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FRESHMAN DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT

Informal Dinner Will Take Place of Usual Banquet.

TO BE HELD AT UNION.

Professors Burton, Talbot, Sedgwick and Blackstein Will Be the Speakers.

The Freshman dinner tonight is to be the beginning of a departure from former Freshman dinners. It is not a banquet, but quite an informal affair, and is to be the first of a series of informal dinners which the class will hold during the year. While not formally decided upon, this plan has met with great favor among those of the class who have expressed themselves. It will be put before the class tonight as a proposition.

This series of dinners is planned with the idea that an inexpensive banquet can be the occasion of just as much pleasure and good fellowship among the members of the class as an elaborate function, and no one is kept away because of a prohibitive price.

At tonight's dinner Dean Burton, Dr. Talbot, Professor Sedgwick and Professor Blackstein will speak to the Freshmen. Several novel plans are to be discussed and the dinner will be made the occasion at which a constitution committee will be announced. In keeping with the policy outlined above, twenty-five cents will be charged for the "eats" which Mr. Colton has prepared. Two hundred 1914 men have given their names for the dinner, and the plan seems to be practical.

1914 SHOWS INTEREST IN CROSS-COUNTRY.

Large Squad Practices Every Afternoon at Gym.

The number of Freshmen that have turned up at the Gym for practice in preparation for the inter-class cross-country run in the spring shows the fresh interest taken in the event by the class. The number that have reported might be very well augmented, however. So far there has been nothing but short snappy sprints of perhaps five hundred yards. This distance, however, will be increased gradually. So far the following men have been practicing: Brett, Turner, Stubbs, Dixon, Andrews, Crankshaw, Barker, Langdon, Sauer, Wilkins, Nute, Wyman, Thomas and White. To say nothing about the good chances of the Freshmen at this meet, the bodily vigor derived and the increased stamina gained should alone be an incentive to go out to the practice. The team will continue the work out of doors as long as the weather conditions are favorable. When that becomes impossible the work will be continued in the Gym. In the early spring the outdoor work will be resumed. Benson, 1911, is practicing with the men and is proving himself of great service and value. The main thing, however, is for the men who do come out to stick to it. The men have evinced this spirit, and it is hoped by those interested that their pedal segments will not become abnormally frigid. The cross-country run will be over the regular Tech course, which is about four and a half miles long, and will come off about April 8, 1911.

NEW AND OLD INSTITUTE COMMITTEES TO MEET

Officers and Sub-Committees to Be Selected and Given Charge of Affairs.

FINANCE COM. APPOINTMENTS.

Necessary to Select Two More Non-Student Members For Important Positions.

Tomorrow afternoon, at 4.15, the old Institute Committee will turn over the reins to the newly appointed members. Elections of new officers and appointments of new committees will be made.

For president of the committee custom has dictated that the President of the Senior class shall exercise the important duties. For vice-president and secretary-treasurer, custom has likewise conferred the honors on the Presidents of the Junior and Sophomore classes respectively.

Next to the presidency of the committee the most important selections are those of the Executive Committee. The latter is usually composed of five upper class members, with a majority of Seniors. Although in the majority of cases the regular members of the committee are elected to the executive positions, it has very frequently happened that one, at least, is chosen from the Institute-at-large. It is possible by this means to elect one not regularly a member who would be particularly well fitted for the position. This committee takes under advisement all matters brought up which require a little more detailed consideration than is possible in the general meetings. Reports are made to the General Committee at each meeting when the matters are brought to a head.

The other sub-committees to be appointed are those on the point system, bulletin boards and calendar. The Union committees were appointed at the close of last year. Besides these there are various special committees appointed to investigate particular matters.

Among the most urgent of present arrangements to be considered are the point system violations, Tech Show (1910) funds, and most important of all, the appointment of two other non-student members of the Finance Commission. It will be remembered that at the close of last year the measure for the Commission was finally adopted at a joint meeting of the heads and treasurers of the various activities with the Institute Committee. In brief, this commission is to be composed of three non-student members appointed annually, who are to receive and act on monthly reports of the financial status of all activities using the name of the Institute. It is considered that it is extremely inadvisable for organizations to contract bills under the name of the Institute with no apparent source of liquidation. The commission is to be more of a preventive worker than curer of past evils. Before an activity will be allowed to continue contracting bills they must be able to show satisfactorily that these obligations can and will be met. In line with this work will be the very important consequence that matters will be brought to a head monthly in such shape that cannot help but be advantageous to both activity and Institute. Accurate accounts will also give good business training to the ones required to keep them. Mr. I. W. Litchfield, 1885, is at present the only member elected to the committee. If this committee is to accomplish its end, as Mr. Litchfield recently pointed out, it will be

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COUNT TOLSTOI SAID TO BE AT DEATH'S DOOR

Noted Author Is Lying Dangerously Ill in a Little Hut in the Russian Mountains.

HIS WIFE PROSTRATED.

Tolstoi's Disappearance Supposed to Have Been Caused By the Story of Czar Alexander's Death.

From all reports Count Tolstoi, perhaps the greatest of modern novelists, is about to be enveloped in a tragedy which even his imaginative mind could scarcely have conceived of. A few days ago the whole world was startled with the news of the Count's mysterious disappearance, and the attempted suicide of his devoted wife. It was afterwards learned that the Count had voluntarily left home to end his days as a hermit in the Caucasus mountains. Before he had proceeded many miles he was overcome with fatigue, and now lies in a miserable little hut near a flag station, battling with a raging fever, and his wife, less than eighty miles away, is dying of a broken heart.

He is attended by his physician, Dr. Makovetski, and his daughter, Alexandra, acting as nurse. The result of the Count's serious condition is due to his age and the poor surroundings he put up with in order not to attract attention.

It is believed that the Count's reason for leaving home was due to a legend of Alexander I., in which he was very interested. According to this legend Alexander did not die when he was supposed to have, but lived as a hermit for many years in Siberia.

President Taft Pleased at Panama Canal Progress.

President Taft is now inspecting the great progress that has been made in the Panama Canal in the past few months. It pleased the President very much to learn that the engineers do not regard as serious the problems they are facing. They believe the project is one of magnitude rather than of difficult engineering feats.

The total amount of excavation during October was 2,884,382 cubic yards; 794,721 cubic yards of earth were filled in the dam, and 177,945 cubic yards of concrete were placed in the big locks. These figures show a considerable increase over those of September.

BIOLOGICAL SMOKER AT UNION TONIGHT

Illustrated Lecture On Spain to Be the Feature—Business Meeting.

Tonight, at 7.30, in the upper rooms of the Union, the Biological Society will hold its third meeting of the year. This gathering will be in the form of a smoker, and every Course V, VII and XI man above his Freshman year should be present.

Mr. Seth K. Humphrey, Vice-President of the Technology Club, will give an illustrated lecture on a recent "Trip to Spain," and the Noise Committee will try to do its share towards the evening's entertainment.

A business session is to be held and some changes in the constitution suggested.

Tickets are twenty-five cents. Refreshments will be served.

SECOND MEETING OF CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Alan A. Claffin, President of the Avery Chemical Co., the Speaker of the Evening.

CHEMIST AND HIS LIVELIHOOD.

All Men of Courses V, X and XIV Are Expected to Be Present—Refreshments Will Be Served.

Next Thursday evening the second regular meeting of the Chemical Society will be held. From present indications this meeting should prove entirely successful, for an excellent speaker has consented to address the men, and a large audience will probably put in its appearance. Mr. Alan A. Claffin is the gentleman who will speak, and he has chosen for his subject "The Chemist and His Livelihood." This is certainly a question in which all the members of Courses V, X and XIV must necessarily take the greatest interest in. Mr. Claffin is the President of the Avery Chemical Company, manufacturers of dye-stuffs and various other chemical products, particularly lactic acid.

After the address refreshments will be served. The tickets are twenty-five cents apiece. The officers of the society are now making the rounds of the various laboratories attempting to sell them. So far they have been fairly successful, but it is hoped that many more men will accept this opportunity to spend a most enjoyable evening.

GLEE CLUB REHEARSAL AND MEETING YESTERDAY AT UNION.

Mr. Hunt of the Conservatory of Music Chosen as Coach.

The Glee Club held a meeting and rehearsal yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Union. Twenty-four men were picked to sing on the club, and six new pieces were chosen. Mr. Hunt of the Conservatory of Music will coach the club this year. Everything appears especially promising for a successful year, as the men have taken hold at the very start and seem determined to do their part.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

1.00 P. M.—M. A. H. S. Club—27 Rogers.

2.15—M. E. Society Trip to Quincy Market.

4.00 P. M.—Gym Team Practice—Gym.

4.00—Basketball Practice—Gym.

4.00—Freshman Cross-Country Practice—Gym.

6.30 P. M.—1914 Dinner.

7.30—Biological Society Smoker—Union.

Thursday.

4.00 P. M.—Banjo Quintette Trials—Union.

4.00—Mandolin Club Rehearsal—Union.

4.00—Glee Club Rehearsal—Union.

4.00—Freshman Cross-Country Practice—Gym.

7.45—Chemical Society Talk—Union.

Friday.

4.00 P. M.—Gym Team Practice—Gym.

4.00 P. M.—1914 Cross-Country Practice—Gym.

4.15 P. M.—Orchestra Rehearsal—Union.

5.00 P. M.—Basketball Practice—Gym.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1910.

The Tech regrets indeed to announce the resignation of A. W. Yereance, 1911, from the position of Business Manager. Mr. Yereance has been connected with The Tech as long as any man at the Institute, and remained on the Board this fall long enough to place The Tech on a firm financial basis for the year. In the short period of his office as Business Manager, he proved one of the most capable The Tech has known. H. W. Hall, 1912, has been elected Business Manager to succeed Mr. Yereance.

When we read of the work of some of our graduates and realize that they are leaders in scientific investigation and in engineering practice, we must feel a bit of pride to think that we, too, are ranked among the sons of Technology. Our alumni are among the foremost technological graduates in the world, but it is not to them that the next generation will look. It is with us, the present students at the Institute, that the future reputation of Technology rests. We are getting the training to make us leaders in the technical world. How many of us fully realize the great opportunities that are ours? How many of us take entire advantage of these opportunities? Do we not too often think of Technology as a goal in itself, rather than a preparation for a life of service? Do we not too often cram for a passing mark rather than conscientiously work for a thorough and complete knowledge of the subject? If we keep constantly in mind our goal of service, we may be sure that our sojourn at the Institute is by no means misspent, and in us the reputation of Technology will continue the very highest.

We are glad to get the following rise from the Biological Society. In the first place, we are glad to note this further proof that they are extremely "alive." This is their strong point. In yesterday's editorial it may be noticed that our criticism was of the negative side of the society's program, not of the positive side. The social element is a good thing to cultivate. In fact, it would be well if all the societies should develop this side of their life to a greater extent, but a professional society which loses sight of its professional nature

is a misnomer. How would it do to rename the Biological Society the "Noise Club?"

COMMUNICATION.

Boston, Nov. 15, 1910.

Editor of The Tech:

In regard to yesterday's editorial in criticizing the program of the Biological Society, I would like to state that the writer was evidently unfamiliar with the affairs of the society. If he really wants to know the reasons for any action of the Executive Committee he can readily obtain such information by a few inquiries of the proper parties.

Yours very truly,
 H. P. IRELAND,
 President.

TECHNIQUE BOARD MEETING YESTERDAY

Class History Competitions Now Open — Prizes to Be Offered.

The Technique Board held its regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Technique office. The competition for class histories is now open, and anyone wishing to try for their class history may start in right now by seeing the class history editor, Bradley T. Ross. This year prizes of Techniques will be given to the writer of the best history in each class. A large number were present at the meeting, and reports were received from the heads of the departments. Ads are coming in fast, and the prospects for the best Technique ever grow brighter each week. Everyone who can possibly do it is urged to enter the class history competition.

M. A. H. S. CLUB MEETING.

The Mechanics Arts High School Club will hold a meeting today at 1 P. M., in 27 Rogers. This is the first meeting of the year and the president asks a full attendance, as important matters are to be discussed.

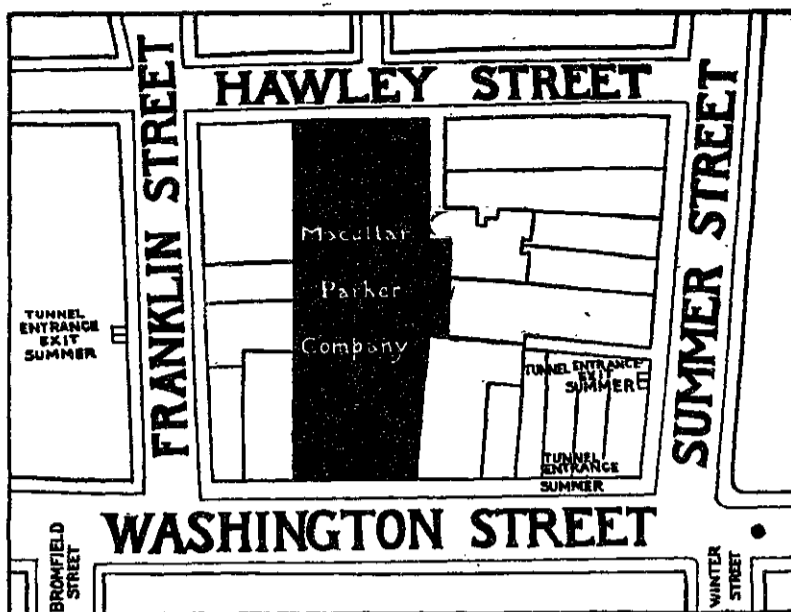
This year's registration at Bowdoin stands at present at 323. The Junior class is the largest, numbering 88.

Dean Meiklejohn and Professor Fowler will be the Brown University delegates to the Association of Colleges of New England, which will meet at Amherst College, November 2 and 3.

The beginning of activity along the line of track athletics at Nebraska started last Wednesday, November 2, when the first cross-country tryout was held.

A hobble skirt race and a Jeffries-Johnson fight will be features of the gym exhibit of the State University of Iowa.

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essential that it be completed immediately so that matters can be arranged when it will be easiest for all concerned, namely, the beginning of the year.

The present members of the Institute Committee are as follows:

1911.
D. R. Stevens, T. B. Parker, J. C. Fuller.

1912.
E. Montgomery, J. L. Barry, J. E. Whittlesey.

1913.
H. S. Birchard, H. Rand, E. W. Taft.

1914.
T. Krueger, A. R. Stubbs, A. H. Waitt.

Activities.

- Tech Show—I. W. Wilson, 1911.
- Technique—H. E. Kebbon, 1912.
- The Tech—R. H. Ranger, 1911.
- T. C. A.—W. W. Warner, 1911.
- Musical Clubs—S. W. Selfridge, 1912.
- Courses I and XI—I. Hausman, 1911.
- Course II—M. Mackenzie, 1911.
- Course III—J. McAllen, 1911.
- Course IV—W. D. Foster, 1911.
- Courses V and X—C. R. Johnson, 1911.
- Course VI—L. P. Ferris, 1911.
- Course VII—H. P. Ireland, 1911.
- Course XIII—L. B. Chapman, 1911.

To the question, "What does this University need most?" 95 per cent. of the Seniors at Purdue answered, "A football team."

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

November 15, 1910.

A proof list of the students for the current Catalogue is posted at the entrance of Rogers, Walker, Engineering A, Engineering B, Pierce, Engineering C and the Lowell Buildings.

Corrections should be handed in to the Registrar's office not later than Friday, November 18.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,
Registrar.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Medical Adviser.

Dr. Franklin W. White, Medical Adviser to the Institute, may be consulted by students, without charge, on Monday and Thursday, from 4 to 5 P. M., in Room 21, Pierce. Exemption from the payment of a fee is limited to these hours and this place.

Dr. White's private office is at No. 416 Marlborough street, and his office hours are from 8 to 9 A. M., and from 1.30 to 3 P. M., daily.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,
Registrar.

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NOTICES.

DU PONT CUP.

Time for competition extended until Tuesday, Nov. 15. Old track men will be at Field to act as judges daily, except Saturday.

W. C. SALISBURY,
Captain Track Team.

FIRST YEAR.

Military Science—Course B.

The hour for Course B in Military Science will be Wednesday, 4-5, in Room 22, Rogers.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,
Registrar.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION.

November 7, 1910.

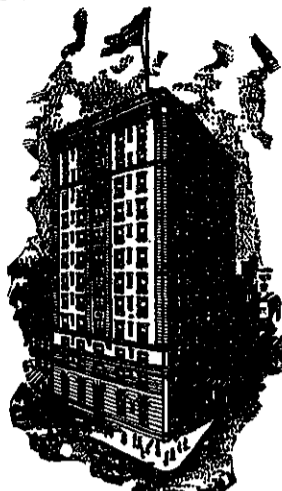
Notes in regard to status with reference to graduation have been sent to Fourth Year students. Any student who has not received a note should consult me if he expects to be a candidate for graduation in June, 1911.

A. L. MERRILL,
Secretary of the Faculty.

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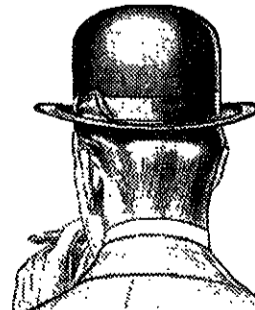
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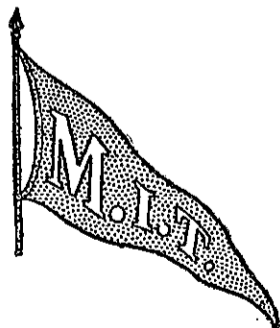
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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
 November 7, 1910.
 Attention is called to the following rule of the Faculty:
 "All marks of D, except in Physical Laboratory, incurred during the first term must be removed not later than the end of the following March; those incurred in the second term must be removed not later than the end of the following November; except that extension of time may be granted by the Faculty in the case of subjects which from the character of the work can be pursued to better advantage in the term for which the record is given. All deficiencies in Physical Laboratory work must be removed at a date to be determined by the instructor, which date shall not be later than the end of the following November.
 In case a mark of D is not removed at the date thus determined, the student shall be required to discontinue any dependent subjects which he is taking, and can obtain a clear record only by repeating the subject in which the D was given."
 Petitions for extension of time must be presented before December 1.
 A. L. MERRILL,
 (3) Secretary of the Faculty.

The Juniors in the Women's College of Western Reserve University gave a wonderful picnic in honor of the Seniors during the first week of school. The entertainment consisted in playing "Farmer in the Dell," and "Drop the Handkerchief."

M. A. H. S. Club holds its first regular meeting of the year in 26 Rogers, November 16th, at 1 P. M. All M. A. H. S. men should come (34-35)

ASSISTANT MANAGERS OF TECH SHOW.
 Competition for assistants in Tech Show, 1911, has begun. There are three assistants to be chosen, preferably one Sophomore and two Freshmen. Manager Lenaerts will be in the Show Office, Room B, daily, from 1 to 2 o'clock, to meet all candidates.

SECOND YEAR.
 November 8, 1910.
 All students having deficiencies in Structural and Field Geology (370) are to report to Mr. Allan before November 14th.
 WALTER HUMPHREYS, Registrar.

A COLLEGE DANCE will be given on November 21, at Temple Israel, Commonwealth Avenue, for Jewish college students whose homes are not in Boston. Invitations will be sent to all such who will leave their names at the office of the President's Assistant, 10 Rogers, not later than Saturday, November 12. (3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

1914.
 The Gymnasium classes in Physical Training begin this week, according to the Tabular View. The attendance at the first two classes was very poor, and a large number of men have one absence against them already. There are only four cuts allowed during the year, and each man must report at his classes in order to obtain a clear record in that subject.

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 HARRISON W. SMITH.

Will the Secretaries of all the organizations kindly hand a full list of their officers to the Societies' Editor of The Tech as soon as possible?
 A meeting of the Tech Board will be held today at 1 o'clock with lunch.

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