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TECHNOLOGY LEADS SISTER COLLEGES

Athletic Policy of The Institute Is The Goal of Others

Characterizing Technology as a pioneer in a movement affecting the athletic policy of all colleges, J. Arnold Rockwell, M. D., 1896, chairman of the advisory council on athletics at the Institute, in a well-written article in the last number of the Technology Review, outlines graphically the conditions at the Institute.

In his article Dr. Rockwell says: "The results of the present athletic policy of the Institute of Technology have been so positively beneficial as to attract the general attention of sister institutions. This policy is one which tends to advance the physical development of the entire student body, and adapting as it does, the degree and extent of exercise to the individual demands of the students, it is producing a student body with improved physique and a greater capacity for mental work. The tendency of this policy is to produce athletic students rather than student athletes, to make athletics a healthful exercise rather than an absorbing business.

"Up to a comparatively recent period, athletics was not an important or successful feature of Institute life, but wherever American youth is found, the love of athletic sports is always present, and so, notwithstanding the numerous obstacles, such as faculty restrictions, long hours in lecture-room and laboratory, lack of direction in physical training and irresponsible student management, intercollegiate athletics existed and fared more or less successfully for a number of years. As the body of students became larger and as the interest in athletic sports increased, it became plainly evident that it was impossible to carry on the educational work of the Institute with athletics as a competitor. It was at this time that the present athletic policy was formulated and almost immediately adopted.

"President Walker fully appreciated the necessity for wholesome regular exercise in connection with the strenuous work of the Institute, and although he met with much opposition, his recommendations were tactfully made, and gradually the faculty looked upon athletics in a more tolerant attitude. President Pritchett took up the problem with energy purpose and determination and through his efforts the present athletic policy was developed.

"The constructive work of these two educators, with their farseeing appreciation of the necessity for careful physical direction, led to the formation of a committee on physical training made up of members of the faculty and alumni, which first met in 1897. As a result of its deliberations, an advisory council was formed, composed of four past students and three undergraduates, with no faculty representation on the committee."

Continuing Dr. Rockwell develops in detail the course of athletics at the Institute, mentioning the abolition of football on a large scale in 1912 and the tragic ending of the cane rushes in 1900, which one of the students was killed in the annual class rush.

Continuing: "It was in 1901 that the present Field Day program was inaugurated. This event, receiving as it does, the generous recognition of both the Corporation and faculty, brings together in wholesome rivalry fifty men in the tug-of-war, twenty-four in the relay race, and about thirty in the football game. Here, then, are represented
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REGISTRATION WILL BE QUITE LARGE

All Indications Point To A Large Number Of New Men

Although no definite results have been announced by registrar Walter Humphreys, all indications point to an unusually large registration this year. With many men yet to register, upward of 100 names have already been received and a conservative estimate will place the numbers between 1500 and 1600.

Although this year's registration will probably not equal or even approach the record-breaking registration of 1894-1895, when 1783 students were enrolled at the Institute, yet it should rank well in the list of "big years. Next to the record breaking year mentioned above comes the school year 1902-1903, when 1608 men were registered.

Since that year registration has gradually dropped off until 1907-1908, when a slight increase began to be noticed. The registration by years for the last ten years is of interest: 1900-1901, 1277; 1901-1902, 1415; 1902-1903, 1609; 1903-1904, 1528; 1904-1905, 1561; 1905-1906, 1466; 1906-1907, 1397; 1908-1909, 1462; 1909-1910, 1479.

Among the registrations this year are noted a large number of college graduates coming here for advanced courses and degrees, while each year the number of foreigners at the Institute seems to grow larger and larger.

Rogers building and the steps assumed a busy aspect yesterday, although the rain in the afternoon drove the crowd into the corridor. The line at the bursar's window assumed large proportions as early as 9:30, and continued to be of considerable length throughout the rest of the morning. Judging from the number of "callers" he has received in the past two days, Secretary Merrill of the faculty is a very popular man. All day long Monday and Tuesday his office has been filled with men who have affairs to be attended to.

Registration formally closes at five o'clock today, and after that time a charge of \$5.00 will be levied upon all wishing to register. This is the first year that this fine has been in force, and already a noticeably earlier registration is evidenced.

Today at 10 o'clock the bell rings (figuratively speaking) and sessions will at once commence. Little of the actual routine work will begin before the end of the week, however.

SPORTING SUMMARY

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

(American.)

Cleveland 5, Boston 3. (First game.)
Cleveland 7, Boston 5. (Second game.)
New York 10, Detroit 2.
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 0. (First game.)
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4. (Second game.)
Chicago 2, Washington 0. (First game.)
Washington 3, Chicago 2. (Second game.)

(National.)

Cincinnati 4, New York 2. (First game.)
New York 4, Cincinnati 2. (Second game.)
Brooklyn 4, Pittsburg 3.
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 5.
Boston vs. Chicago, rain

ANNUAL FRESHMAN RECEPTION BY T. C. A.

Affair Will Be Held In The Union Next Friday Evening

The season of the Technology Christian Association will be officially opened on Friday next at 8 p. m., when the annual freshman reception will be held. Arrangements are being made for a large crowd and the present members hope to attract many new members to the association.

As in previous years representatives from practically all the student activities at the Institute will be present, each to fill the minds of the freshmen with the exclusive privileges, attractions and results obtained in this or that branch of student life here at Tech. Among those who are expected to be present and address the meeting are W. W. Warner 1911, representing the T. C. A.; R. H. Ranger 1911, representing the Tech; either Captain W. C. Salisbury or Coach Frank Kanaly, representing the track team; and the various managers of the freshman teams to be chosen at the freshman meeting today.

After the various talks all will adjourn to the upstairs dining room, where refreshments will be served. Following this a general good time will be indulged in, including the first "lesson" for the new men in the songs that are dear to the heart of every Tech man.

Many anxious inquiries have been made by the old students regarding the little leather covered booklets usually appearing on the first day of registration under the direction of the T.C.A. President Warner, when interviewed by a Tech reporter, explained the delay as being due to a misunderstanding at the printer's. The books, however, are on the way and should make their appearance at an early hour.

President Warner has no definite plans to announce as yet for the coming year, but has been at work all summer, arranging attractive features for the association members. The other officers of the association, including Gerald M. Keith, 1912, vice-president, and Kenneth C. Robinson, 1911, are aiding the president in the arrangement of the program, which may be partially announced at the reception Friday evening.

DINING ROOM OPENS

Small Attendance Marks The Opening Day

With a noticeably small attendance the Union dining room opened its season yesterday noon. According to Manager Scharif about 112 men were served at lunch, while at supper that number was considerably less.

Today, with the opening of the regular exercises at the Institute, should see a great increase in the noon attendance. Realizing that the dining room is a student institution, the general student body will doubtless not be long in supporting the project.

All are glad to again welcome Mr. Colton as steward, for during the past year he has made a host of friends among Institute men by his quiet and genial personality.

A large attendance is urged for today and every day thereafter by the management, in order that the dining room may be placed on a sound financial basis.

FRESHMAN CLASS ORGANIZES TODAY

Annual Address of Welcome To Be Given By The Dean

Today at one o'clock in classic old Huntington Hall, the vast horde of prospective candidates for the degree of the Institute will formally be welcomed into the portals of Technology by Dean Alfred E. Burton. Dean Burton will this year address the new men in lieu of President Maclaurin, who is not expected home until today from his recent trip abroad.

This is a time-honored ceremony of the Institute and if traditions are to be upheld, every new man coming to Technology must attend. Notice is also given that all others will be equally welcome up to the seating capacity of the hall, but it is to be borne in mind that today's meeting is primarily for the new men of the Institute.

Immediately after the Dean's address of welcome, the hall will be cleared of all but freshmen, with the exception of a few juniors, and President Archibald Eicher of the junior class will proceed with the organization of the new freshman class.

After a few introductory remarks by him, in which especial emphasis will be laid on the necessary preparations for Field Day, the work of the organization will be begun in earnest. Nominations will be at once made from the floor for the position of temporary chairman of the class, the successive nominees being requested to come up on the platform for the inspection and approval of the class.

Following the election of the chairman, the latter will take the chair and proceed with the business of the organization. Other officers to be chosen include temporary class treasurer, football manager, relay manager, and tug-of-war manager.

The business of the organization past, the class will receive its first instruction in the art of Tech cheering, led by several lusty-lunged juniors. Then will the hall ring for the first time with the echoes of "Fourteen! Fourteen! Fourteen! Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, Fourteen! Fourteen! Fourteen!"

SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets admitting to all Inter-Class Meets, to home Track Meets except the N. E. I. A. A. Meet, to all Basket Ball games and other athletic contests held at Tech Gym under the direct auspices of the M. I. T. A. A., and to one reserved seat in the grand stand on Field Day, will be on sale through the managers of the Hockey, Basket Ball and Track Teams at \$3.00 each.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday, Sept. 28.

10:00—Regular exercises begin.
1:00—President Maclaurin's address of welcome and organization of freshman class in Huntington Hall.
5:00—Registration closes.

Friday, Sept. 30.

7:30—T. C. A. Reception to freshmen at the Union

Saturday, Oct. 1

6:30—The Tech freshman dinner at the Union.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 1910.

Today will be taken the first step toward the organization of the freshman class. This afternoon, with the election of her temporary officers, the class of 1914 is launched upon her career. Through the four years at the Institute, the class will be known for the work that it does, for the encouragement of certain measures, and for the disapproval of others.

Two years ago, the class of 1911 voted to abolish the "night before Field Day," a custom which had degenerated into a ridiculous as well as dangerous performance, of interest largely to the mucker element of Brookline. The class of 1912 closely followed their predecessors in disapproval of the ancient tradition and voted to support the action of the sophomore class. Both classes won the respect and approval not only of the upper classmen and alumni, but also of every one interested with the Institute in any way.

There is another custom which has been carried out in a less formal way, but has perhaps been fully as fanatical and extreme. At the initial dinner of the incoming class, the sophomores generally manage to kidnap the temporary chairman of the class and at the dinner a telegram is read to wit: "Am unexpectedly detained by the live ones of 19—." The freshmen aroused to righteous fury at this belated missive, form in line and en masse charge the few valiant "live ones" of the sophomores class who have gathered upon Rogers steps, and proceed to make life miserably hideous for them. After a few brilliant stunts designed to remove the last traces of dignity from the unfortunate

sophomores, the luckless men are marched in fancy costume to the frog pond, where, regardless of attire or physical condition they are firmly invited to taste the pleasure of an impromptu bath. So in they go, to emerge to find their friends, the freshmen, replaced by burly policemen and amused impartial spectators. Hardly has the crowd dispersed from the pond before a band of sophomores thirsting for revenge arrives escorting a choice company of straggling freshmen who repeat the exercises previously inflicted upon the sophomore delegation.

This performance is repeated with little originality every year. We must, however, note a single exception when the recently graduated class of 1910 followed the advice of its president and did not molest the freshmen.

The question before the lower classes is the choice between two courses,—to follow a blind and harmful custom or to follow and perpetuate the example of the 1910 sophomores and vote the discontinuance of a custom obviously detrimental to the reputation of the Institute and out of keeping with the Tech spirit of fair play. Underclassmen! Concentrate your enthusiasm on Field Day and save your self respect and win the respect of others.

FRESHMAN DINNER

The first dinner of the new men at the Institute is to be held in the Union this week Saturday, October 1, at 6:30 p. m. Although this dinner is planned largely for the freshmen, all other men at the Institute are invited to attend. Men connected with the various branches of Institute activity have been invited to speak; so no new man should miss this opportunity to get acquainted with Tech men and Tech affairs. Tickets are fifty cents and may be secured at The Tech office. All new men, get acquainted with each other and with Tech.

TECHNOLOGY LEADS.

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over one hundred men of the two lower classes."

Dr. Rockwell then devotes considerable space to the discussion of the financial end of athletics at the Institute, and then sums up the present athletic status under four heads: (a) suitable gymnasium; (b) excellent athletic field; (c) competent athletic coach; (d) faculty co-operation; (e) splendid cross-country and relay teams; and (f), the growth of intermural idea.

In closing the writer says: "We are led to believe that our present scheme of organization and our athletic policy are justified by the results which have been obtained. There can, of course, be no question as to the necessity for rational physical exercise, and the development of competitive sports within the student body almost entirely eliminates any serious apprehension that physical training may be too hard or too strenuous. The intellectual, social and moral growth of the Institute is more dependent upon the perfectly developed man, than on any other element in the whole scheme of its education."

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CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Changes In The Instructing Staff --- Journal Idea Given Up

A few changes have been experienced in the instructing staff during the summer, especially among the ranks of the assistants. Of last year's corps of assistants but three have returned—Walter W. Clifford 1909, who has been engaged in concrete inspection work during the summer; Frank S. Lovewell, 1909, who spent the summer in the far West; and Morse W. Rew, 1909.

The faculty of the department has experienced but one change since the close of the school year 1909-1910. Professor C. B. Breed, formerly assistant professor of Civil Engineering has been advanced to the rank of associate professor in the department.

Those Who Have Left.

Howard B. Luther, 1909, who was assistant to Professor C. Frank Allen last year, went to Germany at the close of the last school year there to complete his course of study along the lines of his chosen profession. He is now at Weimer, Germany, actively engaged in his studies. In a letter which has been recently received by one of his friends here at the Institute he says that he spent the summer in a most enjoyable trip through the German Empire, part of the time in the company of Professor Nathan R. George of the mathematics department of the Institute.

Henry B. Alvord, 1908, who has been for two years an assistant to Professor Hosmer, is now located at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. He has received an appointment there as an instructor in the department of civil engineering and began his new duties with the opening of the Bowdoin school year last week.

Arthur L. Shaw, 1909, who last year was an assistant to Professor Russell, is now connected with the bridge department of the Boston and Albany Railroad, having begun his duties with the latter corporation during the summer.

Richard L. Cary, 1909, who was last year an assistant to Professor Porter, has also decided not to return to the department here this year. He has accepted an appointment as instructor of mathematics at Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

New Appointments.

As a result of the departure of so many of the assistants of the department, a large number of new assistants will be engaged this year. All of the assistants chosen for the coming year are graduates of the Institute in the class of 1910. The following men have been chosen by the executive committee of the faculty for assistants in the department: Carroll R. Benton, Walter K. Brownell, Eldon S. Clark, Ralph W.

Horne and John P. Wentworth. These appointments are still subject to the confirmation of the Corporation.

C. E. Society To Be Active.

Indications of unusual activity on the part of the Civil Engineering society are evident by the elaborate preparations being made for the coming year. This society, always noted for its successful and interesting programs, bids fair to outdo all previous efforts during the coming year.

The popular talks on pertinent topics by authorities in respective branches of engineering will be continued on a larger scale than ever before. Among the men already promised for the season is Louis K. Rourke, a graduate of the Institute in the class of 1895. Mr. Rourke, who was recently appointed superintendent of Boston streets by Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, has had some interesting experiences on the Isthmus of Panama before assuming his duties in Boston, and it is mainly about these that he will address the Civil Engineering society.

Another prominent engineer secured by the executive committee of the society as a speaker is Mr. John O'Rourke, president of the O'Rourke Construction Company of New York city and has recently come into public attention by acceptance of his proposal to raise the battleship Maine, now in Havana harbor by the United States Government.

No Support For the "Journal."

Although many of the members of the society expressed themselves favorable to the plan of publishing a C. E. society "journal," the officers of the association have been investigating the proposition during the summer and have deemed it advisable to drop the matter. When the matter was first brought to the attention of the society near the end of the last school year opposition bringing forth many sound arguments against the establishment of such a publication.

During the past summer, the officers of the association consulted many alumni in the regard to the proposition, and the general consensus among that body seemed to disfavor such a project. The essential financial support of the alumni did not seem to be apparently forthcoming, the whole situation leading the officers of the society to discontinue the idea.

Although there are numerous examples of successful publications of this kind at many of the other colleges, the need of such a journal at Technology does not seem to be very strongly felt, nor does the enthusiasm required for such an undertaking appear to be forthcoming.

Summer Experiences.

In the course of correspondence with members of the society regarding the proposed journal, Secretary I. A. Housman, 1911, received letters containing many interesting and novel experiences. The members of the society scattered to nearly every state of the Union during the past summer, several of the members having left the country for the summer.

It would make interesting reading to obtain a complete summary of the various experiences of the men during

the past summer. Surveying in Oregon during the height of the devastating forest fires; bridge building in Canada; canal work on the Isthmus of Panama; hydraulic work in many states; these and many other experiences have been

indulged in by representatives of the three classes of civil engineering during the past summer. The number of fellows who have had less important, but just as interesting experiences, is legion.

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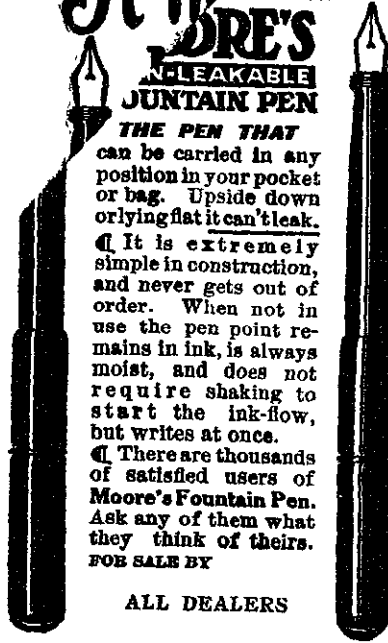
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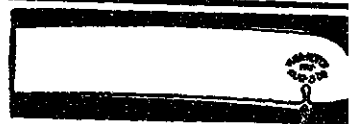
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