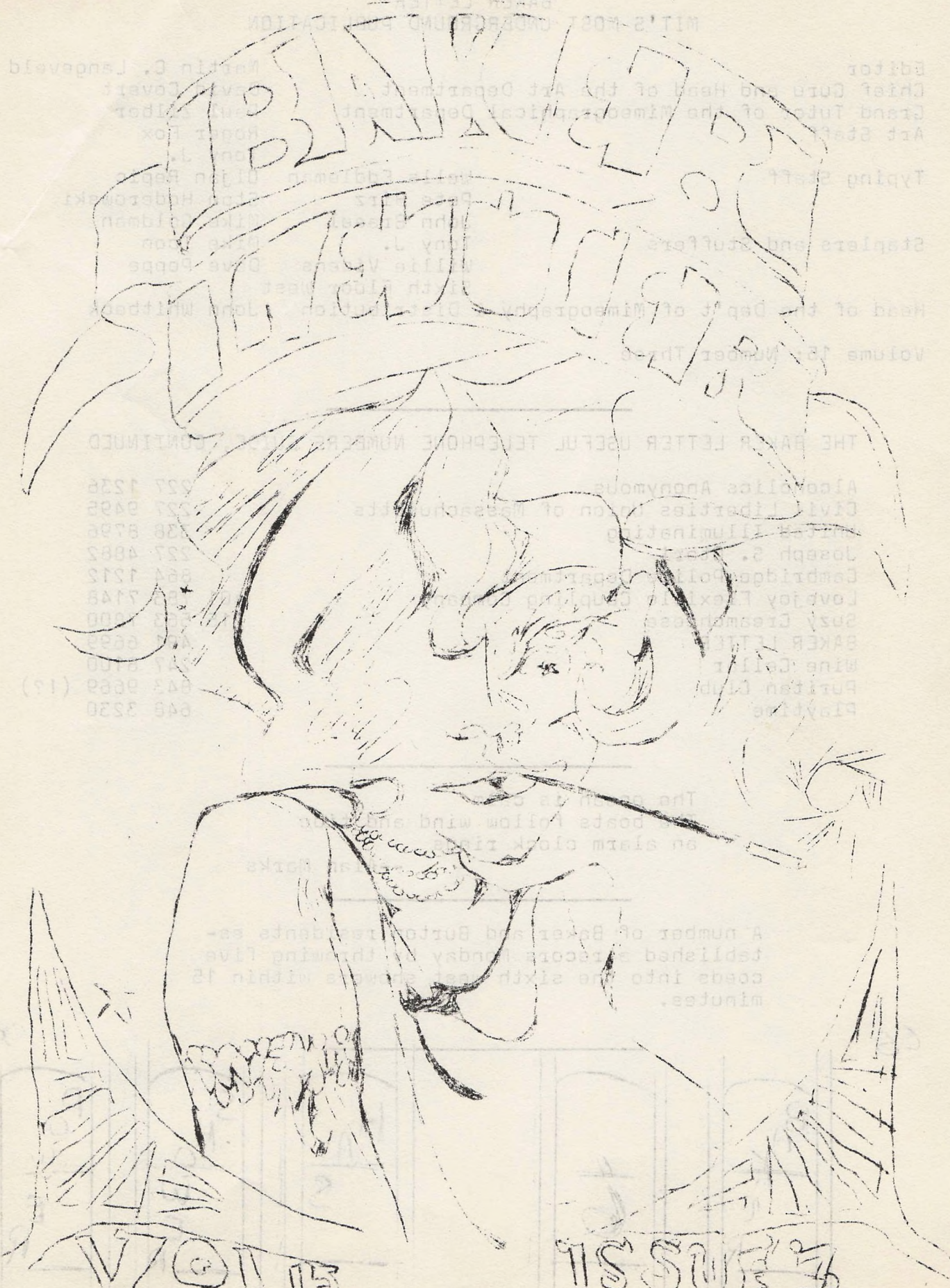


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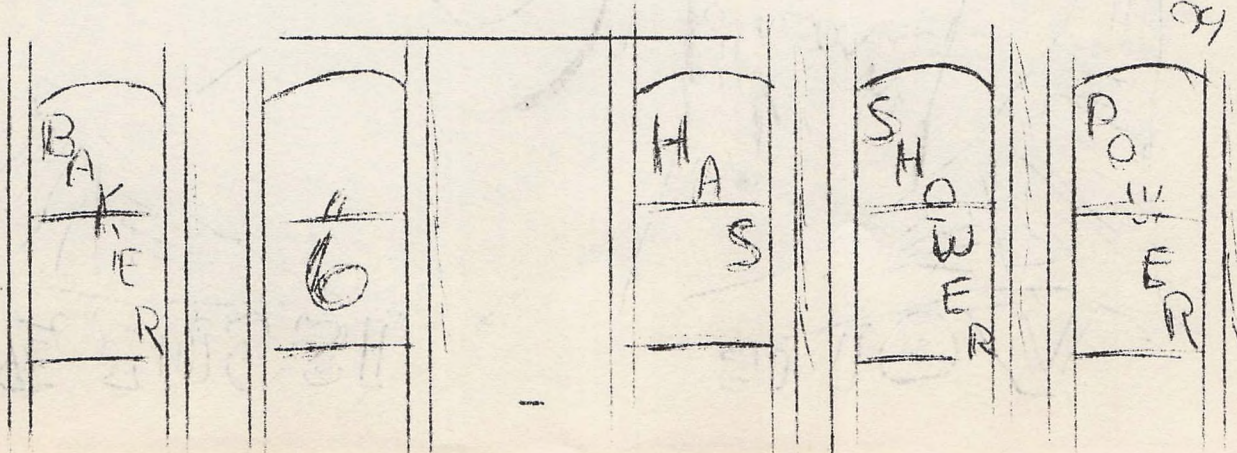
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The ocean is calm
The boats follow wind and tide
an alarm clock rings
--Alan Marks

A number of Baker and Burton residents es-
tablished a recors Monday by throwing five
coeds into the sixth west showers within 15
minutes.

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ON POEMS WRITTEN TWO YEARS AGO

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Joseph Morlan
October 10, 1963

RIDE THE MOOSE

It has become apparent to me, as a resident tutor for the past year, that Baker suffers from a dearth of butteries. This is certainly a sad situation when one considers the abundance of highly interesting and inspirational personalities on the MIT campus. There is a disadvantage, however, with a talk presented to a large (greater than 10) group of people. The guest is almost never engaged in a really informal discussion and therefore the advantages of such an arrangement are never fully realized.

With this thought in mind I have taken it upon myself to arrange a series of informal evenings with significant and entertaining individuals. These gatherings will be limited to 8 students and will henceforth be known as MOOSEBACK CHATS. The MBC will commence with dinner and then proceed to my room where we will pass the rest of the evening, as long as it may be, with wit, sherry, and enlightenment.

Hopefully the MBC will occur at least once every two weeks, probably on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. There will be two types of MBC's, the general and the professional. As I have been instituted here as the EE tutor, I feel a sense of obligation to my constituents. Consequently the MBC will occasionally be devoted to a member of the EE department whose work or association with the department I feel would be of relevant interest to EE students in the house. These MBC's will be designated "Professional" and will be limited to 8 course VI majors.

4.
The MBC will be announced by way of a sign-up sheet in the lobby a day or two before the scheduled evening. There will be places for 10 people to sign, the last two are on a "space available" basis and would be notified if one of the first 8 finks out. I hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities and RIDE THE MOOSE.

John Kassakian - 404
EE Tutor

The CONTEST

As posted, the results of the CONTEST. Because of the generosity and magnanimity of the Baker House Committee, we were able to award prizes in two separate but not very distinct catagories.

Category A: Possessing merit only as original entries.

1. Hal Varian - a beard, formerly grown on the chin of same, in the spring of 1967 AD.
2. Anatole Jarmolych - his collective entries and general perserverance.
3. The third floor animal farm - recording of a typical hack session.

Category B: Entries having artistic value besides originality as entries.

1. Paul Carroad - Pretzel.
2. Bob Scanlan - Bananaboat.
3. Thomas Milkie - Electric Pumpkin.

Prizes:

1. A pair of tickets to the Boston Tea Party and ticket to the house party of your choice.
2. Choice of the above.
3. Ticket to house party of your choice.

Watch for contest number 2 - details to be announced in a few weeks.

Martin Langeveld
David Covert
Contest Committee

"Summertime
is a fallin'
down, winter
movin' in"

Tom Rush



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The Insipid Fu Manchu

His oriental body guards removed the last traces of the visitors, and Fu Manchu, his green eyes dully observing the work being finished, stalked back and forth.

"So," he said apparently to no one, "the Ethnic Eight are giving us nightmares with all our operations."

"Yes, Mr. Chu," replied his fawning houseboy. (The Ethnic Eight for those of you not in the know are a group of dedicated men from neighborhoods just like your's and mine who continue a never ending battle for truth, freedom, and the dormitory way of life. This week's episode only concerns two of the Eight: Kamakasi-Kike, and Joe College. We are sad to report the recent demise of one of the original eight, Nifty, who died from a dose of the Super-Annihilation-Enzyme from the International Phantom Club (IPhC). His replacement will be announced).

"We must find a way to eliminate them. The Eight must be stopped. I think I have a plan. Come quickly Houseboy, we are going to the Chu Cave."

By the time they arrived in the cave, the plan was already clear in his mind.

"The plan is already clear in your fantastic mind Mr. Chu, isn't it?" said the Fawning Houseboy.

"Yes you idiot," replied Fu Manchu, mumbling something about the difficulties of getting good help these days. His eyes now cold and calculating, Fu Manchu presented his plan.

"First we will lead them down a long passage into an unused portion of the Chu Cave. We will decorate it real nice and play soft music so they'll never suspect a thing, but we will cover the walls with poison flowers and the floor with poison gas and eliminate them all. It will be a nightmare for them."

One of his aides, who had mysteriously appeared, mentioned, "Perhaps we should call it a party and get rid of a few of those ugly amazons those guys go out with."

"Excellent idea, Mr. Chen. Those Coeds always bothered my sense of aesthetics, anyway. Send out the invitations."

Well, you can just imagine the excitement those invitations caused around the Eight's headquarters. Some were scared (PPP, that's short for Powerful-Persian-Polock, said he wasn't going) but others were very optimistic (the Aweful-Armenian and Wonder-Wasp said they'd both go). Finally it was decided that everyone would go if possible and that every possible friend would be brought for help, since the Eight, powerful though they are, weren't sure they could handle it alone against the Fu. If you want to sample Fu Manchu's hospitality, just \$2.50 will admit you to his nightmare and Joe College is even willing to help find you a companion (amazons are not promised, except to cool seniors). So mark that date on your calendar kids, that's October 28 and we will all meet in the lobby at Eight. Remember the Eight needs your help, come on the twenty-Eight.

Because of frivolous government spending, Lehr Line now has in its possession several thousand feet of genuine United States Army field wire.

This windfall will make it possible for Lehr Line to begin operation perhaps by the weekend of October 28-29. (In any event, not until after my three quizzes next week). Since Lines will go up (or come down, depending on your point of view) that weekend, if you are interested in getting a Line (for free, remember?) please sign up outside of room 308.

Many thanks to Chris Maple (246) and Lee Siler (421) for offering to let their records be taped. Any more brave souls out there?

Sign up NOW! (for Lehr Line, that is)
Soon Janet, soon.

Pax
Mike Form (308)

A. C. Current Results

The house football teams are now part way through their playoff schedules. Last weekend's gains produced several surprises, not all of them were good.

The A team had a record crowd on hand in its game against Pi Lambda Phi. The A.C. would like to thank all the spectators present, especially The Fan and Mr. and Mrs. Gamble. The Fan, you will get your last chance to see him at the next game, Saturday at 1 o'clock.

Baker House lost 2-0 in an exciting but poorly played game. The only scoring play occurred in the second quarter when Baker fumbled in its own end zone. Pi Lambda could only produce one drive late in the game which fell short at the Baker 20. The A team on the other hand, consistently found itself in the oppositions 20 only to sputter to a halt. With back buster catching and seven interceptions, it is not hard to see why. It was not all one sided though. The defense intercepted five times and blocked an important punt late in the game, in Pi Lan's 2 yard line. With time for only one play it is needless to say we didn't score. The team's final game will be played this Saturday at one against SAE 'B'. See you there.

The B team suffered its first loss at the hands of Sigma Chi. Ron Kadomyic could not arrive for the first quarter and by that time the score was 13-0. The team sparked to life and scored with a long pass to Tom Stewart. But that was not enough as the bigger Sigma Chi's defeated Baker 26-6.

The weekend was not a complete loss as Baker D came through with a win. PMD decided it was not worth playing this 'powerhouse' team so they did not show. The result was the first win for this frosh team.

After the game, members of all teams and spectators enjoyed cider, coke, and doughnuts in the mastersuite lounge. This get-together gave everyone a chance to talk about the big plays and the 'lousy refs'. The A.C. would like to thank the House for financially supporting this pleasant snack.

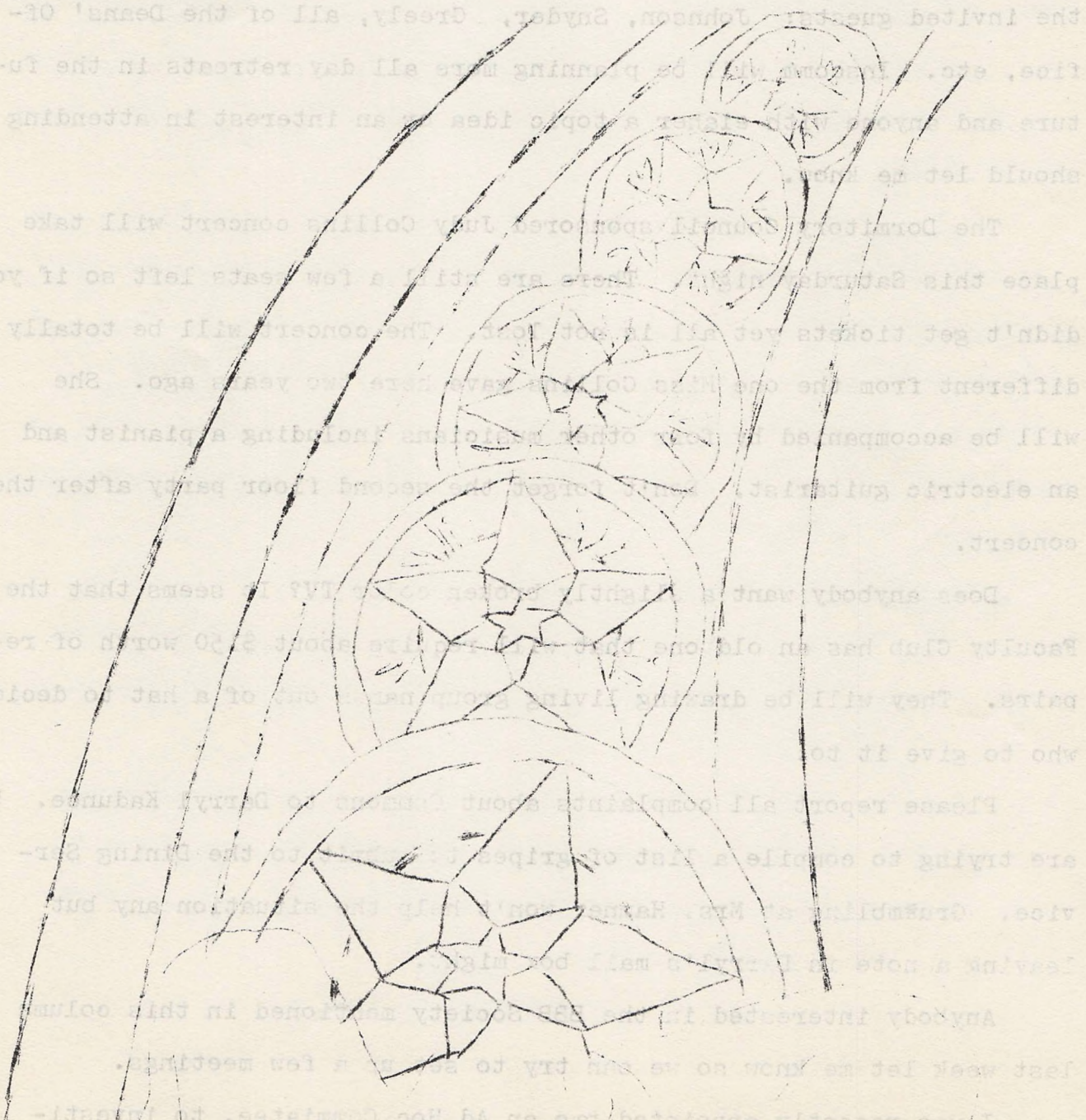
Golf and tennis are now under way. It has come to our knowledge that several Baker tennis teams have forfeited by failure to show. This poor display of sportsmanship will likely cost the house

\$10 in forfeit fees. People who sign up for any sport are expected to show up unless they contact their captain or A.C. Although IM sports are run for your convenience, the \$10 fee comes from everyone's pocket and so it is not within your rights to spend it. (7)

The cross country meet was run last Thursday. Every living group had at least one team so there were about 200 runners. The meet was again won by Kappa Sigma with the Fijis placing second. Baker finished 12th overall with individuals Steve Sydosiak 17th and Bill Saur 23rd.

The basketball and hockey signups are up. Wrestling will be there soon, so watch! And remember - support our football teams and see The Fan!

Barry Gaiman
Bill Saur
Maris Sulcs



This past Sunday was a good for INSCOMM: the meeting lasted from 2 until 7:30! It wasn't all that bad, however, as Tony Jarmolych was elected to Spring Weekend Committee. Baker now is the only house in the institute to have had at least one member of Spring Weekend Committee since its inception four years ago.

Inscomm will be meeting again this weekend but this time for an all day conference on Saturday. The general topic will be "The MIT myth." It should prove to be very interesting, especially because of the invited guests: Johnson, Snyder, Greely, all of the Deans' Office, etc. Inscomm will be planning more all day retreats in the future and anyone with either a topic idea or an interest in attending should let me know.

The Dormitory Council sponsored Judy Collins concert will take place this Saturday night. There are still a few seats left so if you didn't get tickets yet all is not lost. The concert will be totally different from the one Miss Collins gave here two years ago. She will be accompanied by four other musicians including a pianist and an electric guitarist. Don't forget the second floor party after the concert.

Does anybody want a slightly broken color TV? It seems that the Faculty Club has an old one that will require about \$150 worth of repairs. They will be drawing living group names out of a hat to decide who to give it to.

Please report all complaints about Commons to Darryl Kadunce. We are trying to compile a list of gripes to submit to the Dining Service. Gru*mbing at Mrs. Hamner won't help the situation any but leaving a note in Darryl's mail box might.

Anybody interested in the BBB Society mentioned in this column last week let me know so we can try to set up a few meetings.

I was recently appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee, to investi-

gate the integration of MIT-Wellesley Extracurricular Activities. 19
Suggestions as to how to legitimate areas for cooperation are being
solicited. See you next week.

Jerry

Tech subscriptions on sale Thrusday (sic.) 5:30-7:30 by soclial(sic)
pole.

HOW TO MAKE ETHYL PALPITATE

Previous attempts to make ethyl palpitate have resulted in rather
sporadic success. A good yield once obtained could not be duplicated
on successive evenings, and so on. Accordi ngly, it was decided to
more closely investigate the optimum conditions for a favorable reac-
tion.

One of the most important factors was found to be the purity of
the ethyl chosen for the work. Some authorities claimed that very
impure ethyl alone could be counted on for success, while others said
that a hitherto unreacted ethyl was best. Our extensive investig-
tions have shown that both of these extremes should be avoided.

Reaction of the highly impure material often occurs with con-
siderable violence, explosive at times, with great attendant danger of
damage to equipment and operators. On the other hand, overly pure eth-
yl shows a naturally unreactive tendency, forming products such as
ethyl hesitate, which tendency cannot be overcome even by the most
skillful operator. The recommendation is therefore made that samples
of average purity be chosen for the best yield. A good criterion of
reactivity is whether the compound, ~~the~~ ethyl osculate, can be made
easily.

~~As~~ As regards solvents and catalysts, alcoholic solutions are
generally most satisfactory, although they ~~add~~ add somewhat to the
cost of preparation. The alcohol concentration should be very care-
fully controlled, as the saturated form of ethyl is useless. As a
general rule, light should be avoided as it has a definite inhibi-

(10)
tory effect in most cases.

One word regarding conditions of reactions. It is highly important that no other member of the ethyl family be present.

Chemically, the proper course of reaction is as follows: As gentle warming is applied (which can be accomplished by several means, an open fireplace has much to recommendate it) the formation of the following products is successfully observed: ethyl reciprocate, ethyl agitate, in some cases ethyl vibrate, and finally (if the heating has been carried out at exactly the correct rate), the desired product, ethyl palpitate.

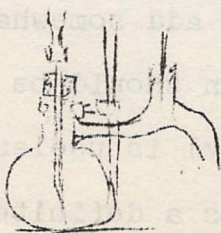
Under no circumstances should the heating be attempted too rapidly, as undesirable side reactions can be set in, the mildest of which leads to ethyl remonstrate, more usually to the sudden appearance of ethyl refrigerate, and in certain extreme cases (which usually make headlines) to ethyl assassinate.

As a final observation, The Baker Letter would like to point out that with certain difficult reactions of this type, the catalytic influence of gold, silver, or precious stones will insure good results.

Precautionary Notice

It is well to mention (although probably known already to most operators) that the equipment used in the final reaction must be encased in an impermeable material (neoprene rubber is recommended), thus avoiding the annoying formation of ethyl pregnate, which, if unavoidable allowed to stand for several months, will in some/cases, convert to ethyl propagate.

Please report your yield (and also which ethyl you used) to The Baker Letter so that we can check the experiment.



Submitted by
Maris Sulcs #235

PDE's FIRST OFFICIAL BASEBALL PREDICTIONS
FOR 1968

(11)

Predictions made at 12:30 am., Oct. 11, 1967.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

How Close?

(1) San Francisco Giants	These three should be in it to the end.
St. Louis Cardinals	
Chicago Cubs	
Cincinnati Reds	One of these two might be in the race at the end, at with the other way out of it, or both will be out of it fighting for fourth.
Atlanta Braves	
Pittsburgh Pirates	Close race for the sixth.
Philadelphia Phillies	
(2) New York Mets	Not too many games separating these three teams.
Houston Astros	
(3) Los Angeles Dodgers	

Numbers in parenthesis are personal prejudices and do not affect write up below. (1) My sentimental favorites. (2) I would like to see these teams move up. (3) HATE.

HOW THEY'LL DO IT:

A full year from ~~Marichal~~ Marichal and a healthy Mays should make the Giants too much for the rest of the league DESPITE Herman Franks. The meat of their pitching staff consists of solid veterans no older than 30 who have recently (within the last two years) reached their major league maturity and so should be able to be counted on to repeat with good years, adding more wins to those low ERA's.

The Cubs' pitching staff has not had a chance to demonstrate much stability or maturity, though the return of Holtzman should keep them from slipping past this year's third place finish. Good years from him and Jenkins, however, should keep them in the race to the end and they could win it all if the rest of their staff holds on.

The Cards' hitting will still be strong, but a full year from Gibson will not make up for my expected off years by Carlton, Hughes, Hoerner, and Willis. Though I expect Briles will start and have another good year. He and Gibson could keep the Cards in the race all the way as the strong offense could very well get the other pitchers enough runs. I think this would more likely happen for them than for the Cubs, so I have them one notch ahead.

The Reds might finally come up with the perfect balance everyone ¹³ has been labeling them with for the last several years--that will occur only if all of their on-again-off-again pitchers ever come through all at the same time. If so, they might get into the thick of a possible four team pennant race. Atlanta is the only possible sleeper out of this year's second division. I think their pitching is underrated. A better defense for the next year and making of some those many homers more timely ~~may~~ might do it for them. I think, however, they will more likely be embroiled in a race for fourth with the Reds than in the race for the flag, though one of those two might take a shot at the flag and leave the other far behind.

The Phils will need Richie Allen back at full strength to have any flag hopes at all, but even this will likely leave their old team ~~st~~ fighting for sixth, or fifth if the Atlanta threat fails to materialize, but I think the pitching will emerge from the Pittsburgh staff, and I think that the trades they'd have to make to get the ~~pitching~~ pitching they might need for a pennant might wreck their possibly potent offense.

I think ~~athat~~ amid all the shuffling of players this year between New York and the minors, the Mets might have finally come up with ~~the~~ nucleus for a solid club in the not-too-distant-future.

You can barely make it out with all those bod~~ies~~ies floating around in a two way ~~traffic~~ between N.Y. and Jacksonville, but it goes by the name of Seaver-Davis-Swoboda-Kranepool-Harrelson. If only two or three reliable pitchers come out of the score or so young ones they had on their club at one time or another this year, aside from the already proven ~~Seaver~~, and somewhat proven Don Shaw, it should be enough to finish eighth, and a comeback by Cleon Jones could solidify that position for them. Staub and Wilson may say different for Houston but they'll need the backing of better years from Wynn, Morgan, Cuellar and Giusti to beat out the Mets. A second year of no runs and no Kou-

fax will probably make the Dodgers the second team in the last few years to go from top to bottom in just two years, though they should make it a close race for eighth or ninth. (19)

The Giants, I believe are the only club in the N.L. with a chance to run away with it in '68, with a solid attack and with the key pitchers behind Marichal finally completely matured and reliable, but the constant mismanaging of Herman Franks will probably keep the race close.

ALL PREDICTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BETWEEN NOW AND THE BEGINNING OF THE '68 SEASON PENDING TRADES AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

The PDE Sports Quiz

- 1) Who hit the first World Series homer in Yankee Stadium?
- 2) Who stole first base in a regulation major league game?
- 3) What is the nickname of the NFL football?
- 4) Who was it named after?
- 5) What was the regular season won-lost record of the only pitcher to ever beat the NY Mets in a World Series game and in what year did he do it?

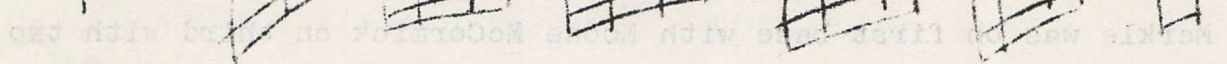
Bonus Question:

You fans who saw the seventh game of the World Series in the Baker TV room and read the sign on the door or front wall may be wondering what Fred Melke did in 1908. It was probably the biggest boner ever pulled in the history of baseball since he cost his team the pennant, and he didn't even have to hit into a double play, strike-out, or drop a ball^{to}/do it.

Merkle was on first base with Moose McCormick on third with two out and tie score in the last of the ninth for the NY Giants in the Polo Grounds in a crucial game against the Cubs. Al Bridwell hit a line drive that bounced into centerfield, but Merkle, seeing McCormick cross home plate, stopped on his way to second base and ran to the centerfield clubhouse. Giant coach Joe McGinnity, realizing what happened, threw the ball into the stands, but Cubs' star second baseman Johnny Evers called for the ball, and Cub's pitcher Flycs Kroh,

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SUBMIT ALL
ANSWERS TO
Steve Weinberg
Rm 137

MUSICAL QUIZ

(15)

One game I personally delight in is the identification of 'musical works on the radio when I miss the announcement. I know enough Bakerites who likewise enjoy 'musical flashcards' that I am willing to devote a few minutes each week to create a musical quiz for the entertainment of those music devotees.

The quiz shall be straight forward musical quotation, the object being to identify the composition and composer. I hope to use examples from all periods and varying levels of sophistications. A 100% score will be extremely rare, and I hope Bakerites will scribble their partial (or complete) answers on a message pad, and leave it in my mailbox for reporting in the Baker Letter and for feedback on the question difficulty.

Here is the first quiz:

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