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MERGER QUESTION DIES.

Harvard Discharges Committee With Expression of Regret.

The last nail was driven in the coffin of the proposed Technology-Harvard merger at the meeting of the Harvard Corporation held last Monday afternoon. Technology had formally notified the Harvard Corporation, through Pres. Pritchett, that the adverse decision in the case of John Wilson et al. vs. the Institute of Technology, made it impossible for the Institute to proceed with the plan of co-operation. On receipt of the communication the Harvard Corporation discharged the conference committee, with a vote of thanks for "the foresight, good judgment, and public spirit of which the committees' project for a close affiliation between the Institute and the University gives evidence, and the regret of the president and fellows that the project has been brought to naught by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, which makes it impossible for the Institute to place itself beside the University."

It was voted to acknowledge the receipt of the notice from the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that the negotiations with this board are at an end.

FRESHMAN CLASS ADOPTS CONSTITUTION.

At a meeting of the Class of '09 Thursday at 1 P.M. in Huntington Hall, a Constitution was adopted and cheer leaders chosen.

The Constitution provides for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Clerk, two Directors and two representatives to the Institute Committee, and made provisions for membership, meetings, nominations of officers and elections. A quorum will consist of those present. The Class Dues will be \$1 per year, and assessments may be levied by a two-thirds vote of those present.

The following cheer leaders were chosen: W. F. Jones, W. B. Jenkins, Charles Leader, M. R. Scharff, F. A. Taite, Blake and King.

Members of the Class will find a copy of the Constitution at the Cage.

1909 MASS MEETING.

Tech Night and the flags and arm-bands for the Class of '09 were the subjects spoken about at the Freshman mass meeting, which took place after drill on Wednesday afternoon at Tech Oval. Pres. M. R. Scharff told the class the conditions under which permission had been obtained to have Tech Night at the Park Theatre, and asked that they be observed. The mass meeting was concluded with cheering led by President Scharff. After the meeting Tug-of-War practice was held.

All those interested in fencing should be on hand in Room 11, Rogers, today at 1 P.M.

SOPHOMORE TEAMS.

Condition of 1908 Football, Relay, and Tug-of-War Teams.

The first trials for the 1908 Relay Team were held Wednesday, at the Charlesbank Gym, Charles street. Eighteen men ran under adverse conditions, there being a strong wind blowing across the track. The time was slow, because of the poor condition of the runners, and the unfavorable weather. The coach and manager want more men to try for the team as at present it is extremely weak.

The Tug-of-War team seems to be progressing rapidly, the number of men out for practice every day being about forty, mostly men who were on last year's team. But both the Relay and Tug-of-War are about a week behind the usual development at this late date.

The work of the football team has been very ragged at times, and always without team work. The games have all been easy, with the exception of the last one, and have been won by the individual playing of two or three men more than by any team effort. The general showing has been so poor that Coach Ball has been unable to begin to select the team, although Field Day is about here.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Electrical Engineering Society held a smoker at the Union last evening. Dr. Frank B. Jewett spoke on "Some Limitations of Long Distance Telephony." A good crowd turned out and all that came felt amply repaid for their trouble by the interesting lecture which they heard.

TECH '09, 6; TAUNTON H. S. 0.

The Freshman football team defeated Taunton High, at Tech Field, Wednesday afternoon, 6 to 0. This was the tenth game for the visitors and their second defeat. The Taunton team had a number of trick plays, but gained very little on them, while Hert for 1909 made two long quarter-back runs, and Godfrey ran a punt back forty yards. The Freshmen out-played the Tauntons far more than the score indicates. At the end of the first half the ball was on Taunton's one-yard line and was in '09's possession.

In handling of plays, in interference for end runs, in running back kicks and in helping on the runner, the Freshmen showed wonderful improvement. The line held for downs more than once, and in some instances broke through to stop plays.

In the second half the Tech men received the kick-off, and carried the ball down the field until Godfrey was pushed over the goal line. He fumbled, however, and Taunton getting the ball kicked out. Fletcher on a tackle-back formation went

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FRESHMAN ATHLETICS.

Work Progressing Rapidly on all Field Day Teams.

The Fall Handicap Meet gave a good line on the possibilities of the Freshman Class in general athletics. In relation to Field Day and its results it was not a very useful indication, because neither the Football Team nor the Tug-of-war Squad was afforded a trial of their merit. As regards the Relay Team, however, it was shown that 1909 is exceptionally strong. Five first places and several second places were won by Freshmen in the eight heats of the 220-yd. dash, a Freshman also winning the final heat.

The Football Team has been doing fairly well and there are good players on it, but its defensive work is somewhat weak. The common weakness is fumbling.

The chance for criticism of the tug-of-war has not yet appeared, for the team has not been picked. The twenty-five men will be chosen this week, however, and judging from the general style of the pulling so far they will put a strong team in the field.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.

A large number of members and electrical students were present on Wednesday evening at the meeting of the Boston branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held in 6 Lowell. After the usual business was transacted, H. D. Jackson, Secretary of the Boston branch, M. D. Ayer, of the Boston and Worcester Street Railway Company, and F. B. Jewett of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company very clearly and interestingly read the following papers: Some Experiences with Lightning Protective Apparatus, by Julian C. Smith; Notes on Lightning Arresters on Italian High Tension Transmission, by Philip Torchio, and Performance of Lightning Arresters on Transmission Lines by N. T. Neull. These papers were those read before the 200th meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York, Oct. 27, 1905. After the reading the following men entered into a general discussion of the papers: Professor Thomson, of the Institute of Technology; W. C. Woodward, of the Narragansett Electrical Company of Providence; Mr. Stratton, of the Massachusetts Electrical Company; Richard Fleming, of the General Electrical Company; Mr. Vaughn, of Stone and Webster; G. W. Fuller, of the Edison Electric Company, and Associate Professor W. L. Puffer of M. I. T. The discussion opened the way to many instances of the practical treatment in our vicinity of the subjects read, and afforded a valuable talk for electrical students on the arresting of lightning.

Rehearsal of the Mandolin Club today at 4 P.M. in 31 Rogers.

CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.
1.00 P.M. Meeting of those interested in Fencing in 11 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Tech Union.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.30 P.M. Mining Engineering Society Meeting in 2 Rogers.
8.00 P.M. Lowell Institute Lecture in Huntington Hall.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
2.00 P.M. Hare and Hound Chase at Winchester. Leave the North Station.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5.
8.00 P.M. Lowell Institute Lecture in Huntington Hall.

FACULTY NOTICES.

HEATING AND VENTILATION.—The lecture in Heating and Ventilation, Saturday, from 12 to 1, will be given by Mr. W. B. Snow of the B. F. Sturtevant Company. This lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides and will prove to be not only interesting but valuable. A large attendance is requested.

COURSE III, THIRD YEAR. PHYSICAL LABORATORY.—Students in Course III, third year, will meet for first exercises assigned for physical laboratory as follows: Sec. 2, Monday, November 6, in 23, Walker. Sec. 1a, Wednesday, November 8, in 23 Walker. Sec. 1b, 3, Thursday, November 9, in 24 Walker. Students should file laboratory section cards in 16 Walker, this week, Oct. 30 to Nov. 4.

NOTICES.

FENCING.—There will be inter-class fencing bouts at the Midwinter Gymnastic Exhibition.

FRESHMAN CLASS DUES.—Freshman Class dues must be paid on or before November 15. A list of delinquents will be published in THE TECH.

1909 CLASS FLAGS.—1909 Class flags will cost 50 cents apiece. Arm-bands, 20 cents. All orders must be left at the Cage for the 1909 Flag Committee before 1 P.M. Saturday.

1908 CLASS DUES.—The names of those Sophomores who have not paid their Class dues by 12 o'clock tomorrow will be printed in Monday's issue of THE TECH.

1908 CLASS FLAGS.—No orders for Sophomore Flags or Arm Bands will be received after 1 P.M. tomorrow.

1908 RELAY.—The Sophomore Relay Team will practice at the Charlesbank Gym every day from now until Field Day.

MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.—There will be a meeting of the Mining Engineering Society in 2 Rogers this afternoon at 4.30. Several students will talk on Summer work.