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DECISIONS DURING SUMMER.

Verdict of Supreme Court Renders Proposed Plan Unavailable.

During the summer two decisions of vital importance to the proposed agreement with Harvard University were made. On June 9, the Corporation of Technology voted for the tentative plan by a majority of 23 to 15. Subsequently the Supreme Court of Massachusetts handed down a decision to the effect that the Institute should not be allowed to sell the land on which its buildings now stand.

The vote of the Corporation came as a complete surprise, because at the request of the Corporation both the faculty and the alumni had given an expression of opinion upon the agreement, and both had been against it. The faculty vote was fifty-six to fifty-seven; of the alumni the graduates were approximately three to one against it, the non-graduates were two to one against it. Nevertheless, one month after the faculty vote was taken and four days after the alumni vote was published, the Corporation passed a resolution stating that "The Executive Committee be requested, when they may ascertain that the Institute has power to sell the land on which it now stands, to propose to Harvard University an agreement upon the terms of the tentative plan now before this Corporation."

Since the tentative plan assumed the ability of the Institute to sell the land on Boylston Street, the proposal becomes of no value. The question rests then where it did two years ago before the first action of the Corporation which provided for an investigation of the possibilities of an alliance. The Corporation may desire to renew the conference with a view to arranging some other plan. No movement on the part of the Institute can be financially possible after the court's decision unless some one should give \$1,750,000, the value of the Boylston Street land as estimated by Treasurer Wigglesworth; so that further action seems improbable.

Practically, therefore, the proposed agreement with Harvard, as well as the question of independent movement, has been postponed indefinitely.

DINNER TO FRESHMEN.

THE TECH will give a dinner to the Freshman Class on Saturday evening. Several members of the Faculty and a number of upper classmen representing the various undergraduate activities will speak. The names of the speakers and further particulars will be announced in Friday's issue. Tickets at 50 cents may be purchased now at the News Bureau and THE TECH's table in Roger's Corridor.

1907 TECHNIQUE.

The Art Competition closes September 30. All men who have drawings should submit them at once.

FIELD DAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

Freshman and Sophomore Games to be Held on November 11.

The annual competition between the Freshman and the Sophomore Classes, known as Technology Field Day, will be held at Technology Field, Brookline, on Saturday, November 11, at 2.15 P.M.

There will be three events, to be held in the following order: First, a football game; second, a relay race (of 1½ miles); third, a tug-of-war.

The football game will be two 25-minute halves, with a rest of 10 minutes between the halves. The relay race will be 1½ miles, 12 men. The tug-of-war team will be composed of 25 men from each class, and the length of the pull shall be 5 minutes. Further details regarding the conditions governing the games will be issued later.

Members of both football teams, not exceeding 16 in number, will be allowed numerals, and members of the winning relay team and tug-of-war team will be allowed numerals. Notice will be issued later regarding tickets, etc.

FRANK H. BRIGGS,
Chairman.

CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.

The first Hare and Hound Chase of the season will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Highland Station, West Roxbury. The party will leave the Back Bay Station at 1.40 P.M. Round trip fare 20c.

The first runs of the season are always short and easy enough for any one to keep up. They are taken on Saturday afternoons when the weather permits, in the suburban districts of Boston, which are well adapted for the sport.

The Cross Country Association has several prospective races with other colleges and it must start the team at once. Any one who is going to try for the team is expected to make a good showing on the Hare and Hound Chases.

The annual Handicap Cross Country Race, open to all men at the Institute, will be held the last of November.

THE NEW GYM.

The work on the new Tech Gym, situated on Garrison Street, beside the Mechanical Laboratories, has been rushed during the summer by Mr. Mahan and should be ready for use in about two weeks. The building is a steel frame structure with brick walls. It has much more floor room than the old Gym and also a larger locker room. There will be a running track, 16 laps to the mile, and a clear basketball floor. Portable bleachers will be made to go around the sides of the building for the basketball games. Outside running paths will be constructed for the high-jump and broad-jump, also a shot putting ring.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

Class of 1909 will be Entertained at the Union.

A reception, under the auspices of the Technology Young Men's Christian Association, will be given to the Freshman Class, at the Union on Friday evening, September 29, at 8 o'clock. All Freshmen are cordially invited. Dr. Pritchett, Dr. McElveen and several undergraduates will speak. Refreshments will be served.

DR. PRITCHETT ARRIVES TODAY.

Dr. Pritchett arrived in Boston early this morning on the Cunard Liner *Canoe* from England. In company with his son he spent his vacation in Germany and England, ending with a tramping tour through Wales. Tomorrow afternoon the President will address the new students in Huntington Hall at one o'clock.

DEAN BURTON IN EUROPE.

Professor Burton has gone to Europe to study European methods of teaching Descriptive Geometry. He has a leave of absence for a year but may return at the end of the first term. Most of his time will be spent in Paris. During his absence Professor Merrill will act as Dean. His office hours will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 to 12; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 2.

NEW INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANTS.

J. E. Barlow, Assistant, Course I. G. A. Barnaby, M. I. T., '04, III., Assistant, Course III. S. A. Breed, M. I. T., '04, II., Assistant, Drawing. F. S. Elliott, Assistant, Course III. R. S. Gifford, Assistant, Course V. J. T. Glidden, Assistant, Course III. H. L. Jackson, Assistant, Course V. W. K. Lewis, Assistant, Course X. W. H. Roeber, Instructor, Mathematics. A. L. Smith, Assistant, Course V. W. E. Simpson, M. I. T., '05, I., Assistant, Course I. G. A. Rodenbach, Assistant, Course VI.

RESIGNED.

Dr. William D. Coolidge has resigned to accept a position in the research department of the General Electric Co.

Prof. Charles M. Spofford has resigned and has gone to the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

APPOINTMENTS FOR TECH MEN.

Major Wheeler has been requested by the War Department to nominate graduates of Technology for the positions of Third Lieutenants in the Philippine Constabulary. The pay will be \$1100, with increases for lengths of service. The Government will also pay traveling expenses both ways, providing that a man serves for two years.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

10.00 A.M. Recitations begin.
2.00 P.M. Freshmen meet Major Wheeler in Huntington Hall.
2.30 P.M. Freshmen Class Organization in Huntington Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

1.00 P.M. Dr. Pritchett addresses new Students in Huntington Hall.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8.00 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Reception to Freshmen at Tech Union.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

1.40 P.M. Hare and Hound Chase. Leave Back Bay Station.
2.00 P.M. Sophomore Football Practice at Tech Field.
6.00 P.M. Tech Dinner to Freshmen at Tech Union.

FACULTY NOTICE.

First year students will meet Major Wheeler in Huntington Hall this afternoon at 2 P.M. There will be no drill.

1909 MEETING.

Members of the Freshman Class are requested to meet in Huntington Hall, after Military Science, at 2 o'clock today, for the purpose of organization. Temporary officers will be elected, and a constitution will be framed.

J. H. LEAVELL,
President Junior Class.

NOTICES.

All men who desire to try for THE TECH should see the Managing Editor at once. His office hours are from 1 to 2 P.M. daily. Freshmen and Sophomores particularly are urged to try.

A thousand volumes of the European History Library have been removed from 40 Rogers to the General Library.

Trials for the Mandolin Club will be held on Wednesday, October 4. Every one playing either guitar or mandolin should come out.

Students are requested to preserve carefully checks given for articles left at the Cage, as a charge of ten cents will be made for each check lost.

Mr. Henry M. Brock, '00, Course VIII. has been appointed Professor of Physics at Holy Cross College.

The Lunch Room in the basement of Pierce will open today at 11.30 A.M.

Membership tickets to the Co-operative Society may be bought at A. D. MacLachlan's. The last annual report of the Society appears in another column of this issue.

Men desiring to have reading notices inserted in THE TECH can do so by seeing the Business Manager. The charge is five cents a line.