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BUSY INSTITUTE COM. MEETING YESTERDAY

All-Undergraduate Dinner and Men Over Points Chief Discussions.

A meeting of the Institute Committee was held yesterday afternoon in 8 Engineering C. The first matter brought up was the report of the Point System Committee, which stated that at present two men were over points. Of these, one was commuted and one was left pending. There are several societies who have not yet sent in the list of their officers to the committee, and they were requested to do so at once.

The matter of giving the crew recognition was talked over, but no action was taken. The crew has hitherto been independent of undergraduate support and has not been recognized as an Institute sport, but promise to become so soon.

The committee appointed to look into the matter of having an Undergraduate dinner reported that such a dinner would be very feasible. This report was accepted and discussion was held in regard to whether the dinner should be by and for undergraduates, that is, one at which only undergraduates speak, as originally intended, or whether outside speakers be obtained. A motion that students only be speakers was lost, and after a short discussion a matter of reconsideration was also lost. The matter was finally left to the committee.

The following appointments to the Show were ratified: William Price, '14, first assistant publicity manager; P. H. Taylor, '14, second assistant publicity manager; W. P. Keith, '14, first assistant business manager; A. B. Hall, '15; A. W. Mack, '15, and S. W. Woodbridge, '15, second assistant business managers.

TRIP TO FORE RIVER.

Electricals Make Second Visit to Famous Shipbuilders.

Yesterday afternoon about 20 members of the E. E. Society made a visit to the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at Quincy Point. The party left the library in Lowell at 1.45 and reached Quincy shortly after three o'clock. A number of course II men were also in the party.

They visited the department in which large forgings are made. The furnaces in this room are equipped with oil-burners. The men were then taken through the carpenter and machine shops and the power house. In the former a large amount of mahogany inlay work was being done for the new Argentine battleship which is well under way in the yards. One of the party made quite a thorough inspection of this vessel before he was informed that a pass from the Argentine Republic was necessary to do so.

A submarine and torpedo-boat destroyer were also in process of construction and a model of our latest battleship, the order for which was received only three weeks ago, was shown to the men. On the whole the visit proved to be very interesting.

Fillers

The senior class at Yale has voted to send "Jim" Donnelly, the campus "cop," to the Olympic games, in recognition of what he has done for Yale.

CIVILS PLANNING TRIP TO NEW YORK

Many Engineering Projects to Be Viewed in Three Days' Stay in Gotham.

For the Civils a trip through the new Cambridge tunnel of the Boston Elevated system is not enough. They are going to New York City. To sail gaily forth from the Park Street Station and pass under the cool waters of the Charles River Basin to the University City evidently seems rather a mild form of engineering investigation to the designers up in Engineering B. Nothing short of navigating the Hudson tubes to Jersey City will satisfy them; so, nothing daunted, they are planning a trip to the big city to make this possible.

The facts are these: The Civil Engineering Society, which seems to be making every endeavor to assert itself as the liveliest professional society in the Institute, has co-operated with the department of Civil Engineering in planning a three days' trip to New York City. The proposition which they have offered to all members of the society who wish to avail themselves of it is a pleasing one.

At least one member of the Course I Faculty will accompany the men, and the sightseeing will be under his direction. In this way the men will learn of the engineering details of the projects they visit in an understandable way from an expert. Among the many features of engineering interest which it is planned to see are the new subways and tunnels under the rivers, the modern bridges, including Blackwell's Island bridge, for the construction of which Professor Spofford served as a consulting engineer; the Pennsylvania and Grand Central Stations, and the new Woolworth building.

The itinerary may include a day's trip up the Hudson for the purpose of looking over the Croton Dam and other features of the great project of the New York water supply.

The committee figures that the expense of the trip need not be above \$30. The date will be set later as soon as it is found what week will be most convenient for those desiring to go. It seems probable that it will be arranged for Junior Week. All those who want to be included in the fun are asked to sign up on the bulletin board announcements at once, in order that the committee may further its plans without delay.

CREW BUSY AT GYM.

Warmer Weather and Arrival of Shell Awaited by Members.

As the time approaches for the crew to jump into their uniforms for a sprint up the river in their brand new shell, the list of candidates grows steadily. The number now nearly reaches thirty, with the lower classes well represented. The upper classes give their worth in the five men left from last year's crew. The lower classes have sent in already a good list of names with the Freshmen in the lead as regards numbers.

Practice is held every day in the week, with the exception of Tuesdays and Thursdays, from four to six. On the days excepted the hours are from five until six. The new men that have recently reported include: Moore, '14; Swain, '15; Worlich, '15; Hale, '14, and Livermore, '15.

ARCHITECTS HEAR MR. C. H. BLACKALL SPEAK

Instructive Talk to Society On "Architecture as a Business."

Before an unusually large audience, last night, Mr. C. H. Blackall, one of the prominent architects of Boston, gave a talk on "Architecture as a Business," under the auspices of the Architectural Society.

In the days of the ancients and of Phidias, said Mr. Blackall in part, the architect was but a slave, rising in the Renaissance to the role of master builder. With rare exceptions, his position was but menial. This was until about fifty years ago, and even now the position of the architect has a varying level. France and Germany afford him but a speculative field, while England is not much better. In America, where architecture is recognized as a high profession, there are even local standards. In the United States, where the rewards are great, the responsibilities are correspondingly greater. As an example of the remunerative opportunity, the speaker said that in this country about twenty-five architects earn over \$100,000 per year, four or five times that number earn over \$25,000, and thousands of them earn from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

To make money in this profession one must, in a measure at least, be a combination of the mixer or business man, the engineer or constructor, and the designer. This is the reason for the formation of the modern partnerships, each partner being the expert in one of these fields. For the success of the business various facilitating systems must be installed. The draughtsmen must be organized into a unit under the all-important chief draughtsman. In the same way the other essential departments must be standardized. Here is an opportunity for the suppression of economic waste. And the elimination or reduction of the waste that has resulted in the divers elaborate filing systems for the handling of the details of the office work.

The handling of drawings is a very important part of the work. The remainder of the work is, as Mr. Blackall said, easy. In the ideal office the filing room of the drawings forms the center of the office equipment. The periodicals, and particularly the illustrations, must be filed with care. For this reason the library is an essential part of the office.

The finances also need particular attention; not the personal accounts of the firm alone, but also of the clients. Each job must be vouched for in every detail. At any time the cost up to date, with its details, is, by a system of the card index type, readily ascertained.

Theatres have formed a large part of Mr. Blackall's work, and he referred to the various theatres of Boston, the Gaiety, Plymouth and the National, in illustration of his more technical points. He emphasized the need of suitable and adequate foundations in buildings as in architecture itself. The essence of Mr. Blackall's extremely valuable talk was that as architecture is a profession, it is likewise a business. To make a success, therefore, the architect must attend to business in its broadest sense.

The baseball players are beginning to limber up in the southern training camps.

JUDGE MURRAY SPEAKS BEFORE CATHOLIC CLUB

Dance Committee Reports a Big Success, Both Financially and Socially.

Nearly fifty men gathered at the Catholic Club meeting last night in the Union. After one of "Bobby" Colton's "best," Judge Michael J. Murray of the Municipal Court Circuit was introduced as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Murray spoke of the advantages and opportunities of a technically trained man, especially of an Institute man. Although troubled with a cold, his points were brought out with a conciseness and force, which greatly impressed the audience.

The report of the dance committee was read in regards to the dance held recently in the Somerset. The committee reported a general success, both from a social and financial point of view. Although it was thought that at one time the dance would prove a failure financially, such was not the case, and ninety-five dollars were made on it.

SOCIETY OF ARTS MEET.

Professor Derr to Lecture On Color Photography Tonight.

The Society of Arts will hold its 679th meeting this evening at 8 o'clock, in Huntington Hall. Professor Louis Derr of the Physics department will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Color Photography." Professor Derr will trace the development of color photography from the earliest inventions, and will include an account of the Kinemacolor and Lumiere processes of projecting natural colors.

The lecture will be supplemented with a fine collection of slides, chiefly from the Institute's collection. Professor Derr's ability as a lecturer is well known at the Institute and a record crowd is expected. This will probably be the last lecture of the season, and no admission will be charged.

LOWELL INSTITUTE.

Dr. Rose will give his fourth Lowell Institute lecture on "The Personality of Napoleon" this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The particular subject for today is "Napoleon as an Administrator." Dr. Rose's previous lectures have drawn large audiences, and it is likely that there will be very little room for those who have not yet secured tickets unless they are on hand in good season.

Class to the Civil Society trip to New York.

A game between Wesleyan and Columbia basketball teams should prove the best of the season. It would settle, without a doubt, the college championship.

CALENDAR.

In Charge of S. H. Taylor, 1914.

Thursday, March 7.

1.30—T. C. A. Meeting—Union.

5.00—Lowell Lecture—Napoleon.

Friday, March 8.

4.15—Mandolin Club Rehearsal—26

Rogers.

8.00—Architectural Eng. Society

Meeting—42 Pierce.

Musical Clubs—Newton, Time later.

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GENERAL STUDIES.

Do you care whether Demosthenes was a Greek or an Egyptian? We heard this question asked yesterday in the Union, and immediately realized the pertinence of the simple remark. Of course it was part of that old discussion as to the use of General Studies in our courses at the Institute.

These two men were evidently on the negative side of the question, as they agreed that Demosthenes, being long since dead, his influence over their present actions was either nil or so infinitesimally small that it didn't worry them very much.

But how many of us have really bothered to weigh this question, placing the "cons" on one side of the balance and the "pros" on the other side? Because there are distinctly things to be said for and against, though in humble estimation the "pros" are distinctly heavier than the "cons."

It is not the fact that Business Law and English are going to help us practically when we get out in the world, and away from our Alma Mater, though certainly we will learn things in both courses which will prove useful to us.

But they are going to teach us a better method of conducting a more interesting line of conversation, and will generally add those little broadening traits to our characters which will be our greatest assets in the future.

DINNER OR BANQUET?

The decision of the Institute Committee yesterday afternoon with reference to the All-Undergraduate dinner which was to be held on the fourteenth instant is of an exceedingly regrettable nature.

The dinner was to be our first real Undergraduate function. The Faculty were welcome if they chose to attend, but it must be a purely Undergraduate affair, with Institute men as speakers and presiding officers. There was to be no such thing as class distinction; upperclassmen, underclassmen and specials were all to be there as one great body representing the live Institute men. But now the death knell has been sounded, outside speakers are to be brought in, and the affair has lost much of its attractiveness in the Undergraduates' eyes; it has been metamorphosed from a dinner into a banquet.

ADVANCE DOPE ON CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

Sophs Seem to Have Best Chance, But Freshmen Have Many Men Out.

Now that the cross-country men have again started running, the members of the two lower classes will soon be speculating as to the probable outcome of their struggle. The Freshman-Sophomore race is usually held some time in the first part of April, coming a week after the Inter-Course race and closing the cross-country season. The runners are sent over the Tech course, starting at Highland and ending with a lap around the Field in Brookline, a run of about four and a quarter miles.

It must be admitted that the prospects for the Freshmen are not exceptionally bright at present. The Sophomores have four Varsity men who will run for them: Nye, Shedd, Lee and Wilkins. Besides these there is also Newlin, Atwood and Peaslee to be taken into account, all three of whom are good runners. The 1914 team will go into the race with one triumph already to their credit, as in their race last year they defeated 1913 by an overwhelming score.

There are a number of good men out for the Freshmen—Wall, Magee, Lovell, Gurney and Hill, but they all lack experience and can hardly be ranked in the same class with the Sophomore men. The spirit that 1915 is showing is a great asset. Many men have turned out thus early, and with steady practice should round into a good team of which their class will not be ashamed when the final test comes.

DR. FRANCIS TODAY.

Christian Association Meetings Growing Larger Weekly.

Today the rector of the Clarendon Street Baptist Church, Dr. Francis, will speak to the Christian Association meeting in the Union. His subject is to be "Habit," and the Association thinks it a good one to start in a "habit" of coming to the Union after luncheon to hear the interesting and timely talks that are given there every week.

The weekly meetings are more and more frequented as they become better known around the Institute, and this term the number of men there has been regularly larger than was the case last term. The last month there have been 250 or more at the meeting each week, and the Association is glad the number is getting larger weekly.

MINING SOCIETY.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, at 8 P. M., in the Union, when a lecture on "Australia" will be given by one of the members. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides loaned by the Commonwealth Government expressly for the occasion. On Wednesday, March 27th, Professor E. N. Carver is to speak to the society on a subject which will be announced later.

NEW LECTURE COURSE.

A new course of lectures, dealing with electrolysis and related phenomena, starts Friday, the 8th, in Room 23 Walker. The course is open to all men in the second year or above. No outside work is required and no examinations will be held during the course. Professor Goodwin is in charge.

We are sorry this has occurred because the affair once gave promise of being the largest Undergraduate affair that had ever taken place at the school.

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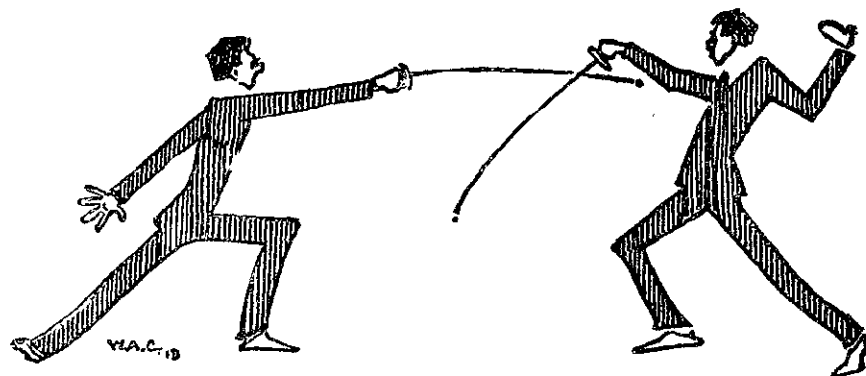
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SPIKES

Now that the Intercolonials and B. A. A. teams have each won a game, the next one should be some interesting.

Archer Harmon has been elected captain of the Yale hockey team for next year. He played wing and center this year in a brilliant manner.

The Wesleyan tennis team will place nine matches this year. Trinity has been substituted for Yale and Dartmouth for the Connecticut Aggies.

Brown, Williams and Amherst swimming teams will hold a triangular meet in the Amherst tank, Saturday. The relay race is expected to be done in record time.

The Freshmen are showing the proper spirit in coming out in such large numbers for cross-country. They realize that they will have to hustle in order to beat the Sophs this year.

The University of Minnesota is to hold an all intercollegiate relay carnival this year. It is planned to make this to the Western colleges what the Penn carnival is to the Eastern colleges.

The Wesleyan basketball team has made a fine record this year. They have won all of their twelve games, most of them by decisive scores. A game is trying to be arranged between Wesleyan and Columbia for the Intercollegiate championship.

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MECHANICALS' BANQUET.

Date of Annual Election and Dinner Set for March 9.

All Mechanical Engineering men will, it is hoped, reserve the evening of March 19 for the society's annual banquet. Efforts are being made to secure a first-class list of speakers and to prepare a good time for all who attend.

Society officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting. The officers to be elected are: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three on the Governing Council, two being Juniors and one a Sophomore. The present officers think that the Juniors would do well to be considering some candidates who would be efficient in keeping the society alive in its activities.

ALL-COLLEGIATE TEAM.

About the best All-Intercollegiate hockey team seems to be that picked by G. W. Hornfect, coach of the Princeton team. While other experts have given three or four places to Princeton, he gives the Tigers only one place. Baker of Princeton stands head and shoulders above all other players, of the rover position. Mr. Hornfect also considers Kuhn and Kay of Princeton worthy of mention. Three Harvard men are chosen, F. D. Huntington, A. F. Sortwell and R. M. Blackall being picked. Huntington and Sortwell are forwards and Blackall plays coverpoint. M. Smith of Cornell is given the point position, and Bates of Columbia is the choice for center. Carhart of Yale has been about the best all-round goal tend.

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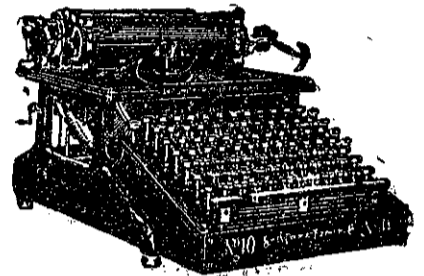
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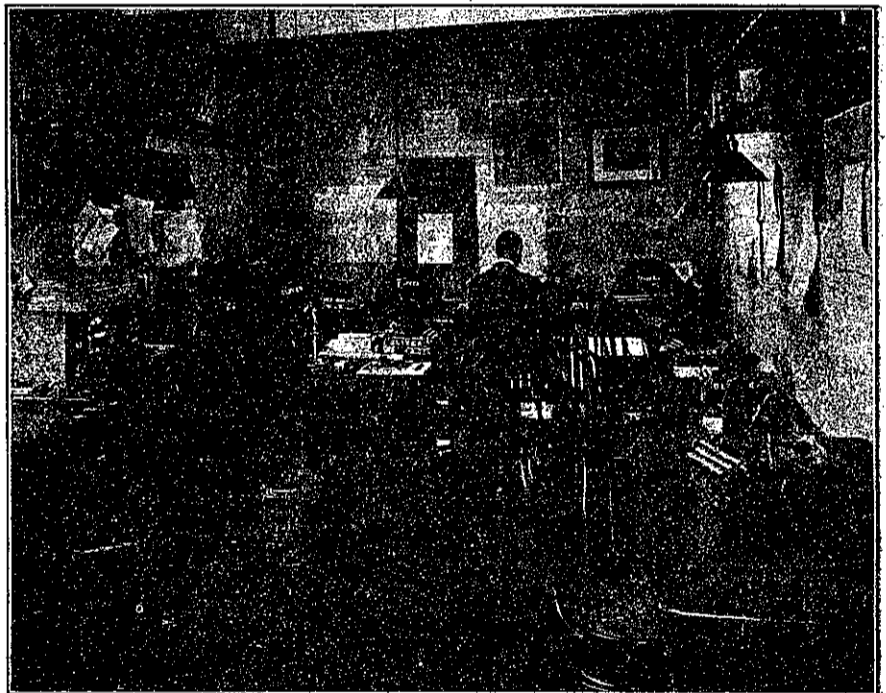
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