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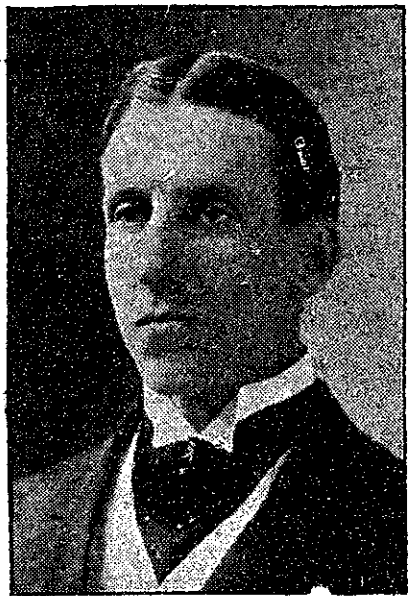
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COACH KANALY CALLS OUT TRACK SQUAD.

Every One Should Report at Field for Preliminary Fall Practice.

One serious drawback to the betterment of the intercollegiate athletic standing here at the Institute is the lack of interest in Fall track athletics and cross-country running. It is at this season when a foundation for a strong team could be formed for coming meets that most all candidates seem to feel that it is useless to train as the meets, with the exception of cross-country, do not come until late Winter or Spring, so they decide to wait until those calls are made before reporting. If all aspirants to the varsity track and cross-country teams could only realize the rapid development which takes place in one's specialty from season to season it would bring to his mind that the Fall season would be invaluable to his showing at the end of the year.

It is becoming quite common to find men on the varsity track team in the Spring who have never reported until the indoor season begins. Had those



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men but realized the progress they could have made if they had received the elementary coaching in the Fall, instead of using time in later seasons when others were taking regular competitive practise, they would not have postponed their initial appearance and undoubtedly would have enjoyed, from a competitive standpoint, a more successful year.

It must be remembered we do not draw star school boy athletes who each year materially strengthen many of our competitor's teams. In order to balance this we must interest a greater number of men with the hope of inducing enough friendly intermural rivalry to make a large, well-balanced squad. A team of large numbers also affords the average student, probably heretofore overlooked in his preparatory school, an even chance of making his letter, as well as providing needful exercise.

Few men seem to realize that system started early in the year in regard to exercising will enable them to more easily carry on their studies, yet it is a fact that some graduates of the Institute have attributed their ability to finish their course to the regular attendance at track practise. It is far easier to include the track work in the day's schedule from the first week in the Fall than to devote the same time to other recreation and then try to

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BASKET BALL GIVEN NEW LEASE OF LIFE.

Advisory Council Take Vote Rescinding Their Action of Last Spring.

Of vital importance to all men in the Institute who are interested in the sport of basket ball is the communication from the secretary-treasurer of the Advisory Council, Major Frank H. Briggs. In it he has set forth the reasons for the action of the Advisory Council in depriving us of the sport at their meeting last year, and to show the students why they are, at this time, rescinding, after a fashion, the action then taken.

The Council state that they are willing to give the basket ball men another chance if they will make an agreement to pay any deficit by means of a student subscription. It would seem that there should be in the Institute between one and two hundred men who would agree to pay their proportionate part of any deficit that might arise. Major Briggs offers no plan and the matter for that reason is entirely up to the men to put the sport on its feet.

Boston, Sept. 21, 1911.

To the Editor of "THE TECH,"

Boston, Mass.:—

A special meeting of the Advisory Council on Athletics was held June 27 to consider the petition for the continuance of Institute basket ball, signed by some three hundred undergraduates.

A communication has been received by "THE TECH," stating in detail the Advisory Council's position in the matter, and its action as to basket ball the coming season, the salient points of which are:

The causes leading to the Council's action in voting to discontinue basket ball were as follows:

The abandonment of basketball as an official inter-collegiate sport by the great majority of New England colleges, combined with the danger of serious physical injuries to the players, the regrettable tendency toward rowdyism, which has yearly become a more prominent characteristic of the game, the dubious attitude towards professionalism on the part of many competing teams, the increased difficulty in securing college games, and the lack of financial support by the student body. At the New England Conference in June, of eighteen colleges represented, six only reported the continuance of basketball, and of these two only were in favor of such a continuance. As the sport is automatically ceasing to be a field for intercollegiate effort, an increasing number of games must be played with Y. M. C. A. and preparatory school teams, if the season is to be of reasonable length, and the lack of intercollegiate control over teams of this sort emphasizes certain of the objectionable features stated above. The Council advocates, however, the inception of class games and this form of sport would in the main be free from the objectionable features of the intercollegiate games, and give ample scope to those men whose interests were in the playing of the game, and four class teams would give an opportunity to a far larger number of men than would a single Institute squad.

The statement "that many men come (to the Institute) because of the chance they get to play basket ball" (vide The Tech, May 13) must have been as novel an idea to the members of the student body as it was to the Advisory Council.

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HERBERT L. WOHLING NEW SHOW MANAGER.

Successful Publicity Manager Becomes Head of the 1912 Tech Show.

During the summer General Manager Irving W. Wilson, 1911, of last year's Tech Show, announced as his choice for general manager of the Tech Show, 1912, Herbert Louis Wohling, 1912, of East Orange, N. J. Mr. Wohling has been connected with the show management since his freshman year, he being assistant publicity manager under Dudley holding the same office again in 1910 Clapp in 1909, for "That Pill Grim," under H. C. Davis, Jr., when "The Queen of the Cannibal Isles" was produced. Mr. Wohling did so well in his department for these two shows that last year he was chosen as publicity manager for "Frenzied French." The success of the latter was in great part due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Wohling, who kept the work of the actors and actresses not only before the eyes of the student body, but also interested the public to a large extent



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through his extensive work as an advance agent. He arranged the trip to Worcester, which was the first taken by the show to that place, and its success was remarkable, considering that it was the first attempt of anything of that kind in that city.

Wohling is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and besides his work on the show was on the 1912 tug-of-war team both his freshman and sophomore years. His popularity was shown in his sophomore year by his election to the Technique Electoral Committee, and also last year when he was elected by his classmates to a position on the Executive Committee. His friends and the members of past shows feel that there is no doubt but that "Herb" will make good.

Wohling will soon announce the date for the opening of the competition for the book for Tech Show, 1912. E. C. Vose, 1911, one of the co-authors of last year's show, has returned to the Institute in the capacity of assistant, and will probably enter, as will also W. J. Seligman, 1912, his side partner. It is understood that several who entered last year, but whose manuscripts were not quite good enough, will have as their motto, "If at first you don't succeed, try again."

VARSITY TRACK TEAM LOSES CAPT. WATKINS.

Cross Country Man and Fast Miler Accepts Engineer- ing Position.

One of the most important things which will greet the track men when they report for practice at the field is the news that Harold G. Watkins, the star miler and captain of the varsity track team, is not to return to the Institute for the coming term. Watkins has accepted a fine offer from the Boston & Maine Railroad in the engineering department, and for that reason will be the first varsity track captain in the history of Institute athletics who has failed to return to lead his team.

Watkins is a man who has come up to his present high rank since his entrance in the fall of 1908, a man who is a fine example of the work done by Coach Kanaly in developing the material at hand. Since winning his first race in the spring of 1910, he has either won or placed in every race in which he has started. He has been the backbone of our cross country team, being the captain last year, and also the president of the Hare and Hounds Society. He captured second place in the mile run in the N. E. I. A. A. meeting at Springfield, and ranked away up at the top in the intercollegiate cross country race when it was held on Tech Field.

His loss will be greatly felt by the team and it will be hard indeed to find a man who can fill his shoes.

Among the men who may be mentioned as possible candidates for the position of captain of the team are P. W. Dalrymple, '12; H. S. Benson, '12, and L. G. Metcalf, '12. Dalrymple is our star high jumper, the man who tied for first place in his event at the I. C. A. A. A. meeting in the Stadium last June. He is another of Coach Kanaly's finds, the first Tech man to ever take points at the I. C. A. A. A. meet, and is probably the most likely candidate for the vacant position. Benson has been manager of the track team and he is one of the best middle and long-distance men now at the Institute; he is now captain of the cross country team. Metcalf is the holder of the Technology record in the hammer throw, and a very dependable man in the weight events. "Tod" Greenleaf, the broad jumper and pole vaulter, is the only other wearer of the "T" among the Seniors, and for that reason is the last of the eligibles.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday, September 27.

- 3.00 Track Practise at the Field.
- 4.15 1914 Football at the Oval.

Thursday, September 28.

- 3.00 Track Practise at the Field.
- 4.15 1914 Football at the Oval.
- 4.15. First Orchestra Rehearsal—Union.

Friday, September 29.

- 3.00 Track Practise at the Field.
- 4.15 1914 Football at the Oval.
- 7.30 T. C. A. Reception at Union to all new men.

Saturday, September 30.

- 3.00 Track Practise at the Field.
- 4.15 1914 Football at the Oval.
- 6.30 "THE TECH" Dinner to Freshmen.—Union.

Managers of 1915 Class Teams should confer with the Managing Editor about having their dates put in the Calendar and also getting the space which they need in the news column from day to day.

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WOEHLING GENERAL MANAGER.

"THE TECH" wishes to congratulate the new General Manager of Tech Show. The consensus of opinion seems to be that Mr. Woehling is well qualified for the position and will make the show a bigger success, which will be "going some." As the proceeds of the show go toward the support of the athletic activities at the Institute it is easily seen that the show head holds, as it were, the fate of both the show and the athletics in his hands. May the best of success crown your endeavors, Woehling.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ATHLETICS, M. I. T.

General Treasurer, Frank H. Briggs, 22 High Street.

The Cross Country men have been working at the field now for some time, and show promise of class later in the season.

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The circulation of the paper has already begun to show signs of a big increase over that of last year. If you want to read the paper you want to get your subscription registered just as soon as you can find the greenback.

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adopt a new order in the Winter or Spring to allow your regular practise with the team.

The Institute track teams have been trying ever since 1894 to duplicate the performance of that year's team which won the N. E. Intercollegiate championship, but even though we have placed second and third it still remains unequalled. To expect to again place the Institute in the championship position it means sending a well-prepared, evenly-balanced team of large numbers and this can only be accomplished by an early start made by all in the Fall and continue through the Winter and Spring.

With this in view, the regular Track Team and Cross Country practise starts at the Field, Monday, September 25, at 3 P. M.

It is to be hoped that all students, especially Freshmen, will report at once and train steadily for a well-seasoned squad, so that by the next intercollegiate we can show that M. I. T. is still capable of producing an Intercollegiate Championship Track Team.
Frank M. Kanaly, Coach.

BASKETBALL GIVEN NEW LEASE OF LIFE

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Assuming that the good faith of the many signers of the petition is unquestionable, the Council voted:

1. That the vote prohibiting the formation of Institute basketball team be reconsidered.

2. That basketball be restored to the authorized Institute sports, provided that the expenses of the team not covered by gate receipts, guarantees, etc., shall be met by voluntary contributions from those students who have placed themselves on record as desiring the continuance of the sport.

In Mr. Parker's communication of May 12th the Advisory Council is quoted as offering the "poor showing" of the teams as a reason for its original action; it is further stated that this is hardly in the spirit of the lines above the gate at Tech Field. May the Council suggest that the term, "poor showing," need not be confined specifically to the consideration of the games won and lost. Further, that no bar has ever been placed to the enjoyment in the true spirit of the quatrains of the sport under discussion.

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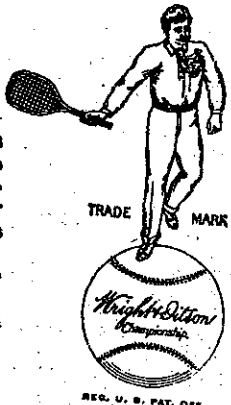
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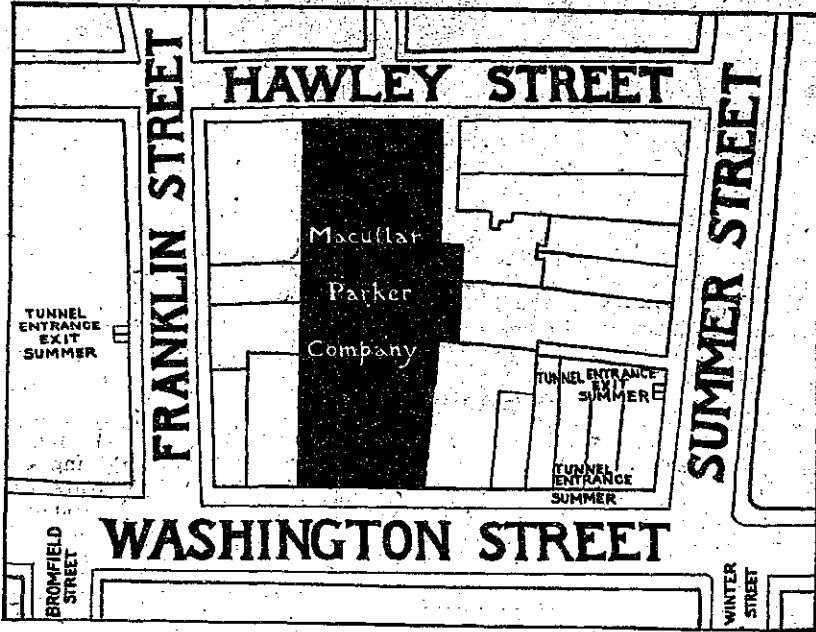
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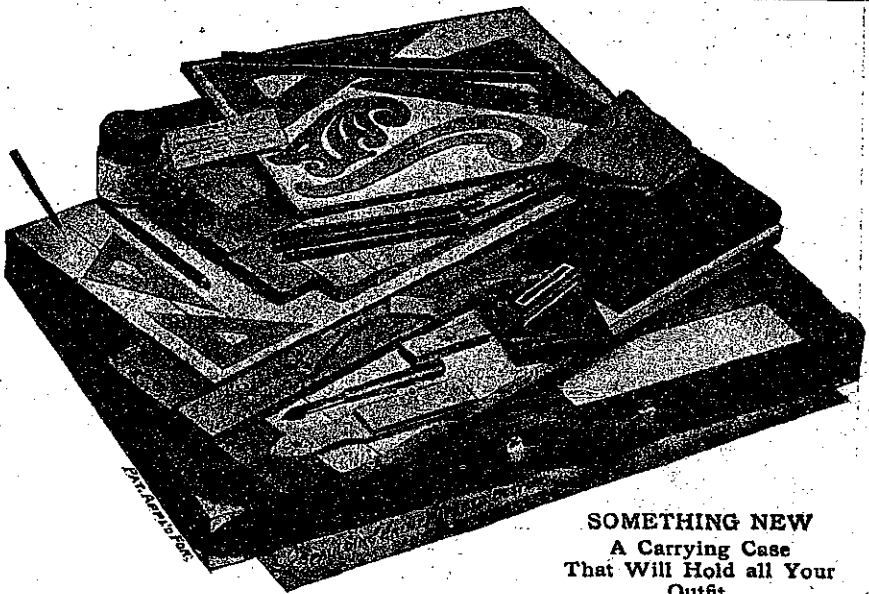
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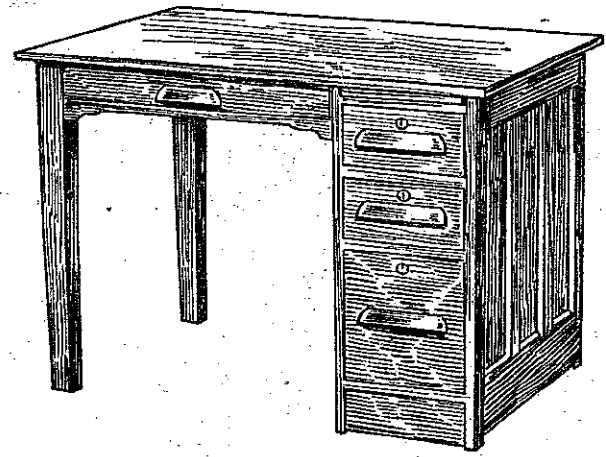
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