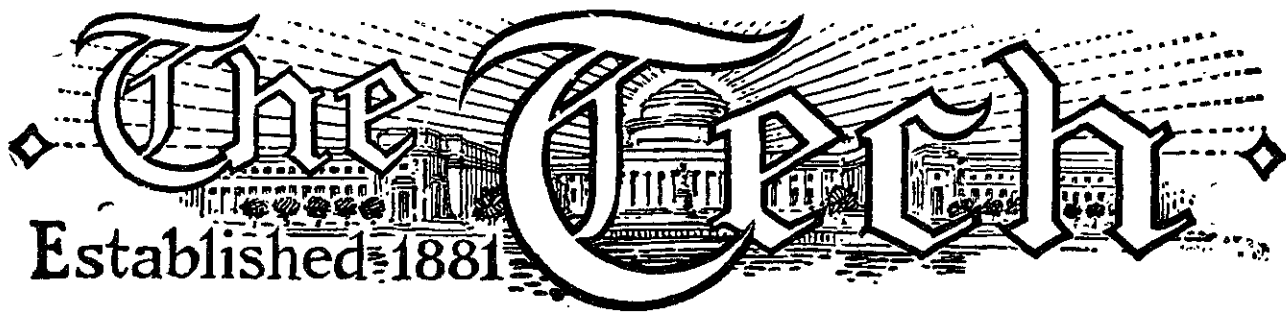


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KOMMERS SMOKER TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY

Stars of Last Year's Tech Show
Will Attend Smoker in Walk-
er Memorial—Several Skits
Arranged

The Kommers Smoker which is to be held in Walker Memorial S. P. M. Friday, January 10, marks the initial start of the Tech Show season. This Smoker takes the place of the annual Fall Smoker of the Show. The object of it is to get the fellows together, stir up college spirit, and to announce the competitions for the management.

The program of the evening as arranged at present will be comprised principally of music by the orchestra and singing by every one followed by speeches of the management and short acts by members of last year's show. After this refreshments will be served. The men who are to put on the short acts are Edward Booth '21 who had the part of Percy in last year's show, Kenneth Akers '20 who was Helen Barnes, Fred Britton '19 who was Pussy Willow, and Charlie Parsons '19 who was Arnie Choke. Of the speakers E. P. Whitehead '20, treasurer of the Show will give the introductory speech. He will be followed by Percy Bugbee '20 of the Business Department, John A. Philbrick '20 of the State Department and George Knight '20 of the Publicity Department. The latter is a member of the management but was not here last year. Earl Collins who wrote most of the music of last year's show will also speak.

It is expected that Edwn D. Ryer '20 will be made General Manager on his return to the Institute as he was Assistant General Manager last spring. Oscar Mayer '19 who was elected General Manager has graduated thus leaving the position open.

Several excellent scenarios have been received but more are needed as the management is bending all efforts to have the best show ever this year. An extension of time will probably be given for the scenarios. Anyone who has any ideas at all should write them up and hand them in. The music also can be written at this time. Lyrics can be fitted in later after the scenario has been chosen. The management is very anxious to get the music started early as the success of a Musical Comedy depends upon the music. The M. I. T. Orchestra will play in the show. Announcement regarding the scenery can not be made until the scenario has been chosen. Competitions for the poster and program designs will be announced later for the same reason.

There will be a second Smoker in about a month at which the author of the show will be announced and probably the winners of the management competitions. Immediately after this Smoker rehearsals will begin for the orchestra, cast and chorus. The coach has not yet been chosen but will have been by the second Smoker.

The following men of last year's show are attending the Institute this year: Edward Booth '21, Chris B. Nelson '21, Robert M. Felsenthal '21, Kenneth Akers '20, Fred Britton '19, James J. Wolfson '20, Trevor Davidson '21, and Henry G. Dooley '20. All are expected out for this year's show.

The following men of last year's management are back: Percy Bugbee '20, R. G. Spitz '21, E. T. Steffran '21, and H. W. Smith '21 of the Business Department, G. R. Knight '20 and J. G. Lee '21 of the Publicity Department; J. A. Philbrick '20, W. R. Barker '21, P. L. Hanson '21, and Steward Nixon '21 of the Stage Department; E. P. Whitehead '20, Treasurer; H. Y. Waterhouse '15, Property Manager. The Faculty Advisory is composed of P. Marks and R. E. Rogers.

Competition in the business department of the Show for both Sophomores and Freshmen will start immediately after the Smoker, Friday night. Candidates will meet the manager on dates announced at the Smoker and in next Saturday's TECH.

SWIMMING TEAM PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT THIS YEAR

Many Men In Freshman Class Are Showing Up Unusually Well

The prospects for a successful swimming season are very bright. One of the best pools in the city is at the team's disposal, beside the fact that several stars from other colleges are going to do their best for Tech this year. Regular swimming practice has already begun, and the number of candidates shows that there is considerable interest taken in one of Tech's strongest teams. While Starbuck '22 and Wilkes '22 are doing some very good plunging, nevertheless the coach would like some more heavy men out for this event. Three men from last year's team are back, to stiffen up this one. Undersee '19, last year's captain, Green '21, vice-captain, and W. H. Young '21. All these men are showing up well in practice; Beddell also will be a great addition to our team. Purlington '22 from Andover, McGhie '22 from Hill, Beddell '22 and Skinner '22 are exhibiting some fine work in the fancy dive. Barker and Schenberg, who starred for College City of New York two years ago, as well as Colton '21 and W. H. Young '21 will in all probability swim the 100 yards for Tech this year. Purl '22 and A. L. Johnson '22 are doing some fine work on the freshman team. Manager Richard McKay has gone to great pains and arranged an excellent schedule for this year. We will meet Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Annapolis, Andover, Exeter, Brookline High, and Worcester.

LARGE REGISTRATION

1647 Students Enrolled In In-
stitute At Present

The latest results of the registration for this term show 1647 students signed up for work at the Institute, according to Registrar Walter Humphreys, who is well satisfied with the large number and thinks that Technology has made a wonderful showing in the manner in which it has come back to its pre-war standing.

Compared with former years the number of registrants is particularly large. It is the best showing since the war started and is far larger than than registration for the second term last year. Even in the days previous to the war the very best registrations showed only 125 to 150 better than the present one.

These results are not final as for some little time men will continue to register and it is thought that the Institute will be caring for nearly seventeen hundred students before the end of the first period.

Of the different classes, the freshmen shows the largest number of registrants. Including the Junior freshmen who are registering for the first time at the Institute, the number Registrar Walter Humphreys gives for the first year men is 766. The Sophomore class made a particularly good showing and had it not been for the new men who came in with the freshman class there would not have been much difference in the number of registrants of the two lower classes. The number of second year men totals 485. The number of third year men is large this term, amounting in all to 298. There are 98 students taking post-graduate work and special courses at the Institute for the coming term.

HEAVIEST VOTE IN PAST FEW YEARS AND MANY CLOSE RACES FEATURE CLASS ELECTIONS

John C. Nash '20, Wm. H. Young '21 and Sidney Bidell '22 Successful in Races
for Presidency of Their Respective Classes—Four Men Out of Five Who
Resigned Are Re-elected—Freshmen Poll Very Small Strength

ELECTION RETURNS

CLASS OF 1920.

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Frank L. Bradley
Executive Committee D. J. Hennessy
Warren L. Cofren

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Institute Committee Garvin Bawden
Richard Spitz
Executive Committee R. W. Barker
L. W. Conant

CLASS OF 1922

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Vice-President Paul S. O'Brien
Secretary Thomas E. Shepard
Treasurer Ernest N. MMay
Institute Committee Francis G. Davidson
Frederic N. Dillon
Executive Committee Warren T. Ferguson
Henry C. Gayley

MR. HOWARD TO DIRECT THE M. I. T. ORCHESTRA.

At a meeting of the M. I. T. Orchestra last Monday, it was voted to obtain the services of Mr. Howard as leader. Mr. Howard has always led the orchestra in former years during the Tech Show and has supervised the student leadership when his services could not be obtained. But this year they have been fortunate in securing Mr. Howard every week, when they will hold rehearsals.

Other important business of the meeting was the election of a new manager. Mr. Phil Thompson, last year's manager, was able to be there to conduct the meeting. K. P. Coachman and H. Reinhard were nominated and by vote Reinhard was elected the new manager.

The prospects for a good year are very bright and it is hoped that many new men will turn out for the first rehearsal, which will be held next Friday at 5 P. M. Anyone playing a musical instrument is urged to come out. Watch the bulletin boards for announcement as to the place of rehearsal.

CALENDAR.

Kommers Smoker, Friday, Jan. 10
Walker Memorial
A. I. E. Today at 1.30 P. M.
Room 10-267
Institute Committee Thurs., Jan. 9

All candidates for Varsity and Freshman Swimming teams report Thursday at 1 P. M. in room 3-115 to have a group picture taken.

The Freshman swimming team needs 200 yd. men, plungers, and relay men. The squad will be picked in about a week and a half and it is important that all candidates be at practice before that time.

The class elections which were held Monday to elect officers for the remainder of the year resulted in some of the closest races seen in many previous years. In many cases the counters felt obliged to count the votes six or seven times before definitely deciding in favor of certain men as the winning men often had a margin of no more than one or two votes. All but one of the former class officers who resigned to make a clean slate for these elections were reelected which is indicative of the esteem in which they are held and it is generally conceded that if any men deserved class honors it should be those who voluntarily surrendered that they had already won for the benefit of Technology. A disappointing feature of the elections was the lack of interest on the part of the freshman class which was represented by less than half of its enrolled students. A general feeling was expressed by those in charge of the elections that the freshman class should show better spirit. Special interest was shown in the race for positions on the Institute Committee and most of the particularly close decisions took place among the nominees for this committee, which has charge of the student affairs for the remainder of the year.

John C. Nash, who was one of those who resigned his position, was unanimously elected president of the 1920 class, and John J. Hines of the same class beat out Scott Wells for the position of vice-president. Nash is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and Hines is a member of Delta Tau Delta. Merrill B. Knox and Malcolm Burroughs, Delta Kappa Epsilon, were elected treasurer and secretary respectively of the Junior class. Kenneth F. Akers, Lambda Chi Alpha and Frank L. Bradley gained the Institute committee in a close fight, the former in one case winning by one vote only, while D. J. Hennessy and Warren D. Cofren were made members of the executive committee.

The class of 1921 had many nominees and in many cases the vote was widely

over the top for the Institute committee while the two positions on the executive committee went to

The freshman results were rather small and were certainly disappointing to the upper graduates who counted the votes as out of the 766 men in the class only a few over three hundred had interest enough to vote. This fact is a very black eye for the freshman class and all whole hearted Technologists are hoping that the spirit will improve. Sidney Bidell, who entered the Insti-



JOHN C. NASH '20



WM. H. YOUNG '21

scattered. William H. Young, Phi Sigma Kappa, beat out Reginald Smithwick, Phi Kappa Sigma, for president of this class by eleven votes. Lawrence W. Trowbridge became vice president with a small lead over Paul Anderson. John Worcester. Chi Phi outclassed both of his opponents for the position of secretary. W. R. Barker, Phi Beta Epsilon, was elected treasurer by a big margin also. Garvin Bawden, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Richard J. Spitz came

tute last week as a junior freshman was elected president while Paul S. O'Brien became vice-president. Thomas E. Shepard attained the honor of secretary by a majority of only one vote while Ernest N. May was elected treasurer by a slightly larger margin. The positions on the executive committee were particularly hard fought and very close, the tellers having to reaffirm the count several times before being satisfied there should be no mistake. Francis G. Davidson had 106 votes to his credit while Frederick N. Dillen beat out Abbot Johnson by a count of 102 to 101. Henry C. Gayley and Warren T. Ferguson won positions on the executive committee.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1918

THE KOMMERS SMOKER

ON Friday the tenth the Tech Show management will run the Kommers smoker, the first of the two annual smoke talks that precede the show. The Show this year will surpass all of the past productions, and there will be the regular trips to Northampton and Somerville. The Kommers smoker is always one of the most popular gatherings of the year and no one at all interested in the show should miss it. The program will be similar to past ones with music, singing and some skits and new specialties. There will be the usual eats, smokes and good time.

THE VOODOO

THE Voodoo has come into the limelight this year, just as the Whoop-Garoo before the war, which seems to show that a comic paper is what the undergraduates want. To make a complete success there will have to be generous support by the students, and a large number of candidates should come out for the staff.

CLEAN UP THE BULLETIN BOARDS

THE men on the various activities who are responsible for the publicity should take upon themselves the responsibility of removing posters and bulletins after they have served their time on the boards. As things now stand, there are an increasing number of dead posters littering practically all the bulletins and obscuring the new ones. It would certainly be to the advantage of all to have the boards clear of all dead matter, not only to make the new stand out, but to improve the general appearance of the place.

NO LIFE IN THE FRESHMAN CLASS

THERE is a marked lack of pep and enthusiasm in the freshman class this year that seems to point toward need of leadership and initiative. What has happened? No freshman supper; no freshman riots; no get-togethers or signs of life whatsoever. Wake up '22.

WALKER MEMORIAL DINING ROOMS OPEN TO STUDENTS

Walker Memorial offers a larger menu this term than it did last when the food was served especially for the use of the naval aviators. At present lunch and dinner are the only meals served but before long it is hoped that the men in the dormitories can get their breakfast there also and thereby do away with the necessity of travelling some distance in order to obtain a good morning meal. There has been some complaint that the prices of the food in Walker are higher this term than last but the meals are much more appetizing now and if prices were lowered it

would necessitate lowering the quality of the food also. The service is cafeteria except in the grill room where waiter service can be had by those desiring it. As many of the Institute professors eat in the grill and as the space is limited it was thought for a while that the students would have to eat in the main dining room whether they so desired or not, but for the time being it has been decided that anybody can get meals in the grill. In the main dining room, instead of paying for an entire meal as it is provided, as formerly, the man places on his tray only those things which he intends to eat and receives a check for the correct amount as he passes out.

PERSONALS

The engagement of Miss Carol Ardis Bates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Francis Bates of 208 Harvard street, Dorchester, to Captain Preston Wood Smith, U. S. A., has been announced. Miss Bates, who is a sophomore at Boston University, is a violinist of ability. She has two brothers, Francis C. Bates, a senior in the Harvard Dental School, and Kenneth Bates, a sophomore at M. I. T. Captain Smith is the eldest son of Captain and Mrs. Mark T. Smith of 52 Hight street, Charlestown. He entered Harvard with the class of 1917. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he has been assigned to the department of mathematics.

CORRECTION.

Jan. 4, 1918.
Managing Editor of "The Tech,"
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:—

Out of fairness to ourselves and the other fraternities I desire to call your attention to the fact that neither Reginald Smithwick nor Paul M. Anderson is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa as stated in the list of nominations in the Jan. 4th issue of the "Tech."

Would you kindly publish this correction in the next issue of your paper.

Yours truly,
John R. Perkins, Jr.
Secretary.

LETTER FROM THE WAR SERVICE AUXILIARY

The Editor of "The Tech"
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Very truly yours,
Alice N. George, J. C.
(Mrs. A. J. George)
Executive Secretary.

NAVAL UNIT DRILL

Navy Men Will Probably Drill With The Army Men

Whether the men who were in the Naval Unit last term will drill with those in the other units has not been decided yet, according to Colonel Cole. That they will drill as much as the others is certain, as for the first two years a definite amount of drill is compulsory for all in the Institute. The plans of the department of Military Science at present, are that the men who drill shall be divided into units by classes. The department may be unwilling therefore to break up these units in order to form a fresh one, composed of those men who had been in the Naval Unit last term. The schedules are arranged so that men in the same sections will drill together, and this would add another difficulty to having all the navy men in the same unit.

MEETING OF RIFLE CLUB TO BE CALLED SHORTLY.

A meeting of the rifle club will probably be called for some day this week or the beginning of next to elect officers for the coming season. A. C. Atwater '20 President and J. R. Perkins, Jr. '20 Captain, are the only two of last year's officers back. Plans for obtaining a range are under way. Probably the S. A. T. C. range or the one in the Armory will be available, although nothing definite has been determined. All former members as well as new men interested in marksmanship are urged to attend the meeting, as the officers foresee good prospects for the coming season.

CREW MEETING FEATURED BY UNUSUAL ENTHUSIASM

For an activity which has been quiet so far, our crew is starting out with a jump. The first meeting of the year, held yesterday in room 4-108 at 1:20 P. M., was crowded to the doors with men who were coming out to row, and also to try for freshman manager. Over a hundred men were present, and according to the manager, it was one of the most largely attended meetings in the history of the crew. Such a fine start augurs a highly interesting and spirited season, since such an interest was shown by the fellows.

The meeting was addressed by Daube, the manager, and Untersee, the captain. They gave a brief outline of the work done on the crew, and explained that although not as much money could be spent here on crew as in other colleges,

there was no reason why the crew should not be as good, as it depended entirely on the work done by the fellows. They said that previous experience was not necessary, as inexperienced men furnished just as good material. About ten men appeared to compete for freshman manager.

The work for the first month will all be done on the track, and after that it will be on the rowing machines in the gymnasium. When the ice leaves the river in the spring, practice will be held in the shells in the B. A. A. boathouse. An attractive schedule is being arranged for the Spring. In the middle of April, the annual Class Regatta will occur, numerals being awarded to the winning crew.

All crew men are instructed to report in the North room of the track house next Monday afternoon between four and five. This includes new men who have not heretofore reported.

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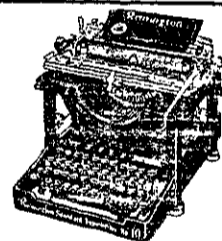
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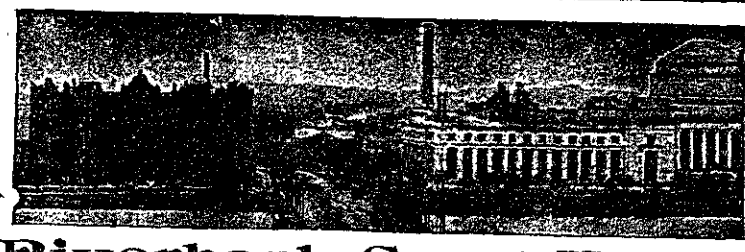
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The loss of Captain Herzog who led both track and cross-country squads last year and who is leaving next week for New York will doubtless be heavily felt, but with the return of such veterans as Jim Downey and Wink Rollins this handicap should be partly overcome. Downey was captain of the 1920 team and was anchor man in the relay team that defeated 1921. He held the same position on the 390 relay team that swamped Harvard. Lately he has been stationed as an instructor at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. While there he ran against the Intercollegiate champion, Smith in the hundred and won. Wink Rollins was captain of the Naval Aviation track team that beat Camp Devens at the B. A. A. While on this team he did the fastest time in the 390 that was ever made on a Tech track.

We have the material, that much is certain. What we must have is more spirit. If men have any ability they should come out. If not, then come out and get some of what Wach Kanally says. The Institute should get something in return for the education it is giving you is his theory and that of many others.

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