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## THE UNION WILL HOLD FOURTEEN HUNDRED MEN

Committee Announces That Every  
Man Who Attends Will Find  
Room—Huge Sign Used

Some anxiety has been expressed by the students that the Union will not be large enough to hold the crowd which will wish to attend the Reunion Smoker Friday night. The committee has taken pains to find out what the capacity of the Union is, and it announces that fourteen hundred men can be accommodated, so no one need fear that he will not be able to gain admittance. By a new arrangement of the speaker's platform the crowd will be so handled that there will be no space which is not utilized. Student ushers will be present to keep the crowds from gathering around the door, and an earnest effort will be made to allow every one to have a position of vantage.

The publicity committee has had a disappointment in one of its plans. A huge banner has been prepared by Clark Robinson '17, of Course IV, which was intended to span Trinity Place from Trinity Court to the Union on the day of The Night of Big Events. Under the influence of a member of the Station Sixteen organization, however, this plan has been abandoned. It seems that there is an ordinance which prohibits the use of any sign which extends across one of the city streets. But the sign is too good to be lost, and on Friday it will make its appearance at some point on Institute property.

A very gratifying feature of the arrangements is the spirit with which the faculty is co-operating with the committee. It is even rumored that assignments for Saturday will be exceptionally light.

## LYNN CONCERT

Hawaiian Trio Is The Feature Of  
The Program

The annual concert of the combined Musical Clubs at Lynn, Mass., was given last Monday night. Last year the concert at Lynn was not supported, but this entertainment was very well attended. Part of the program was rendered by a professional entertainer, who read several interesting selections from "Uncle Remus." Another feature of the evening was the playing of the Hawaiian trio. The usual dance following the concert was omitted.

## T. C. A. NOMINATIONS

The nominations for officers of the Technology Christian Association are as follows:

For President, Walter J. Beadle, Leslie A. Hoffman; for Vice-president, E. L. Clark, J. R. Ramsbottom; for Treasurer, George H. Stebbins, John R. Potat.

The ballots for elections are to be cast between 9.00 a. m. and 6.00 p. m. Thursday, at the Union.

## T. C. A. ADDRESS

The T. C. A. speaker for Thursday will be Rev. James A. Richards of the Mt. Vernon church. The subject of Mr. Richards' talk will be "Four Good Wishes."

## TIME CARDS TO BE USED IN COURSE II

Department To Check Up Work  
Of Mechanical Engineering  
Students Each Month

A new system for checking up the time spent by the students in Course II has recently been instituted by Professor Miller, head of the department, whereby the students record on cards the amount of time given to each subject, in both preparation and exercise. These cards are given out at the first of every month, and will be due at the end of each month, and are so arranged that they represent the actual time spent, whether at night or during the day. They will be filed and used for reference in determining in the future what shall be the proper amount of preparation for a given subject.

The cards were given out for the first time at the beginning of March to the Juniors only. Hereafter the second- and fourth-year men as well will receive them, and the system is to go into immediate operation. By this means, a complete record will henceforth be kept of every man's work for the whole course with the exception of freshman year.

It is thought that the new arrangement will be of great convenience to both the faculty and the students. It will not only enable the professors to see at a glance what a man is doing, but will give the individual student an opportunity to see for himself what he is doing. The object is to adhere as strictly as possible to the schedule worked out by the faculty as to the proper amount of time that should be devoted to each subject. If it is found that practically all the men are taking more than the specified time in the preparation of some subject, the cards will largely assist the faculty in determining whether the students are inefficient or the time allotted is too short for the work required.

## FRESHMEN TAKE TESTS

Carnegie Foundation Will Give  
Exams Saturday

Saturday, the Carnegie Institute for the Advancement of Learning will give the first of two examinations to a group of forty freshmen, for the purpose of determining the amount of general knowledge a student at that stage of the game possesses. The participants have been chosen by Dean Burton where accurate records of work at preparatory school were available, and for that reason, nearly all of the forty come from local institutions. The tests, lasting from nine until six with one hour recess, will in no way resemble the usual exams required for entrance to college.

Each student will be given his rating among the forty and will receive a special report along any lines of strength or weakness which appear. The men taking the tests will be excused from their regular classes and will receive three dollars for their services. Similar tests have been carried on in other colleges, and the men will thus be enabled to see how they stand in comparison with other students.

## NAVAL ARCHITECTS

The Naval Architectural Society will have a dinner in the Union tonight at 6.30 o'clock at which Mr. Wilfred White, who is compass adjuster on all the trial trips of the U. S. battleships and merchant ships, will speak on "Anecdotes Connected with Scientific Navigation." Professor H. Keith of the Naval Architectural Department will speak on "The Mathematical Fitting of Ships' Curves," the system which is used in the Navy.

## ENGINEER CORPS HOLDS IMPORTANT ELECTIONS

Professor Howard, Mr. Luther,  
And J. A. Tobey, '15, Chosen  
For Officers

At a meeting of the committee in charge of the Technology Engineer Corps it was decided, on the advice of Major Cole, to appoint the field and Staff officers and elect the company commanders and lieutenants. Accordingly, Professor J. W. Howard of the Civil Engineering Department was appointed Major, and James A. Tobey, '15, Senior Captain. Professor Howard will have executive and administrative charge of the course, while Mr. Tobey will be commander-in-chief of the military end of the corps. Mr. H. B. Luther, instructor in Civil Engineering, was appointed Adjutant. The two company captains and six lieutenants will be elected next Friday at the regular drill in the Armory. At that time Mr. C. E. Morrow will complete his lecture on "Bridges and Trusses."

A lecture on "Engineering Problems of Artillery" will be given on Thursday, March 23, promptly at 5.00 o'clock in 6 Lowell by Captain Robert Davis, U. S. A., inspector-instructor of the state militia. The lecture will be illustrated by over a hundred slides furnished by the War College of the United States Government, many of them being pictures taken at the present European war. This lecture has been delivered to the Harvard regiment and many of the militia schools.

## COURSE XV DINNER

Only Juniors To Be Present At  
Engineers' Club

The committee in charge of the Specialty Dinner for Course XV Juniors has succeeded in overcoming the difficulties that stood in the way of having the dinner at the Engineers' Club. The original plans will be carried out in full. The men will meet at the Club at 6.00 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Fifty students have so far signed up to attend the dinner, and this number shows the Course to have the fourth largest membership in the Junior class. The committee has been very active in making plans for a successful evening, which consists for the most part of specialties and speeches by members of the class.

## TECH BIBLE BOARD

President Schabacker '16 Chooses  
Staff Heads

Yesterday President Schabacker, of the T. C. A. appointed N. Mack Angas, '17, Business Manager, and F. C. Howard, '17, Editor-in-chief, of the "Tech Bible." The hand book, to be published during the summer, will have a circulation of 2500. Work on the book will be begun immediately and assistants will be needed in both business and editorial departments. The management intends to increase the size of the book, and is desirous of suggestions from the student body.

## SOUTH AMERICAN JOBS

Mr. C. E. Atwood, '05, will give a talk on "Jobs in South America" Thursday, from 5.00 to 6.00 o'clock, 23 Walker. Mr. Atwood has been seven years in South America in the employment of the Westinghouse Electric Co., so that he is in a position to give considerable information regarding the kind of jobs down there and how to obtain them.

## FINAL DISCUSSION OF HONOR SYSTEM

Institute Committee To Put Question To Student Body  
Soon

At the meeting of the Institute Committee to be held Thursday afternoon at 5.00 o'clock in 8 Engineering C, the final discussion of the adoption of the Honor System will take place. The committee, which has been appointed to investigate the working of this system in other institutions and to suggest a form adaptable to the Institute, has obtained some of the following information:

They find that the Honor System is being used today in 123 colleges and universities in the United States, among which the Carnegie Institute, Stevens Institute, and Thorp Polytechnic, are similar to the Institute. Cornell, Columbia, Leland Stanford and Princeton, and others of the largest colleges also have adopted this idea. In every instance, the committee has received favorable replies concerning the workings of this system in the institutions with which they have corresponded. E. L. Shea, chairman of the Honor Committee of Princeton, says: "We consider the Honor System successful to the highest degree. The students regard it as one of the finest institutions of our university. We cannot recommend it too highly." L. F. Rogers, chairman at Colgate, writes: "We feel that the Honor System is filling an absolute part of the life of the institution." G. M. Hayes, chairman at Williams, states: "The system has been highly successful ever since its adoption here in 1896. Such a test as it has been given here in twenty years, shows it to be a most efficient and easily conducted system."

Considerable discussion and agitation of the Honor System have resulted from its consideration by the Institute Committee and it is probable that within the next few weeks the matter will be presented to the student body for consideration and voting. Before that time, however, it is proposed to fully explain the workings of the system so that every man may have an intelligent conception of its purpose.

## SHOW REHEARSALS

This afternoon scenes three and six will be rehearsed at 4.00 o'clock and scenes four and seven at 5.00 o'clock in the Union, Room B. The ballet will rehearse in the Union Dining Room at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday afternoon the cast will rehearse scenes four and eight at 4.00 o'clock and scenes three and two at 5.00 o'clock in 6 Lowell. The chorus will rehearse Thursday at 5.00 o'clock in the Union Dining Room.

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 22, 1916.  
1.00—Sophomore Baseball. Gym.  
4.00—Show Rehearsal. Scenes 3 and 6.  
4.15—Orchestra Rehearsal. Union.  
5.00—Show Rehearsals. Scenes 4 and 7.  
6.30—Naval Architectural Dinner. Union, Rooms A and B.  
Thursday, March 23, 1916.  
1.00—Sophomore Baseball. Gym.  
4.00—Show Cast Rehearsal. Scenes 4 and 8. 6 Lowell.  
5.00—Show Chorus Rehearsal. Union Dining Room.  
5.00—Glee Club Rehearsal. Union, Room B.  
5.00—Engineer Corps Lecture. 6 Lowell.  
5.00—Talk on "Jobs in South America." 23 Walker.  
6.00—Course XV Banquet. Engineers' Club.  
6.00—T. C. A. Elections Close. Union.  
8.00—E. E. Society Meeting. Union.

# BIG REUNION SMOKER, FRIDAY NIGHT

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The 1918 Electoral Committee seems to be having some difficulty in always raising a quorum, it having frequently been necessary to scour the Union for missing members. There are no classes at the Institute after 5.00 o'clock and it seems that if the meetings were begun promptly at 5.00 there should be no difficulty in starting the business of the day before the call of other activities has broken up the necessary quorum. Moreover, the members of the Electoral Committee must not lose sight of the fact that they owe their position on the Committee to a class election, a position which they have no right to keep unless it is given precedence over every other activity in which they are but personally interested.

## COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech:

Our common foe, the Censor, is abroad in the land. Disguised as H. M. G., in Friday's Tech, he calls for action against the M. I. T. Forum. He does not like to have his quiet disturbed by offensive Socialist propaganda. He feels that the T. C. A. meetings are satisfactory; the speakers are of "acknowledged standing in their respective communities, who have done something that entitles them to a hearing." The implication is that H. M. G. has investigated the standing and attainments of these T. C. A. speakers and given them carte blanche. Incidentally, I should be glad to match up the relative attainments of any Union speakers with those of Bouck White, Mayor Lunn, James MacKaye, Teresa Crowley, John Spargo, et al. Was H. M. G. ashamed to hear Mr. Dehly call war murder, and preparedness militarism? If Mr. Dehly is right, H. M. G. has no complaint. If Mr. Dehly is wrong, H. M. G. is entitled to think so, but he has no right to deprive me of hearing what I believe to be the truth.

Personally, I enjoy the speakers of both organizations. I find myself in general accord with the Forum speakers; they stay on earth, their views are generally grounded in the sciences of sociology and political economy. I am equally glad to hear the T. C. A. speakers, and I should resent any attempt to eliminate them.

The Forum, as a Technology organization, has certain rights. Socialism embraces a tremendous and vital literature and a well-grounded philosophy. If H. M. G. wishes to play ostrich and hide his head from the dreadful Socialists, he cannot blame me if some day these same Socialists steal his eggs and use them for the common good.

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## M. I. T. SWIMMER WINS

In the recent New England A. A. U. elimination tryouts which were held in the Boston Y. M. C. A. tank, M. Untersee '19 won the 100 backstroke race. Two heats were required to decide the race. In the finals Untersee, who was swimming unattached, won from P. Roberts, a local man, in the time of 1 min. 17 1/5 seconds. The men to represent New England in the National Junior Swimming Championships, which are to be held in Chicago, will be selected sometime this week from those men who made the best showings in the recent elimination tryouts.

## CHESS CLUB MEETING

Saturday, March 25, at 1.00 p. m., there will be a meeting of the Chess Club in Room B of the Union. It is contemplated at this meeting to alter the constitution of the club. Officers for the succeeding year will probably be elected. The present constitution provides for their election at the first meeting of the season, but this ruling, among others, will be discontinued if the intended changes are accepted.

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**COMMUNICATION**

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The distress caused at the Forum meeting a week ago is likely to prove, upon investigation to be the anguish of four card players, disturbed at their game upon the Victoria top. The Forum always posts advance notices on the bulletin boards, on the board in the Union itself, and in The Tech. With this warning, H. M. G. and other sensitive souls may absent themselves upon those days.

Nor does the Forum feel chagrined at the idea of being called "The Society for the Study of Socialism." That is a gratifying and honorable title, it feels. As a matter of fact, since its inception the Forum has been affiliated with the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. We welcome anti-socialist opinion; all of our speakers have not spoken for Socialism.

H. M. G.'s thought was conceived in intolerance. He labored and brought forth his hybrid and bigoted child in Friday's Tech. I hope M. I. T. is intolerant only of intolerance. H. M. G.'s painful performance should die from the neglect it merits. In short, it seems to me that the point is this: If Technology students are not willing to hear both the T. C. A. and Forum speakers they are hopeless bores; if they are willing to hear but one variety only, they are bigots.

Yours very truly,  
DONALD BELCHER.

**E. E. SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the E. E. Society will be held Thursday, March 23, at 8.00 o'clock, in the Union. Mr. F. L. Rhodes '92, the outside plant engineer for the American Telephone & Telegraph company of New York, will give an "Experience Talk," illustrated by lantern slides.

At this meeting an election committee of five members will be chosen, to elect officers for the ensuing year. For this reason the Executive Committee desires that members be present to vote.

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