SPRING CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON COMMENCES

Many Freshmen in Evidence On the First Day of Practice

The Spring cross-country season started yesterday afternoon with a rather easy run of about three miles over the same course. The intra and intercamps race and the later cross-country race. The first course was run in the field on the border between the different courses of the Institute. The Freshmen, especially, wish to have a large number of candidates that they may overcome, if possible, the advantage which the Sophomores have from the experience of their men. They were not to overlook the importance of this ever so important practice under the watchful eye for the Spring by the outcome of this season.

As soon as the weather becomes a little more suitable the practice will be resumed. Council Park and Hound runs through the suburbs. This will afford the Freshmen good practice and get a little of the life in the country into their blood which many think would be beneficial.

Men who think that they would like to enjoy this excellent exercise should remember that the previous experience is not necessary.

COURSE IV. MEETING.

Architects to Be Addressed by Mr. C. H. Blackall.

On Wednesday evening, March 6, the Architects of the Institute gathered to hear a lecture on "Business." His speech will cover the economic side of architecture rather than the artistic, and the audience will receive a valuable information from him along those lines. He spoke recently on the same topic before the Bronx Society of Architects.

Mr. Blackall has had wide experience in his profession and is well known in architectural circles. He has been employed chiefly in designing theatres, and he is present resident engineer of the Colonial Theatre. He is a prominent architect of this city, who will also be addressed by Mr. Blackall in the afternoon of the same day, after the lecture in the evening.

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Electricals Will Make Second Visit to Fore River Tomorrow.

The Electrical Engineering Society will take another trip to the Plant of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at Quincy Point tomorrow afternoon. The party will meet in Lowell ton, near the library of the department at 145 o'clock, and go from there to the S.S. Student, where they take the 2.15 train to Quincy. This second trip was thought necessary because the number that can go at one time is limited to thirty. As only twelve signed up yesterday, this limit will probably not be reached, but those desiring to visit the shipyards tomorrow will greatly oblige the secretary by signing up as soon as possible.

The Fore River Shipbuilding Company is one of the largest concerns of its kind in this country, and is equipped with the most improved mechanical and electrical appliances for building modern warships and liners.

A visit to their yards should prove very interesting to all those interested in the society who have not already gone.

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Communications.

(We invite communications from all men in the institution on important subjects. We encourage full responsibility for their sentiments and do not republish any in whole or in part, whether they are signed or not.)

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:—

Par be it from one so humble as I to write such illustrious communications as those signed by "A. K. Iker". For these I have received undeserved credit. Kindly publish this when space affords and oblige,

Very truly yours,

A. McSinker.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I think, to date, no less than ten overcoats belonging to students have been stolen from supposedly safe places. Of these ten, I have not heard of one which has ever been found. Two places seem to be particularly subject to the operations of the thief or thieves—the corridor of the Biological department and the living room of the Union. Professor Soddy has posted a notice on the books warning the students that thieves are about and that it is not safe to leave coats or other valuable articles hanging there. The books in question are fastened to long strips, each strip being held by six screws. There are two such strips, and in addition two shorter ones held by four screws each. Therefore, by removing thirty-two screws the entire 40 hooks could be removed at one swoop and put inside a class room or some safer place where they would be under more constant scrutiny of the owners or responsible persons. Would this not remove temptation from the thief and at the same time remove temptation of hanging coats in a dangerous locality? At present I fail to see that the hooks are fulfilling any useful purpose. It also seems a little strange that an institution so advanced in the fields of science and research should sit idly by and allow such an unknown number of its members to commit such an act of theft. Our society who have not already been the subject of much adverse criticism around the school last Saturday, three hats were taken from the Union, and the owners were accordingly put to much trouble and inconvenience. During the present week several overcoats have disappeared through these treacherous channels.

What can we undertake about it? Might it not be possible to get the assistance of the Faculty in rooting out this evil? It remains with us, then to eradicate this scourge from our own heart. It is the best way for us to go about it.

So I suggest a radical course seems to be for the undergraduate body to get together and form a vigilance committee to find the thieves and, once found, let us teach them such a lesson that the name of the institute will never again be besmirched by such actions.

COURTESY.

The invitation of the Harvard Engineering Society to our men to attend the meeting last night at their rooms is an example which might readily be followed by several of our own societies. The invitation of men from other colleges not only helps to promote harmonious feeling between the respective schools, but it proves of benefit because we can in this way learn how things are managed at other places.

I would further suggest the visiting of more outsiders to our meetings, the expense would be very little, and the increased interest in the school around the city.

It's too bad that we can't have a Gym team and a swimming team. The expenses needed to run these teams are practically nothing and they certainly help a great deal.

The spring competition for the du Pont cup will open pretty soon, and it might be a good tip to warn some of the Freshmen to take a chance at it this spring, and then they will know who they are "out" of.

S. H. Taylor.

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FIRST CREW PRACTICE

AT GYM YESTERDAY

With Five of Last Year's Men Out Prospects for Season Are Bright.

Twenty men reported for the first crew practice at the Gym yesterday afternoon and were given a workout on the rowing machines. Five members of last year's crew are back and prospects look much brighter than last year when the crew lost to the Navy by only one length. Captain Gere is expected out again and his presence will greatly strengthen the boat.

The B. A. A. boathouse has been secured, and Manager Gere expects to secure a shell in a few days. Practice will be held in the Gym until she arrives and the weather gets warmer. Coach O'Leary, who coached the crew last year, will probably be secured again this year.

J. E. Walter, '11; E. C. Gere, '12; E. Upham, '12; H. A. Sweet, '12; and E. H. Smith, '12, of last year's crew, are out. Several of the new men have had experience on college and high school boats, but the most of them are rather light.


CONVOCATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

"Then at last, when in 1870, Presi-
dent Rogers fell ill, Mrs. Rogers be-
came his devoted companion and nurse, caring for him tenderly when his life at times seemed to hang by a thread. Then it was that the In-
stitute became sorely troubled. Many of the best professors were forced to go elsewhere and it soon became ap-
c显 that if the Institute were to survive its President must take the the-bane again. Fleece as he was, he as-
sumed again the work of the execu-
tive. From 1875 until his death in 1882 he stood manfully at his post un-
til he was able to pass on the presi-
dency to his chosen successor, Geo-
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dead was the greatest of Mrs. Roger-
s life. As his President she rose to
stand and speak at many great con-
ventions with dignity and grace, for
her door wide open. Those of us who
thoughts.

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in Marlborough, no Institute
man, instructor or student, but some
door open wide. Those of us who
have wandered with her about the
woods at Newport and admired her de-
In her beautiful garden, will
never forget her noble figure in that
delightful setting. Those who have
sat at her table or about her fireside
thoughts.

"And now on this anniversary of her birthday the Institute receives with gratitude and affection from her own hand this speechless but eloquent
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