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ACTIVE PREPARATION FOR SPRING CONCERT

New Music Chosen and Every Effort Being Made for a Fine Concert.

The Musical Clubs have commenced active preparation for their annual Spring concert, which is usually held during the latter part of Junior Week. The management intends that this concert shall even surpass the highly successful one which was held in December, and which was enjoyed by a crowd which filled the hall to overflowing. To this end they have secured all new music, including a medley of popular songs arranged exclusively for the occasion by Coach Lansing.

Between now and the first of April several trips will be made to neighboring towns and cities. These practice concerts serve to make the members used to appearing in public, show up any weak points which need improvement, and give the men some opportunities to have some mighty good times.

TECH ESQUISSES GOOD.

Guard House Designs Will Be Sent to New York Today.

The esquisse esquisse executed by the Technology entrants in the competition for the Beaux Arts Paris prize were sent during the week New York. There, with several hundred other designs, they will be judged for the selection of the five contestants in the second preliminary competition. The problem of the first competition, twelve hours in length, was to design a "Guard House to be situated on the bank of a reservoir."

According to cue of the instructors of the architectural department, the results were fairly creditable.

SOPH GAME TONIGHT.

The Soph basketball team have a hard game before them tonight, when they meet the fast North Abington Y. M. C. A. five at the Y. M. C. A. Gym. The Sophs have won all of their games so far this year, but have not as yet met such a hard opponent. The Y. M. C. A. team won nearly all of their games, and the 1914 men will have to hustle in order to win.

The Sophomores will line up as follows: Tirrell and Comber, forwards; Ruoff, center; Williams and Bryant, backs.

VALUE OF PRINCETON MEN.

"What is a Princeton man worth when he graduates?" asked President Hibben of Princeton the other night at a lecture. Answering his own question he said: "About \$6 a week. The average man could not command more than that amount. Why? Because he has not been trained for business, law, or medicine. Is it not, therefore, a sad confession to make? Some say it is, and we have been criticised for it, but we can justify it. It is our endeavor to create a high potential in mental possibility rather than actual attainment."

Sorry, but we can't always win relay.

ARCHITECTS HEAR VIEWS OF ENGINEER

Mr. Beekman Tells Them How to Make Designs That Are Practicable.

Last night, in 42 Pierce, Mr. Beekman spoke before the Architectural Engineering Society regarding the relations between engineers and architects. The talk was attended by a large number of Course IV, Option II men. Mr. Beekman commenced by outlining the course to be pursued by building engineers in designing a building. First is the preliminary designing, the object of which is to give the prospective builder information as to the approximate estimate of cost of building. This preliminary designing is also useful for those who intend to reconstruct buildings, in that it gives them an idea of the practicability of their plans. The approximating must be as accurate as conditions permit, for from these the owner must decide whether it is practicable to build.

Then the engineer sets out to make complete designs. In this work one must keep continually in touch with the architect. Among the points which must be given consideration are exact estimation, details of building, framing plans, specifications for steel (Continued on Page 2.)

ANGLO-AMERICAN.

Foreign Representation — No Effort Has Been Spared.

Tonight will occur probably one of the most brilliant affairs that has ever been given by any Institute activity, the Anglo-American dance of the Cosmopolitan Club.

The Hotel Tuileries has been selected for the function and no effort has been spared to make every appointment complete. With the large number of men who have signed up, the excellent music which is assured, and the brilliant foreign representation, its success is almost certain.

The following men will act as ushers: L. H. Lehmaier, C. H. Carpenter, D. G. Montt, B. H. Morash and E. W. Hurst.

The committee in charge wish it distinctly understood that no flowers will be allowed on the floor.

CREW MEN AT WORK.

Regular Practice Not Yet Begun — Good Chance for Candidates.

Although the Crew candidates have not yet been called out the rowing machines at the Gym are now in use every afternoon, and many of the men are putting in preliminary work. At present Mgr. Gere has nothing definite to say concerning the plans of the crew. However, within a week, after he has seen Howard, the Alumnus who did so much for the crew last year, and finds how the Alumni feel towards this form of sport, he will be able to make plans for the season's work.

There is a good chance for candidates to make the boat as there are only three of last year's men back. Those fellows who feel as if they would like this sport can start in now so that they will be in form when practice begins in earnest.

SOPH BASEBALL SEASON BEGINS

Battery Candidates for 1914 Team Called Out — Practice for Outfielders Also.

Very soon the outdoor athletic season will begin and the Sophomore manager of the baseball team has issued a call for candidates for the battery. The men interested are to report at the Gym three afternoons a week, at their convenience. At the same time candidates for the outfield are advised to begin practice now in order to be in good condition by the time that an official call is made. This is a step that would do away with sore arm trouble that scores so freely during the first week of practice.

Manager Gardner has shown a promptness that bids fair to give his team a fine start, for the call for baseball candidates is the first harbinger of the Institute's outdoor athletic season. There will be several of last year's men report this week, so that the unusually quick start should enable the team to make a record equal to that of the basketball squad.

COURSE IV HONORED.

Arch. Student Called to Penn. State College as Prof.

The Institute has once more been signally honored, this time by the State College of Pennsylvania. Mr. Alfred L. Kocher, who until a short time ago was a fourth-year special student in architecture at the Institute, has been called to the Pennsylvania school as an instructor and professor of architecture, water-color work and allied branches.

A graduate of Leland Stanford, Mr. Kocher has done some very good work here. It is his intention to follow the same lines of teaching as given at the Institute. The State College of Pennsylvania is well endowed and has ample facilities for the study of architecture. Mr. Kocher will doubtless find this a good field for his work. He succeeds Mr. H. M. Glazier, another Tech graduate of 1909. Mr. Glazier is going into active practice in Akron, Ohio.

ELECTRICALS' TRIP.

The list of signatures in the corridor of Lowell indicate that already twenty-four men intend to take the Electrical Engineering Society's trip. These men are going next Wednesday, at 1.30 o'clock, to West Lynn, to visit the General Electric Company's plant there, as a party of twenty-five men did last Monday. The total number of the men who can be taken is limited, and to be included in the party one ought to sign soon. Those who went Monday spent three hours in the factory seeing motors wound and assembled, and apparatus tested by the apprentices who attend the company's electrical school.

Do you agree that THE TECH is valuable? Can you come out for it? Will you? Monday, 4.30.

Professor Rowe, of the History Department, has been granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the term. He will do some excavating in Egypt with Dr. Reisner of the Art Museum.

PHOTOGRAPHS DELAY SENIOR PORTFOLIO

Absolutely Necessary That All Histories and Photos Be in March 1.

There are still a great many Seniors who have not returned their proofs to the photographer. Seniors, kindly attend to this matter at once, as it is absolutely essential that all the pictures be sent to the printer before the end of the month. Also leave any history blanks which are still outstanding at the Cage or with any member of the committee.

The Senior class have co-operated very well so far in the publication of this annual, and it is to be hoped that the few men who have not signified their intention of getting a book will attend to the matter at an early date, in order that the committee can tell the exact number to order from the printer.

Following the custom of past years, the book will be an edition de luxe, bound in leather, with an original and tasty cover design, and will contain as in the past, a complete history and picture of every man in the class.

A great many have found it convenient to pay their first deposit of three dollars on the book at this time, in order to relieve somewhat the financial pressure which will come next June. Books are in the hands of the committee and others, and payments can be made at any time.

SECOND TEAM PLAYS.

The second team will close their season tonight with a game with Dartmouth Freshmen. The prospects for the second team's winning are bright, for the Dartmouth team have not shown up very well this year, having been beaten by Andover by a decisive score. Andover has been beaten by the Tech Sophomores, and the second team compares favorably with the Sophomore five.

Some of the second team men are laid up with minor injuries, but nearly all of the regular team will be in condition to play. The lineup will be: Dalton and Reed, forwards; Sampson, center; Capen and Metcalf, backs.

Are you going to the All-Technology Dinner.

Some people have lots of honor! Did you ever notice the way they drop out when you are depending on them?

CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. B. Taylor, 1914.

Saturday, February 24.

Second Basketball Team vs. Dartmouth Freshmen—Hanover.
8.00—Cosmopolitan Dance—Hotel Tuileries.

Monday, February 26.

4.15—Glee Club Rehearsal—Union.
4.30—All Candidates out for THE TECH—Lower Office.

8.00—Lowell Institute Lecture on Napoleon—Huntington Hall.

Tuesday, February 27.

4.15—Mandolin Club Rehearsal—Union.

Wednesday, February 28.

1.30—Electrical Engineering Society Trip to Lynn.
Brown Basketball Game—Providence.

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In Charge of Monday Issue.

EDITOR—M. A. Oettinger, 1913
Associates—E. W. Mann, 1914; John Duff, Jr., 1915.

THE TECH takes pleasure in announcing the election of D. Ethelbert Van Volkenburgh, 1914, to the Managing Board.

PARTIALLY RIGHT.

The writer of today's communication has made some good points in regard to the Union, and some not so good. We can agree that the Bursar has made a big success of the management of the dining room, as under his direction the food has improved in quality over that of last year. It is also acknowledgedly cheaper than in neighboring boarding places, yet could it not be cheaper?

In answer to this it will be maintained that a sinking fund, as it were, is desired for the Union. We believe this to be a good idea, yet there is no need of creating a tremendous fund all of a sudden. However, lest we be over hasty in considering this matter, let us wait; it may be that the managers will have something to say about the proposed uses of the money now in hand.

In regard to the social side, the suggestion that the Dean again become chairman is worth consideration. Not that we appreciate the Bursar less, but rather that we might appreciate the Dean the more. It is true that the committees have become mere names, yet that is also their fault, for they have had at any time the right to take an initiative if they desired.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

Tufts' President Believes They Are Beneficial.

President Hamilton of Tufts believes that National college fraternities are a great benefit to the college man. He said: "I have always been a believer in the fraternity idea for the reason that experience seems to show that young people in educational institutions, particularly those of college grade, always show a strong tendency to associate in clubs, and it general fraternity, whether of men or women, is always better than the local social club.

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COMMUNICATION.

(We invite communications from all men in the Institute on important subjects. We take no responsibility for their sentiments and do not agree to print any that may come in, whether they are signed or not.)

To the Editor of THE TECH:

A state of affairs has arisen concerning our Union which should be brought before the student body for correction. When the Technology Union was opened in 1908 it was unique in that it was governed and run entirely by students, without faculty or corporation control. The management of its affairs was vested in the Union Committee, and the House, Dining Room and Entertainment Committees were sub-committees, to have direct charge of the lounging rooms, dining rooms and entertainments.

Until the present year this arrangement has been very satisfactory; the Dean has been chairman of the Union Committee and each sub-committee has looked out for its own affairs. The first years were financial failures, due to the lack of a good manager for the dining room. Last year the President's assistant took charge of the finances, and before the year was over the Union was proving to be a profitable investment. With the departure of Mr. Scharff the Bursar was appointed to look after the finances, and Dean Burton gave up his position as Union Committee Chairman in favor of Bursar Rand.

The Bursar has managed the Union in a very efficient manner financially. The profits of the present year are fast approaching \$1000. It has always been understood, however, that the dining room was to be run not for profits, but for the benefit of the students. This year's statistics belie this belief. When the quality of the food was bettered and the net profits were thereby slightly decreased there was instantly a remonstrance from the financial end, and the quality went back to its previous standard. Now we know that the food we obtain in the Union is cheaper than in any restaurant around here, but we believe that it can be made still cheaper and the quality of the food increased and still leave a fair margin of profit for emergencies. It is not fair to make the fellows contribute toward the new Union. If money is needed for the new Walker Memorial open a subscription list, but don't oblige the fellows, with college spirit enough to eat in the Union, pay for it.

The Bursar evidently believes in a strong central government. To that end the conduct of the affairs of the Union have been concentrated in his little office in Rogers. The Union committee has become a nonentity, its meetings are conducted in a very

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ARCHITECTS' SMOKER.

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work, arrangement of columns and factors of safety.

The arrangement of work is the most difficult problem the engineer has to face. In this the thing to be done first is to locate the columns, for upon this depends the approximate value of the structure. The next thing to be considered is the thickness of floors, and subsequently the floor load. The horizontal beams must be so located that they will not interfere with the stairways and elevator shafts.

Then Mr. Beekman spoke on the necessity for accurate and neat drawings, of neat lettering, and systematic arrangement of computations, so as to facilitate checking. The success of a building is measured by the amount the owner gets out of it, by the amount the architect gets, and upon the salaries of the builder and of the bosses.

He concluded the talk by giving some of his experiences as an architectural engineer in this city.

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MANY CANDIDATES OUT FOR TECH SHOW

Students Show Much Enthusiasm at Monster Meeting in Union.

Two hundred men have reported during the week for the trials for the cast and chorus of the Tech Show, "Castles in Spain." Coach Sanger was present and made a preliminary selection of candidates. Great enthusiasm was shown by the men, and there were more than twenty candidates for some of the principal parts.

Stage Manager Thayer addressed the men and described briefly the general criterion adopted by the management for choosing candidates. They must have three characteristics: good appearance, voice and personality. The appearance depends largely upon size, expression and general makeup. A good voice is quite essential in a play like "Castles in Spain," which is really a musical comedy, several of the parts requiring a certain personality, and this must be considered in making the selection of candidates.

Wellesley J. Seligman, co-author of the Show, read the parts describing the ideas of the authors in regard to them and gave his conception of the requirements for each.

There were about one hundred men who signed up as intending to compete for the parts which were distributed as follows: Mr. Phipps 5, Mrs. Phipps 7, Rand 3, Smith 5, Jones 6, Betty 9, Phyllis 12, Lolita 2, Miguel 5, Rinaldo 5, Floretta 5, Don Juan 16, Rodrigo, Gasper, Pedro, 20.

Among the former show men who are out this year are: K. W. Fance, Hastings, Smythe, Doble, Selfridge, De Florez, Morrison, Scudder, Rollanson, Achard, Russell, Crowell, Salisbury, and Hilton.

Directly after the men had signed up for the parts they adjourned to the living room of the Union, where singing trials were held.

COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

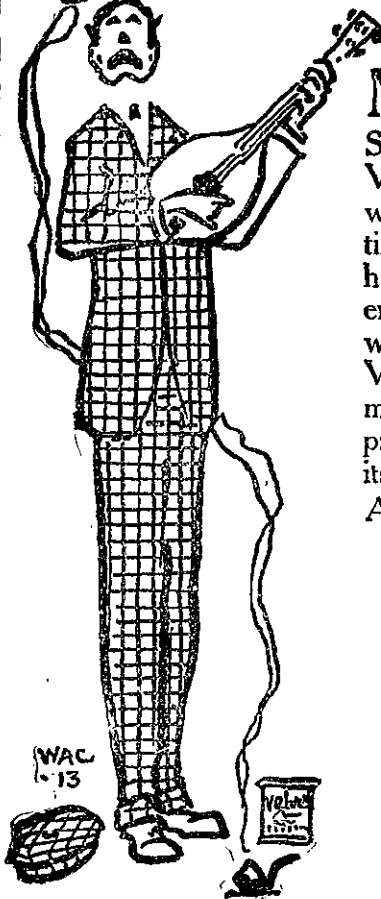
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"If a local chapter gets into bad ways the headquarters and associate chapters immediately bring pressure to bear on it. There is nothing answering to that to keep up the standards of local organizations. The claim is made that fraternity loyalty takes the place of college loyalty and college spirit. Personally I have never found this to be the case to any great extent. My own experience is that the most loyal and interesting Alumni are to be found in the fraternity men."

COMMUNICATION.

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slipshod manner, and it is not what it was formed for. The sub-committees are practically powerless and are simply figureheads. The House Committee should have charge of the new Victrola and convert it into something more than a coat rack. It has been suggested that the fellows chip together and hire an express team to ship the machine to the Bursar's house. Such a scheme would probably, at least, keep the works in running order. If the Bursar is afraid to trust the House Committee, or if he doubts the ability and discretion of its chairman, then, indeed, it is time for a change.

As a remedy of the present sad state of affairs we would suggest that Dean Burton, as a man more in contact with the students, be made chairman of the Union Committee, and that the Bursar, as financial manager, be a member of that committee. We have the greatest respect for Bursar Rand as a man, and for his ability in
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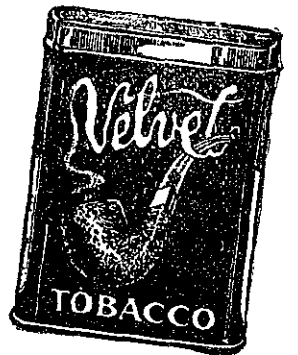
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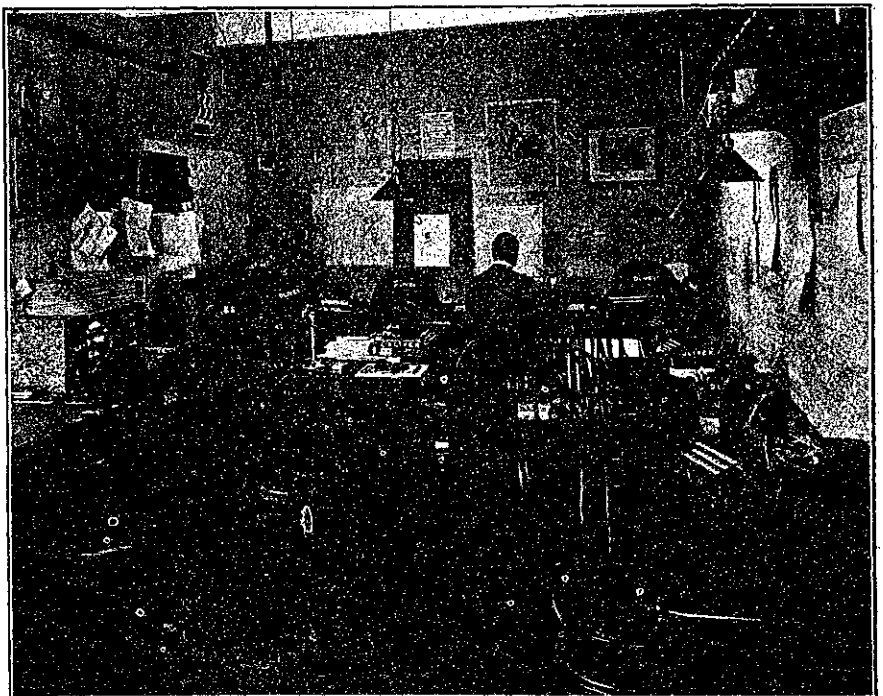
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