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## ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER NEXT FRIDAY

Music, Speeches and Results of Vote on Constitution to Feature.

The ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER was held April 4, in the Union, is expected to rival the All-Technology Smoker which was such a tremendous success last winter. Its object is primarily the same as that of the Dinner—to bring the men together and to become better acquainted. While the Institute has many organized activities the opportunities for the entire student body to meet in a social way are exceedingly rare. It is to help overcome the lack of college spirit naturally resulting from the diverse interests of the men that the ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER was planned.

Those having charge of the affair will use a most excellent programme for the evening. Dean Burton is to give a talk which in itself should attract a large attendance. The vote on the new Constitution, a matter of importance to every live Tech will be announced during the course of the evening. A large part of the entertainment is to be musical. The Banjo and Mandolin players will give a few selections, and the popular Tech songs will be sung. Those not familiar with the honored songs of the Institute will profit by being on hand next Fri-

day. A barbet stunt by certain prominent upperclassmen is guaranteed to draw down the house if the hilarity of the evening does not cause it to do so. A plentiful supply of refreshments are to be provided. Last, but not least, are to come a line of entertainments that will send every good Tech man home rejoicing in the memories of the happiest evening he has spent.

## COMMUNICATION.

Editor of THE TECH:

Sir—It has been claimed that there is no necessity for a constitution such as that proposed, that the interests of the various activities are protected by it, and that its fundamental principles are extremely unimportant. It might be well to consider statements from the viewpoint of the student. The question is one that has come before the people of the community in various phases of time, and they have even come to realize more and more the necessity of the control of the future by the creator.

Democracy is the keynote of the future at Technology. In the early days of the Institute the activities were limited to, and considered the property of, the student body. This attitude of their part was so pronounced that "Tech spirit" became proverbial among other college men, and an ideal condition existed. Every individualized that the various activities were creatures of the great mass men. In the course of events the Institute grew and with it the acreage and thrived on the loyal of the Alumni and undergraduates. They acquired more power, and general used it to add to the (Continued on Page 3.)

## COURSE II WINS BIG CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

C. H. Wilkins, '14, Takes First Place—Course One Is Second, Ten Takes Third.

Saturday afternoon the annual inter-course cross-country run was held over the Tech course, and resulted in a victory for Course II, with Course I second and Course X third. Wilkins, '14, was the individual winner, and lead Best, '15, by about 250 yards at the finish. Both of these men finished strongly. Benson, '16; Hastie, '16; Hill, '15, and Graff, '16, were closely bunched, and finished in the order named, about 100 yards back of Best.

The run started at Highland, and lead over a marshy course four and one-half miles in length. The runners were obliged to go against the wind, which made it very difficult work. Benson took the lead at the start, and was closely followed by Wilkins, Hill and Hastie. The remainder of the runners spread out, with Best and Murdough, '15, following the first four.

At the two-mile mark Benson was still in the lead, slightly ahead of Wilkins, with Best, Hill and Hastie following in the order named. Benson was shortly taken with cramps, and Wilkins and Best passed him at the foot of Larz Anderson Hill. Wilkins then opened up a lead of 200 yards on Best, and Benson and Hastie were somewhat back of Best. The men kept this position to the track, and there was a tussle between Benson and Hastie for third, the former taking the place. Hill and Graff also had a close finish, the former winning by a yard.

The order of finish: C. H. Wilkins, Course II; time, 25:35 1-5; L. E. Best, Course X; H. S. Benson, Course II; F. B. Hastie, Course I; M. E. Hill, Course VI; M. G. Graff, Course VI; J. H. Murdough, Course I; E. P. Gray, Course II; C. W. Lovell, Course I; J. Goldstein, Course X; R. F. Pollard, Course X., and H. R. Bassett, Course II.

Hill of Course VI. scored for Course X., Graff, Course VI., scored for Course I.

Course score: Course II., 24; Course I., 26; Course X., 28.

There will be no trip over the course this week until the Freshman-Sophomore race on Saturday, April 5. This run will start at the same time, 2.34 from Back Bay. The men from both classes, however, are urged to come out for the daily practice this week. A glance at the situation shows how evenly the teams are matched, and how much the support of everyone is needed from both classes. Practice at the field today.

## TICKET SPECULATION.

As the world renowned contest of THE TECH and Technique approaches, the usual trouble with the ticket speculators has to be considered. We have decided to devote our entire staff to the task of preventing this outrage, and to that end have succeeded in rushing past the Supreme Court a ruling sentencing any Tech man who allows these priceless tickets to fall into the hands of the sidewalk scalpers to a month on the Technique Board. A worse fate could befall no man.

## VOTING ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTION BEGUN

Members of Lower Classes Have Already Balloted—Seniors This Week.

Voting on the proposed new constitution for the Undergraduates Association was begun last Friday. Ballots were handed to the students in the different lectures on Friday and Saturday, and were collected again immediately after each lecture, so that the majority of the men have already expressed their opinion on the important question of the adoption of the constitution. Practically all the Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors have balloted, and the Seniors will be given a chance to vote early in this week. The final results will not be made public until the All-Technology Smoker next Friday, but may be reported to the Institute Committee somewhat earlier. An approximate count of the votes turned in before Saturday noon seems to indicate a majority in favor of the constitution.

This ballot is the final expression of the student body on the proposed plan for an Undergraduate Association. The scheme has been before the students for some time, and they are supposed to have their minds made up. A vote of "yes" does not, however, signify unreserved approval of the constitution in its present form, but shows concurrence in the fundamental idea. Those who object only to certain clauses are expected to write a statement to that effect on the reverse side of the ballot giving their reasons. These objections will be taken account of by the Institute Committee, and may be settled by a referendum vote of the students, if the main features of the constitution are approved.

## THE TECH DINNER

Will Be Held Tomorrow Evening, at Seven, in the Union.

Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Union will be held THE TECH dinner. At this dinner the results of the elections to the paper for the ensuing year will be announced, and the present board will deliver the paper into the hands of its successors.

Professor Arlo Bates, head of the English Department at the Institute, and who is in charge of THE TECH special class will speak. Algernon T. Gibson, the present General Manager, will also speak. All the men who are now connected with the paper are urged to attend this meeting, and will be expected to attach their signatures to the list now posted in THE TECH office. This includes the heelers. The dinner will be absolutely free and will be of good quality.

The Advisory Council for THE TECH will be present, and should have something interesting to present to the men on the paper.

## INST. COM. MEETING.

Tuesday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock the Institute Committee will hold a special meeting in Room 8, Eng. C. This meeting is important and has been specially called.

## TECH SHOW UNABLE TO MAKE NEW YORK TRIP

Many Seats Left For Local Performances—All Applications to Date Filled.

Tech Show, 1913, regrets that it must announce the abandonment of its New York trip. The plans were pushed to the utmost until certain complications arose which make the New York performance an impossibility.

The management hopes that this failure will not cause any decrease in the enthusiasm of the student body, and that the students will endeavor in every way to push the Opera House sales among their friends.

All applications have been filled by this time, and the men can get them by applying at the Show office any day this week from 1 to 2 and 5 to 6 P. M. If there are any men who wish to hand in more applications these will receive immediate attention. These orders will be attended to in the order of receipt, the applicants being notified as soon as possible.

Up to the present time there is a large number of good \$2 seats in the orchestra for the afternoon performance. The Freshmen, particularly, and those who up to date have not applied for seats, thinking that they could obtain them on the floor, thus have an excellent opportunity to secure good orchestra seats.

Besides these there are several hundred seats at lower prices which afford excellent accommodations for men who wish to attend either the afternoon or evening performance. To make the profits for the Athletic Association as great as possible it is very essential that every seat for both shows be sold and filled.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir—In reply to Mr. Hughes' communication of Saturday, the Committee wishes to state that no apologies from him were necessary. From the outset we have welcomed criticism and suggestion; our only regret was that such radical difference of opinion were not brought out while there was still opportunity to change the Constitution, if it had been necessary, before it was presented for a final vote.

In the first place it is evident that Mr. Hughes refuses to recognize the supremacy of the rights of the Student Body over those of any activity. Does he not realize that the very existence of an activity depends entirely upon the good will and support of the Student Body? Evidently not, otherwise he would admit the right of the Student Body to have some say in its relations with an organization whose existence it makes possible. The fact that there is now an Institute Committee without a Constitution, implies the necessity of one central body whose duty it is to bring all student activities under one head, and to (Continued on Page 2.)

## CALENDAR.

Tuesday, April 1, 1913.

4.15—Special Institute Committee Meeting—8 Eng. C.  
7.30—THE TECH Dinner—Union.

# INSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEETS TUESDAY 4.15

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Mr. Murdock has touched a note which must be thoroughly considered before voting on the new constitution, and one which at the same time characterizes the situation very well. The new constitution offers but very little in the way of innovations or new conditions, and endeavors merely to put in legal form the rights and powers of the Institute Committee as it now exists. The only new features that have been added are decidedly in favor of the student body.

The actions of the Institute Committee have proven so satisfactory in general that there has been almost no dissenting votes by anyone. The life of this committee has been the student body, and it must be remembered that although there has never been any written agreements between the committee and the student body, the obligation has been none the less felt by every man who has ever become a member. The student body has ruled and will always do so. With a strong referendum and initiative, which has been given in the new constitution, there seems to be no reason why trouble of any kind should ever result from the adoption of such a document as far as its powers are concerned. We must trust the men whom we give our positions of trust, and we must realize that they cannot be hampered by too many restrictions if the best is to result.

The question of membership and representation which THE TECH has mentioned before seems to be less satisfactory, but under no conditions so wrong as to merit the rejection of the entire constitution.

## FIRST YEAR. SHADES AND SHADOWS.

The first exercise will begin April 3 and will be held in Room 40A, Pierce Building.

Students should come prepared to do the first exercise in Shades and Shadows, after reading beforehand as far as Page 32 in the text book. Text books are not to be used in the class room. For the first exercises students are to bring T-square, Triangle, Scale, Drawing Instruments, Thumb-tacks, Pencils and Erasers. Paper will be furnished. The text books may be obtained from Miss Whipple, Room 35, Pierce Building.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,  
Registrar.

## CATHOLIC CLUB HOLDS BIG DANCE TOMORROW

Society's Finest Event of Year to Take Place at Hotel Somerset.

Tomorrow evening one of the most brilliant social events in Institute undergraduate life takes place, when the Catholic Club gives its annual dance in Hotel Somerset at 8.30. The various committees of the club have been hard at work getting everything in readiness; invitations have been sent out and the club is now ready for the biggest event of the year.

The Committee on Arrangements consists of the following men: R. J. Murphy, '13; E. D. Downey, '13; C. G. Fallon, '14; F. P. Scully, '15; T. J. Herlihy, '15; W. J. Drummy, '16. The matrons will be Mrs. R. C. MacLaurin, Mrs. J. A. Walsh, Mrs. J. Morrison, Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. M. Cunniff and Mrs. H. C. Cunningham. As guests of honor the society will have President R. C. MacLaurin, Cardinal O'Connell, Lieutenant-Governor Walsh and Mayor Fitzgerald.

The following members of the club will officiate as aides: R. J. Wiseman, '12; F. D. Morton, '13; W. J. Mooney, '13; B. F. Thomas, Jr., '13; T. R. Collins, '13; L. Bonvoulin, '13; G. J. Chambers, '13; E. D. Murphy, '14; R. J. Gookin, '14; F. S. Comber, Jr., '14; V. J. Gallene, '14; A. S. Graham, '15, and J. E. Wood, '16.

The officers of the club expect a large attendance, about 250 couples in all. An excellent dance program has been arranged, and in it are included several fancy dances, a moonlight dance and a novel colored searchlight dance. Dancing will begin at 8.30 and will continue till 1 o'clock.

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judge their relations to each other and their proper place in the student life.

We must reiterate that the Constitution provides for no new powers. Leaving speculation out of the case, the fact is that the Institute Committee has never seen fit to interfere in a petty way with the private affairs and conduct of any activity. Why should this Constitution, which merely defines precedent and the present policy of the Committee cause that body to depart from its present course? The Institute Committee will continue to be the student Congress, but the Referendum provides that the body of students can at its pleasure constitute itself the Supreme Court. This feature and the initiative are the only new ideas.

Mr. Hughes enlarges upon the idea that the managers of every activity have constantly in mind the best interests of the Student Body. We heartily agree with him but unfortunately the ablest men make mistakes which are costly to their business and to themselves. The Institute Committee ought to be, and we believe it is, a body of public spirited men chosen by their fellow students for helpful purposes, as outlined in the preamble of the Constitution. The managers of student activities can call upon this Committee for advice and the support of the Student Body, and the latter, in turn, can expect protection by the Committee against costly mistakes on the part of those managers. Very respectfully,  
Committee on Constitution and By-Laws,

Per F. D. Murdock.

## COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir—The disappearance from the bulletin boards of the Union of an unusually attractive poster for the All Technology Smoker brings to a head a source of trouble, discussed and considered by many, and which (Continued to Page 3.)

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**CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION DEFEATS 1914 JUNIORS IN PRACTICE GAME**  
**PETITIONS TRUSTEES**

Secretary Talbot Submits Sp. Report About Work of Association. **Sophomore Baseball Team Easily Wins from the Juniors, 7-0—Batting Poor.**

Secretary Talbot of the Christian Association has in a petition to the Trustees, asking for certain alterations in the arrangement of the Memorial to be given on the first or second floor instead of the third floor, as is the assignment in the tentative plans. The Association wants a series of rooms so located as to be convenient for the students. They want a room for an office, a room for a reading room and a room which will hold about twenty-five men in which to hold Board meetings and Bible classes. In the petition Secretary Talbot asks that the seating capacity of the assembly room in the Walker Memorial be increased several times. The proposed capacity, three hundred and fifty, is not sufficient for the meetings of the Association and of several other of the organizations of the Institute, as has been proved several times this year.

In a special report, Secretary Talbot gives facts showing the marked increase of the membership. A year ago last September the Association started with nineteen men. Last June it had increased to 188. Last September the enrollment was 123. Today it is 314. Included with this report are some interesting comparisons with similar work being done at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The first practice game of Inter-Class baseball, played Saturday afternoon at the Tech Field between the Juniors and Sophomores, resulted in a walk-away for the 1914 team, with a score of 7-0. Only seven innings were played, but in this time both teams substituted all the men who are trying for the team. In spite of the fact that there were few errors made, the game was very loosely played, with poor batting for the most part on both sides.

The feature of the game was a home run by Place, second baseman on the Sophomore team. This hit came at a very opportune time, sending in two other runs. Hall and Bauer of the 1915 squad also made long hits.

The Juniors showed plainly their need of practice by their lack of team work. Their batting was also very weak. As individuals, however they showed up remarkably well, and with a little practice together they should develop into a very strong team.

The 1915 men played especially well for so early in the season, better in fact than they have at any of their practices. There is still room for improvement but with consistent practice they should be in very good shape by the time they meet the Allen School on April 12.

These two teams are to have another practice game some time during the first of this week, and both the managements urge all candidates to report regularly for practice.

Worcester		M.I.T. ter.	
Number of men in school.	1611	550	
Number of members of Christian Ass'n.	327	155	
Average attendance	248	100	
Number of Bible study classes	6	12	
Attendance at classes	53	168	
Number of men in Social Service	10	18	

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prestige and renown of their creator. This spirit has waned to a certain extent. These subordinate organizations seldom if ever solicit the views of the great mass of Tech men now. The ultimate source of power has to a degree been lost sight of, and the first attempt to re-establish this relation seems to cause a feeling of antagonism among some of the participants in the activities.

The essential change in the constitution is to acknowledge the right of referendum by the student body and its right of initiative. It would give us a channel through which we may act quickly, with certainty and effectiveness. Thus the constitution would make for a more democratic student government than now exists. Referring to the charges in the beginning of this communication it would seem that the first is wrong.

There is a demand for this step. We must make a stand and claim what is rightfully ours. Would it be wise or even right to sit back and be dictated to by our own creatures? No, that is not Tech spirit.

Secondly it is claimed that the welfare of the activities is endangered. This cannot be so. Their welfare is coincident with that of the undergraduates, and surely we would not wittingly defeat our own interests. In so far as any particular activity might be annihilated surely the creator has the right to recall its own creature. Concerning the inefficiency of the proposed representations it is not the object of this committee to dictate policies as to details, but general policies. These require no special knowledge.

Finally it is suggested that the fundamental principles are unfair, and, later, specifically so in that the representatives are not properly appor-

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has been brewing the entire year. Thefts of posters from the various bulletin boards in and about the Institute have been taking place consistently and steadily since activities got under way last October, and no positive step has been taken towards prevention. In fact, these "petty larcencies" have been laughed at and considered "clever" by many to whom the subject has been suggested. Some, indeed, have openly declared that works of art left in such places are legitimate prizes.

The matter has proceeded as far as the Institute Committee, where its various phases have been carefully considered and studied by a special subcommittee, with the final result that it has been laid on the table. Not that the Institute Committee is not anxious to see these thefts stopped, not that the Institute Committee is unwilling to exert itself to its complete capacity to effect an end to these stealings, but merely because it is beyond the power of the committee of itself to deal with an evil so subtle and yet so dominant. The Committee feels that to enclose all bulletin boards in cases under lock and key or to post special policemen to watch bulletin boards is to publish to the world that Tech men cannot be trusted with Tech property.

These posters are not "legitimate prizes" they are the property of the activity whose business they advertise. Their theft is not "clever," it is as serious and disgraceful as thefts of books from the Union, of money, or of any other valuable property. There is but one way in which these thiev-

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tioned. It is nicely shown that this apportionment is not according to the amount of business done. This apparently is true, but why should the representatives be chosen by the amount of money handled per annum? The funds so involved are derived almost entirely from the student body. Should we not then control the general policies involved in the expenditure of such funds? Respectfully yours, Stanley M. Baxter.

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 ally. The list cannot now be changed  
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 for the degree this year should con-  
 sult me if he has not been notified  
 that his name is on the list.

A. L. MERRILL,  
 Secretary.

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 ings can be stopped; there is but one  
 body of men who can stop them, and  
 that way and that body is the active  
 interest of every undergraduate in the  
 Institute.

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 contemptible action, there will be no  
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