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OBSTACLES REMOVED IN TECHNIQUE RUSH

Contest for Coveted Copy of Year Book Will Be Real Rush.

The Technique rush this year will be all that the word "rush" implies. The board has decided not to impede the progress of those in the contest and give what seems to be an unfair advantage to the fellow who is merely good at sprinting, by eliminating all obstacles in the way of those taking part, and revert to the good old-fashioned rush.

In such a rush every fellow has a show. The big scrap will come at the window and, if rumors are true, the window will be kept closed long enough to give the fellows some warm tussle before they get at the book. It is, of course, needless to say that cleated shoes or running shoes will not be permitted, and anyone found wearing the same will be disqualified. There will be a big circle, or rather semi-circle, drawn around the window so that every runner will be the same distance from the goal. At a given signal the rush will start and the window will be opened perhaps two minutes after the first fellow raps.

A large squad of police has been secured to keep the crowds back so that everyone will be able to see the whole affair. These same policemen will keep the space cleared which is to be reserved for those who go into the parade. The movie man will be there as usual and all fellows going into the rush will have a chance to see their brave struggles portrayed for the benefit of the public. But, more than the fact that the mere public will have a chance to see these pictures is the fact that it gives the ambitious young man an opportunity to take his young lady friend to the movie-show and let her see him do the wonderful performance all over again. The rush will come off at 1 o'clock, as soon as the parade arrives and the band takes its place on the stand. All desiring to enter the contest should see some member of the Technique board and make sure that they understand perfectly well all the conditions for entering this, the most lively Technique rush ever held.

JUNIOR BASEBALL

There will be a meeting of all the men interested in Junior Baseball in the Union, this noon, at one o'clock. It is very important that all who intend to come out for the team be present, as the first game is scheduled for Saturday.

HOWARD C. THOMAS, Mgr.

T. C. A. SPEAKER IN UNION THIS NOON

"Weight of a Man's Word" Subject of Mr. D. M. Claghorn's T. C. A. Talk.

The Social Secretary of the Boston Y. M. C. A. will be the speaker in the Union this noon at 1.30, at the next to the last weekly meeting of the T. C. A. this year. He is Mr. D. M. Claghorn, who was to speak at the Institute on a previous occasion some time ago. Mr. Claghorn will speak on "The Weight of a Man's Word," and his talk promises to be an interesting one.

Mr. Claghorn, as Social Secretary of the Boston Y. M. C. A., has under his direction all of the social service work of the Association, and he is widely known throughout the city. It will be recalled that several months ago the Boston Y. M. C. A. extended to Tech men who were members of the T. C. A. the regular membership privileges. The T. C. A. hopes that a large number of men will be in the Union today to hear a representative of the organization which offers its services and co-operates with the Technology Christian Association.

ART COMPETITION

The competition for Art Editor of Technique 1916 will close this week Saturday, April 4th. All drawings must be handed in at the cage by five o'clock. It is requested that each candidate sign his name to his drawings, covering the same with a piece of paper glued down at the edges.

All those successful in the competition will be taken through the engraving plant which did the work for this year's Technique on Saturday morning of Junior week. The time of meeting for the trip will be announced later.

TECHNIQUE BAND

The Technique Board requests that all men who have played in the band in Technique rush, and any other students who can play band instruments, report at the Union today at five o'clock. The band is an extremely important part of the rush during Junior week and the board hopes that the rehearsal this afternoon will see a large number out.

REHEARSALS EVERY DAY

Because of the short time before the first production of "A Royal Johnnie," a full rehearsal is to be held every afternoon from now on. All the lyrics must be learned immediately, and none of the copies should be used at the rehearsals.

THE ENGINEERING AND PURCHASING AGENT

Co-operation of the Two Urged by R. E. Curtis in M. E. Society Talk.

The relation of the purchasing agent to the engineer was brought before the Mechanical Engineering Society yesterday afternoon in a light that was interesting and new to most of those who were present. Mr. R. E. Curtis, who delivered the talk, is chief draughtsman and assistant engineer for the Edison Company.

The field of purchasing is very broad, ranging from large construction work to stationery. In any event it is absolutely necessary, if friction is to be avoided and efficient service rendered, to have an intelligible setting forth of what is wanted so that all concerned in the transaction may readily understand every clause of the specifications. The evils of indefinite specifications are many. Delay and excessive expense can easily arise from a misunderstanding. The more definite the specifications the closer can the contractor bid on the work. If there are some points of which he is not quite certain, he will naturally allow a margin of safety in bidding.

The financing and organization element of the specifications is as important as an accurate knowledge of what is wanted in the way of technical details. It is necessary to get the specifications put through in proper shape so that they may be properly executed.

It may thus be seen there are two equally important sides to purchasing. It is the work of the engineer to have both an accurate knowledge and understanding and an insight into the details of the construction. He is pre-eminently fitted for this by virtue of his technical training. It is

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SHOW ORCHESTRA

Many Rehearsals To Be Held Before the Fourteenth.

The Tech Show Orchestra has but a short time to practice in before they are to take part in the Show at Northampton. Mr. Howard states that they have been doing good work up to the present time, but that in order to do what is expected of them at the first production they must have frequent rehearsals during the next two weeks, and must not slight any of them.

Friday at four they are to practice alone, Saturday at two they are to rehearse with the entire cast and chorus, and Sunday at two they are again to work alone on the music of the second act.

NEW DEPARTURE IN SHOW ADVERTISING

Pictures of Alice, the Chorus Lady, Appearing in Street Cars.

The advertising of "A Royal Johnnie" is being done on a somewhat larger scale than that of former Tech Shows. In addition to the regular posters which are being distributed this week, arrangements have been made for the placing of cards in many of the Boston street cars.

A picture of Alice, the charming chorus lady, as she is impersonated by F. Hastings Smythe, is printed on the cards. The words, "Would you guess she was an engineer?" appear in large print, and information about the sale of tickets in smaller type.

The management of the Show wishes to remind students that this advertising may be expected to increase the public demand for tickets, and that if good seats are desired they should be applied for before the end of this week. The sale to the public opens Monday. After that time tickets must be obtained at Herrick's or from the management of the various theaters where the Show is given.

WEATHER

For Boston and Vicinity: Rain and warmer tonight; Thursday unsettled; moderate south to west winds.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2, 1914.

1.00—Junior Baseball. Union.
1.30—T. C. A. Talk. Union.
4.00—Show Rehearsal. Union.
5.00—Junior Prom Committee. Union.
5.00—Technique Band Meeting. Technique Office.
7.30—Chess Match. Harvard Freshmen vs. M. I. T. Freshmen. Room A, Union.

Friday, April 3, 1914.

4.00—1917 Baseball Practice. Tech Field.
4.00—Tech Show Orchestra Rehearsal. Union.
4.00—Tech Show Rehearsal. Union.
8.00—Mining Eng. Society. Union.
Saturday, April 4, 1914.
2.00—Tech Show Orchestra Rehearsal. Union.
7.30—Freshman-Sophomore Wrestling Meet. M. I. T. Gym.

The baseball squad at Brown has been cut down to eighteen men. It has been announced that no changes will be made until after the first game.

The Saint Louis Americans have fifteen collegians in their squad this year.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1914.

IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE.

W. A. Houser, '15; G. H. Stebbins, '17; D. H. Parker, '17.

Today's communicant, if we overlook his discourtesy to the writer of Tuesday's editorial and his cool assumption of his own superior knowledge, is partly right in his contention that the editorial in question over-emphasized one side of the subject. It did not purport to present more than the one viewpoint; he, however, precipitates himself completely to the opposite extreme.

His first inference that all "those who are pursuing their studies as they should" are necessarily pursuing them in the Union, shows that he read the article from a prejudiced point of view. However, admitting that the average reader would make this deduction, we maintain that the Union is for studying as well as social intercourse, and that each activity should be carried on without interfering with the other. If students, on account of the more pleasant accommodations, prefer the Union to any of the libraries for studying, there is no reason for excluding them or denying them equal rights with the idlers.

As we find our communicant under the first year lists in the catalog we assume that he was not well enough acquainted with the doings at the Institute to have read several articles in the past dealing specifically with the great annoyance caused by excited and forgetful card players during the T. C. A. talks. The fact



Of the seventy-nine men who signified their intention of coming out for track, twenty-six have not reported even once as yet. Work is laid out for these men and is ready at the Field for them any day they go out. The spirit that characterized the track meeting has not been lived up to, unfortunately.

Fast times are not expected next Saturday in the cross country run as the ground is in such soggy condition. The men who ran Tuesday afternoon experienced all the joys of any of the famous mud baths.

Johnstone and Camp, the two high jumpers at Harvard, are going to meet a good man at the Penn Relay carnival in Wahl of the University of Wisconsin. Wahl in a recent meet cleared six feet two inches and it is believed that, all conditions being favorable, he will be able to get over six feet four.

Over two hundred and fifty colleges are to be represented in the Relay Carnival at Pennsylvania this spring.

The Field took on its usual spring appearance Tuesday when it was opened. A large number of track men were out as well as two of the class baseball teams.

The Freshmen are showing considerable activity in the Field events this year. On the opening day of the outdoor season three or four were practicing with the hammer and discus and as many more were at the broad jump.

TRIPLE "E" NOTICE

Course II, E. E. E. 616, will meet for lecture at the regular hour (11-12) on Friday, in place of recitations as announced Monday.

HARRISON W. SMITH.

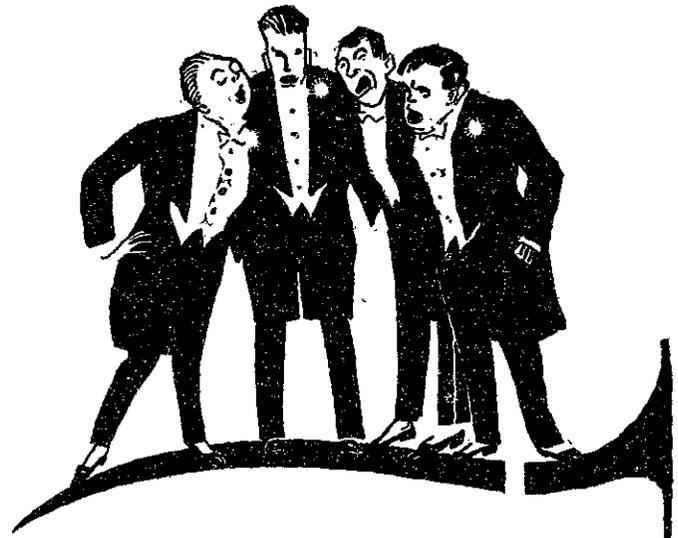
that the schedules of first year students are well filled will excuse the statement made that books are not thrown about the Union, for it is in those hours when all true students are at classes that these idlers take full possession of the place and all therein contained. His whole criticism, while showing that he has an interest in the subject, shows that he has either been absorbed in his own affairs while about the Union or else that he frequents it only for the purpose of listening to the T. C. A. talks.

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MEETING OF CREW MEN ENTHUSIASTIC

Rowing Will Be Made a Varsity Sport—Alumni Helping Generously.

Rowing proved its rising popularity yesterday afternoon when about fifty men reported at the meeting held in the Union. Commodore MacRae told of the past history and of the crew's work for the coming year, which will be confined to class rowing.

Although a fee of three dollars was charged last year, no one will be forced to pay a membership fee this year. Everyone who can pay, however, is urgently requested to do so, as crew expenses are heavy.

The Commodore stated that each class would elect its own heads after the start of crew work next Monday. Each class crew, too, is to be subordinate to the Boat Club as regards outside rowing. At the end of the term a series of interclass races will be rowed, the winner receiving a prize. In concluding, Mr. MacRae said that after our entrance into the new buildings, rowing would become a varsity sport.

Dr. G. Bousquet then spoke of the expense of starting a crew, telling how the alumni had been asked for a contribution and how their generosity had made possible the buying of two new shells. Speaking of the coaching of the crew, he said he hoped that a professional oarsman would be procured, that rowing machines would be set up in the gym next fall with a view to outside races, and that the fellows would take their training to heart, in order to make rowing a varsity sport. It would not be hard to obtain a race with Annapolis, he said, and other races would naturally follow.

Paul H. Duff, the last speaker of the meeting, said that numerals would be awarded to the crew and that the B. A. A. shells as well as the boathouse would be at the service of the Tech men, without charge. He declared that our slogan should be, "Rowing a T Sport in 1916." In concluding, he said that the Class of 1916 had voted sweaters to the first Soph four, and that the Freshmen and Seniors would soon follow their lead in this matter.

M. E. TALK
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the work of the purchasing agent to look out for the details of the organization, financing and execution. For this a man of sound business training and instinct is desirable. The engineer should appreciate this fact and co-operate with the purchasing agent as much as possible rather than regard him as unnecessary as is too often done.

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FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE RACE FOR SATURDAY

Spring Hare and Hounds Run at Same Time—Outcome in Doubt.

Fast times are expected in the cross country race to be held over the Tech course next Saturday afternoon. A number of varsity men have signified their intention of running so a good pace should be set. The Freshmen and Sophomores who run will have opportunity for competing in two races at the same time, for they will score in the Freshman-Sophomore race as well as in the Hare and Hounds run. The two races will be run off at the same time.

With the good weather of the last few days, the course should be well dried out. Cook, the Varsity Cross Country Captain, is in very good condition and is expected to win the Hare and Hounds race with Nye and Benson fighting for second place. Benson, who is a Sophomore, should win the Freshman-Sophomore run. The team winners of the latter race are very difficult to foretell as the squads are very evenly matched. The race will be run over the Tech course of four and one-half miles, starting from Highland and finishing at Tech Field. The time at which the train leaves Back Bay station for Highland will be announced in Saturday's TECH.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

Combined Clubs of Harvard and Technology To Hold Banquet.

At the business meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club yesterday Mr. Rudolph Beaver, chairman of the Banquet Committee, reported that the Harvard Cosmopolitan Club has promised to hold a joint banquet with the Technology Cosmopolitan Club April 9th. President Z. Y. Chow suggested that Dean Burton be toastmaster and that Governor Walsh and the presidents of Technology, Harvard, Boston University, Boston College, Simmons and Tufts be invited to speak. This list has been accepted by the Harvard Club. The banquet will be held at the Hotel Thorndike and will cost a dollar and a half a plate. Members of the club may obtain tickets from the Banquet Committee, Mr. R. Beaver, Mr. R. J. Masferrer and Mr. H. Wu. Non-members interested may apply to President Chow for a ticket.

In the absence of Mr. R. Alfaro, chairman of the International Night Committee, Mr. T. C. Hsi reported for him a substantial profit from the entertainment. Secretary Turpin Hsi read a letter from the "Cosmopolitan Student" magazine stating that anyone wishing to subscribe may obtain the next three issues for only ten cents.

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DANCE ORDERS READY

Program for Spring Concert Is Now Arranged.

Owing to the sickness of Ralph Salisbury, the general manager of the Musical Clubs, the sale of reserved seats for the Spring Concert has been delayed. They may be obtained, however, Friday noon at the Union. The preliminary dance orders are already at the Cage. The following program has been selected:

1. One Step—Good By Summer.
2. One Step—Get Out 'And Get Under.
3. Waltz—Isle D'Amour.
4. One Step—Pepper Pot.
5. One Step—Too Much Ginger.
6. Waltz—Little Highness.
7. One Step—Le Gigot.
8. One Step—Some Smoke.
9. One Step—Scrambled Eggs.
10. Waltz—Marriage Market.
- Intermission.
11. One Step—Puppchen.
12. One Step—You're Here and I'm Here.
12. One Step—Tingle-ingling.
14. Waltz—Little Cafe.
15. One Step—All for the Girlies.
16. One Step—Tres Chic.
17. Waltz—Nights of Gladness.
18. One Step—Never Too Much.
19. One Step—While They Were Dancing Around.
20. Waltz—Adele.

As one means of making the concert the most enjoyable affair the Musical Clubs have ever held, the management has engaged an orchestra of fifteen pieces, this being twice the number used at previous concerts.

The concert will begin promptly at eight-fifteen in order that the dancing may start at ten o'clock.

COMMUNICATION

The editorial appearing in THE TECH for March 31, 1914, seems to take a most unusual stand in portraying conditions in the Union, which, to my knowledge, do not exist, or if they do, their importance has been highly exaggerated.

The first point made is that students are found sprawling about chairs indulging in pleasantries about those students who are pursuing their studies. The editor has apparently overlooked the fact that the Union is not a place primarily for the pursuit of studies, but a place for social intercourse, and if students come there for the purpose of studying, they must put up with the conversation or other diverting influences of students who have come to the Union to enjoy themselves. There are plenty of libraries or other places about the Institute where students may go to study their lessons, and where the necessary quiet can be had. If the Union is to be transformed into a study hall, we may as well move out the Victrola and the piano and forbid smoking and card playing.

Another objection brought up is card playing accompanied by loud and profane conversation while a speaker is trying to make himself heard in the large room. I presume this has reference to the talks given at noon by the T. C. A. I have attended a

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great many of the T. C. A. talks, and have never noticed any loud talk or profanity by the card players. To my mind, this is not only a gross exaggeration, but an absolute insult to the students in the Institute. The editor also calls attention to the use of books in the Union as missiles to throw at each other. This is so absolutely false as to merit no comment.

No one comes into the Union wearing his hat, no one willingly spreads cigarette ashes over furniture. The conditions in the Union are not absolutely ideal, but as stated in the editorial, they are distorted and the product of an exceedingly narrow view.

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INTER-CLASS WRESTLING

Freshmen To Hold Elimination Matches This Afternoon.

The recently elected management of the Freshman Wrestling Team has been busy during the last few days preparing for the Freshman-Sophomore Meet to be held next Saturday night at the M. I. T. Gym. Captain Hoffman urges every Freshman, who is interested in helping his class win from the second year men, to aid by either entering the meet or filling the Gym with cheers. Last year, in a similar meet, the most remarkable work was done, not by the regular squad, but by "dark horses" who were new at the game. It is hoped that this year more of these inexperienced men will come out. Material is needed especially in the heavyweight class. Tryouts for the team will be held in the Gym this afternoon.

The Sophomore Wrestling Squad is greatly handicapped by the lack of spirit shown by that class and so far no men at all have come out in the 115-pound, 125-pound or heavyweight classes. If nobody appears at these weights the Sophomores will probably have to forfeit the matches without being able to make even an attempt at winning them.

CADET REGIMENT

Freshmen Have First Taste of Two Hour Drill.

Yesterday afternoon from three o'clock until five the M. I. T. regiment had its first taste this year of two-hour drill. Although a short respite was afforded the men at four in which to quench their thirst, when another hour was over many were decidedly tired. The members of the Tech Show cast and chorus were allowed to leave at four and thus escaped a large part of the "double quick" work. The number of men left in the ranks gave evidence of a large show this year.

Several new commands were carried out, among them platoon movements in regimental column, the Thursday battalion executing these more efficiently. Double time was tried out twice in regimental column, and the second time Company A became so enthusiastic as to require the combined efforts of Major Cole, Major Hamilton and Captain Brandt to save the wall from the onward rush.

FRESHMEN IN CHESS

Harvard and Tech First Year Men in Match Tonight.

Harvard Freshmen will meet the Institute's first-year men over the chess-board at seven-thirty tonight in the Union, Room A. The visitors will be represented by the following players: 1st board, W. L. Bullock; 2nd, P. L. Seiniger; 3rd, L. DuB. LeFevre; 4th, T. L. Bailey. Their respective opponents from Technology 1917 will be: 1st board, C. Dean; 2nd, A. Kenigberg; 3rd, H. Baxter; 4th, S. Lewiton.

Spring football practice at Harvard began yesterday afternoon.

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