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DINNER TO THE FRESHMEN.

At the Union; Followed by a Rush Between the Freshmen and Sophomores.

The first Freshman Dinner of the year was held last Saturday evening at the Tech Union under the auspices of THE TECH. There were 143 present.

E. E. Whitney was toastmaster, and introduced the speakers with some very interesting remarks.

Dean Burton spoke first, and gave to 1910, the welcome of the Faculty. Alexander Macomber, the first speaker, gave a short history of the Show, and appealed to the men to come out. Phelps N. Swett spoke shortly on the musical organization. The new head of Course 6, Prof. Dugald C. Jackson, was then introduced, and welcomed heartily. He compared the western and eastern college spirit, and said he was about to become a Tech man. Harry A. Rapelye gave a few words on the *Technique*. He told of the uniqueness of the publication, and its high standard among college annals. The Bursar then told a few of his inimitable stories, which were relished by the hearers as they always are. John S. Tobin '06 gave the freshmen a talking to about the poor showing they made at their first football practice. He made a strong appeal for the track team. After singing a few songs, the Freshmen formed in line two abreast and marched towards Rogers.

In an alley-way just above Copley Square, a band of about fifty sophomores awaited them. As the close-formed mass of freshmen passed, the sophomores in a flying wedge, charged, and a fierce melee resulted. Sophomores and freshmen paired off at different points in the street, with the juniors helping in the fray. The freshmen reformed at the corner of the Public Library, and the sophomores lined up on Blagdon street. After a little skirmishing, the freshmen, linked arms, bore down on the small body of sophs. The latter, overwhelmed by numbers, were forced to retreat to Exeter street. The two masses became intermingled in front of the Hotel Lenox, and the street became the scene of vicious fighting. The hotel steps were crowded with spectators from the interior, members of the B. A. A. crowded to the windows, and an outside crowd gathered from all points.

It was at this point that Scharff, president of the sophomore class was captured, and carried to Boylston street by the now jubilant freshmen. It took the efforts of a dozen men to hold Scharff, and he was badly handled in his struggles. His captivity was short lived however. Seven of the more daring members of the sophomore class, formed a small wedge, charged into the compact body of freshmen, and released Scharff. After several more individual encounters, the sophomores dispersed and disappeared.

At the time of going to press, the body of cheering freshmen were headed for Rogers steps with a few sophomores in captivity. It was noticeable throughout the encounter that not a policeman was seen.

SOPHOMORE MEETING.

Much Enthusiasm Shown in Arrangements for Field Day.

The Sophomores began active preparations for Field Day at a lively meeting held in Huntington Hall during the lunch hour Friday. The large number in attendance and enthusiasm shown bids fair to bring 1909 success. President Scharff, after disposing of an amendment to the constitution providing for an auditing committee of five men, spoke to the men about coming out for the Field Day events. Manager Whitaker of the relay team was re-elected by acclamation, and Eaton was elected manager of the football team. The latter announced that practice is to be held daily at Tech Field and two elevens are wanted. Scharff was urged to accept the nomination for manager of the tug-of-war team again for this year but declined, and Bundy was elected. All candidates for this team will report today at 4 o'clock at the gym. Attendance of men at practice for the teams will be kept this year and regular attendance will be counted in selecting the men. The meeting closed with a round of cheers for 1909.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Technology Tennis Association held its first meeting in 11 Rogers last Friday. Ex-President J. I. B. Larned called the meeting to order and acted as chairman. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: P. R. Fanning, President; J. S. Nicholl, Vice President, and C. W. Coffin, Manager.

Mr. Coffin then said a few words for the benefit of those unfamiliar with the work of the Tennis team. He said the Fall Tournament would take place in the near future and that all entries for this Tournament must be in by next Thursday night. Single entries are 50 cents and double 75 cents. It is imperative this year that the money accompany the entry, or the latter will not be honored. Last year a number of delinquents caused considerable trouble, as their names had to be dropped from the lists after the drawings had been made.

The Harvard courts at Jarvis Field may be used by Tech students this year, the charge for playing being 20 cents an hour. There are also two tennis courts at Tech Field in Brookline. These, however, are not in as good condition as the Jarvis Field courts.

Mr. Coffin spoke particularly of the chances for new men to make good this year. Three of the men who will probably play on this year's team, Larned, Coffin and Nicholl, are Seniors, so that next year there will be a good opportunity for anyone who shows ability this fall and next spring.

Attention was called to the fact that the showing of the men this fall will be the basis on which the team for the N. E. I. Tennis Association will be chosen, hence the necessity of coming out this fall, as there will be neither time nor opportunity next spring.

RECEPTION TO FRESHMEN.

The Annual Welcome at the Union by the Y. M. C. A.

The Freshman Class, or at least a large portion of it, met for the first time socially Friday evening at the reception given to them by the Young Men's Christian Association. A large quota from the 1910 class was present, as were a number of the more prominent upperclass men. Ample time was allowed before the speaking for the men to become acquainted.

T. C. Keeling, '08, president of the Association, introduced the speakers after a few welcoming remarks. Dean Burton was the first speaker, and was welcomed heartily. He told the new men that they would find the members of the Faculty much more agreeable outside the class room than within. He also told them to visit their advisers. There seemed to be a feeling among the men that the advisers were to be dreaded, and that in a few days after the opening of the school term, the men no longer visited the professors assigned to them. This was making the advisers a dead letter, and was preventing the Faculty from becoming acquainted with the wants of the new men. The Dean then gave a short explanatory history of the Institute, and spoke of the names that ought to be dear to the heart of every Tech man. He said that Tech was a pioneer school in the new form of education that dealt with the serious problems of life immediately after the high school. Tech was not only unique in the educational lines, but was also unique in its treatment of the athletic problem. Reforms have been started in athletics at the Institute that have been copied by many other colleges with success. He gave promise that the Faculty would treat all students as men, and to show their sympathy in the student activities, he announced that the Faculty had voted to give the school a half holiday on Friday, November 16, for the Field Day contests. This holiday was given so that the alumni, Faculty, and students living out of town could witness the struggle and that there would be no counter attraction across the river at the Stadium.

A. H. Donnewald, in speaking on THE TECH publications, told of the high standing that they had in the college world. He advised every man to interest himself in either THE TECH or *Technique*, and said that the work on the first was preparation for the second.

P. N. Swett gave the reasons why a man should take up work with the musical clubs. He spoke of the good times that the clubs had on their trips, and the wide acquaintance that could be got in this branch of student life.

Lawrence Allen then gave a short summary of all the branches in athletics at the Institute. With this large assortment to offer, he begged every man to try, and the best time for trying was in the Freshman year. Later than that year, it would be hard for a man to enter any branch of athletics. That a man had never done any work of

CALENDAR.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

4.00 P.M. THE TECH Board Meets in 30 Rogers.

4.00 P.M. Sophomore Football Practice begins at the Tech Field.

4.00 P.M. Freshman Track Team Candidates report at the Field.

5.00 P.M. Freshman Tug-of-War Candidates Meet at the Gym.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

4.00 P.M. *Technique '08* Meets in the Trophy Room.

8.00 P.M. Catholic Club Meets at the Tech Union.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Fourth Year.—Constructive Design has been changed from 11-12 Tuesday to 10-11 Thursday.

Third Year Option in General Studies.—The English Bible. Mr. Seaver. Mondays at 10; and a second hour at the convenience of the class. First meeting today at ten o'clock in 12 Rogers.

NOTICES.

1909 Football.—All 1909 football candidates will report at Tech Field this afternoon at 4 P.M.

Technique 1908.—There will be a meeting of the Board, Wednesday at 4 P.M. in the Trophy Room.

Freshman Track Team.—The candidates for the Freshman Track Team please report today at Tech Field in running suit. Twelve men will be wanted for the relay race so there is a fine chance to make the team.

Election Committee.—The Senior Election Committee, consisting of Wonson, Allen, Whitney, Packard and Frank, will meet in Rogers Library today at 1 P.M.

Catholic Club.—The first meeting of the Technology Catholic Club will be held at the Union on Garrison Street at 8 P.M. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Old members please bring friends. All welcome.

Gymnasium.—All students intending to take regular class work at the Gymnasium are requested to make an appointment with the Instructor for a physical examination as soon as possible. Hours 4 to 6 daily. W. C. Towne, Instructor in Gymnastics.

Tug-of-War Team.—All candidates for the 1910 Tug-of-War Team should meet at the Gym (back of Mass. College of Pharmacy, corner of Garrison and St. Botolph Streets), today at 5 P.M. sharp. Show your spirit and have fifty men out on the first day. If you have never entered athletics it is all the more reason you should come out for the team.

The largest casting ever made in the United States has recently been completed by the Bethlehem Steel Co.; it is the frame for a 17½ ft. gap, hydraulic riveter for the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops at Sayre, Pa. It is designed for a maximum pressure of 150 tons per sq. in. A special car was required to transport the machine.

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