someone who is not associated with any branch of engineering. More closely, in order that he be truly unbiased, he would have to be a person who is not an engineer. If, such a person could not possibly know what is best for engineering students; therefore, the person must be an engineer. And, thus, we must automatically be liable to the person's tendency to lean towards and favor his branch of engineering over another. As a result (which we cannot truly, predetermine, but which we can, perhaps, anticipate), we sometimes see stubborn, puerile attempts to maintain obsolete technical classism that is no longer of any real value; neither, is it necessarily applicable in a dynamic world of study.

AICHe Smoker Called A Success

On Friday evening, December 11, AICHe held its semi-annual smoker. The affair was a great success.

The highlight of the entertainment was a surprise: "This is Your Fuel for Professor A. X. Schmidt, chairman of the Chemical Engineering Department.

Some of his classmates were invited and related stories of his youth. Films of Professor Schmidt were shown to the assemblage. The turnout of students and faculty numbered nearly one hundred.

Also part of the entertainment was a calypso song about chemical engineering. Professor Lichtblau performed Malaguena and an excerpt from the Masquerade Ball on the piano. Formerly a concert pianist, his playing was expert and was well received by the

Placement Meeting

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The Placement Office does not stop at graduation. The student's record and application is kept on file for five years after graduation, so that the Placement Office does work to get jobs for graduates long after they have left CCNY. Thus, graduates can join the armed forces, or take an extended vacation after graduation and return to the Placement Office where every effort will be made to get the graduate a position, just as if he were a graduating senior, and he will be just as successful. If this is your case, it is still advisable to arrange interviews during your senior term so that you will have a company to turn to immediately upon your return.

The attendance was small in relation to the size of the senior class; however, it was larger than expected, taking into account the many meetings, lectures and sports activities being held at the same time. It would have been better had all the seniors attended, because the main problem is getting help with the resumes across to the students. For this reason, the Placement Office is thinking of having an Orientation Week just after Christmas, so that all students, at their own convenience, can go to the office and get the necessary information.

Time is running short, as the companies begin interviewing early in February. There are already 112 companies scheduled for visits, with the possibility of more coming. Thus, there is a wide choice for the senior. Those who were not at the orientation are advised to come to the Placement Office as soon as possible.

E-Day History...

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New York at that time, capable of applying 300,000 pounds in compression and 200,000 pounds in tension.

The Military Science Dept. displayed the latest innovations in land mines and demolition equipment; the ME highlight was a testing of the Oldsmobile "rocket" engine; the EE Dept. had two high spots — one, an analog computer, and two, a bit of comedy. First a series motor was started without a load on it, an unpardonable sin, and then when a news photographer wanted to take some pictures, there was no power for the floodlights, and this was in a Power Lab!

E-Day 1958 went along a more sober note. A new demonstration plan was put into use whereby all displays began on the half hour except for the hourly ChemE tour, and visitors could choose the exhibits they wanted to see instead of having a set program to follow. The result was a smoother running of displays, and a lessening of the occasional congestion that had previously occurred. The newest display was the nuclear reactor presently housed under Lewisohn Stadium. Some of the more popular exhibits were playing ping-pong with a vacuum cleaner, miniature mass production with students executing the separate processes involved in turning out a helical gear, and the turret lathe, which turned out a finished cap screw in just a few minutes.

E-Day 1959 fell a bit short of the optimistic predictions due, perhaps, to the fact that negotiations for Playboy magazine to sponsor the E-Day Ball fell through, and that the weather was rather bad. However, the E-

Day art contest inspired some fine works of art, and the magnetic amplifiers and the quicksand exhibits were well appreciated.

Thus we come to E-Day 1960, due April 2. Some featured displays will be polymerization and fluidized beds. With these exhibits to look forward to and more as interesting to come, I'm confident this year's E-Day will be well worth attending.

Free Polio Injections

The Washington Heights Health Center of the New York City Department of Health is giving free polio injections.

The inoculations are available as follows:

168th Street Center: First and third Tuesdays of each month.

Old Broadway Center (near 126 Street) Third Wednesday of each month.

Hours: Between one and three p.m.

Process:

- Initial inoculation.
- Second inoculation — 4 to 6 weeks after initial shot.
- Third inoculation — 7 months after second shot.

Students are urged to take advantage of this program in view of the fact that it does not appear likely that The City College will have polio inoculations in the very near future.

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Jay Freeman Endorsement

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that student funds should be under student control.

David Bernheim, Mr. Freeman's opponent for the presidency, spoke at Council the week before. Introducing himself as a member of the Independent Student Ticket, Mr. Bernheim's platforms included eleven specific proposals, backed by himself and other members of his Ticket. They are as follows:

1. We are in favor of a public information service in SG whose function would be to inform the student body on the activities of the Student Government.

2. We are in favor of a thorough overhaul of the agencies system. At the present time the Service agency has one chairman and no members, the Cultural agency has 1 chairman and 1 member, the Finley Center Board of Managers has held only five meetings this semester, and did not meet once during the first five or six weeks. We believe that the agencies should be placed under the leadership of vigorous and energetic students who will be willing to assume the responsibilities connected with such a position, or resign to someone who will.

3. We favor the re-establishment of the Student Court with limited jurisdiction. The Court should not have authority on matters of Student discipline. It should only adjudicate controversies arising in Student Government itself.

4. We favor the re-establishment of the student-faculty committees hereafter mentioned.

5. We are in favor of the recent recreation of the Facilities Agency, which, if properly handled, can go a long way toward serving the needs of student organizations.

6. We would submit a plan to the DSPS to simplify present publicity regulations. Red tape should not be permitted to hinder the development and functions of student organizations.

7. We are in favor of securing used examinations from departments willing to supply them, and printing a limited number of such exams for placement in the reference room of the library.

8. We will present this program to the student body in the form of leaflets, news releases and public meetings.

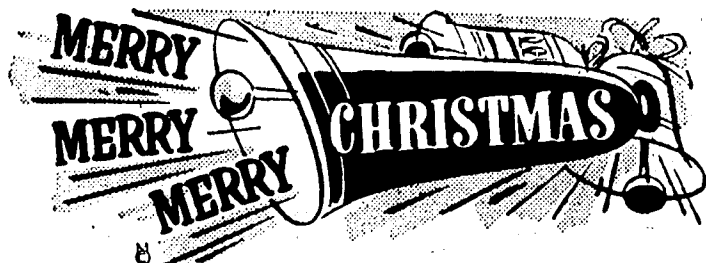
9. We are in favor of establishing a club directory, listing the student groups on campus, their purpose and present officers. This is hoped to increase participation in extra-curricular activities.

10. We are in favor of establishing scheduled office hours for the Student Government office.

11. We are in favor of reviving SG Notes so that the student body will know what is being done.

Mr. Bernheim believes that Student Government has three primary functions: to provide certain services to the student, provide certain services to student organizations, and finally, it should effectively represent the viewpoints of the majority of the students before the faculty and the administration.

Elections, to be held today, tomorrow and Friday, will decide the major SC offices, as well as the fate of a referendum, supported by TIIC, regarding elections by class and school.



and Happy Chanukah
from TECH NEWS

... Endorsements

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changes in its own functioning and jurisdiction sponsored by that same president.

Given two equally unacceptable alternatives we will not advocate either.

The only other contested major SG position open is that of Secretary. Neil Salzman, although opposed to our stand on the referendum, is an intelligent, capable and imaginative candidate. Experienced in Student Government affairs, he should make a welcome addition to SG leadership.

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this that the department was prompted to make this move.

Professor Taub added, however, that should the breakage suddenly increase sharply, the result would probably be an increase in the lab fee and not a return to the previous system. This is merely speculation, however, and future conditions will

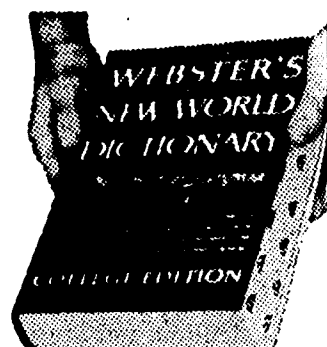
determine the proper steps taken.

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division already between the people on North and South Campuses. However, if the referendum is defeated, we will be left with no recourse but to set up a distinct student government in order to protect our interests."

The main difficulty to be faced in the establishment of such a Tech Government would be obtaining approval of control of Tech student activity fees. Also, questions of apportionment of these fees would arise for activities with both Tech and Liberal Arts participants.



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