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### TECH SPIRIT ?

What would be said of a team at any other college but the Institute, that, after making a fine showing in the trials, should cease training? What would be said to the captain of a team who, even if incapacitated, should remain away from practice altogether? What would be said to the member of the team, who, after running in the trials, and practicing up to the day of a big race, announces his intention to quit the team less than an hour before the contest, because of alleged overwork?

Yet such has happened with the Technology Cross Country Team. The team stopped practicing because it was too good to run, already prepared to meet the foe. The captain ceased to attend practice because he had slight attack of rheumatism in the ankle. A Freshman member of the team notified the Coach a short time before the race that he could not attend because school work interfered.

Where this Freshman finds work in the first term of the Freshman year that interferes with outside interests is matter of great conjecture. This last action is indeed a fitting climax to the others.

Yet there were slight gleams of the true fire shown by some of the members of the team. One Freshman, coming here with that spirit that has made Phillips Andover famous, ran a splendid race. Another Freshman, who was running much over weight, who has practiced regularly, ground out the distance with good pluck. One of the plucky members of English tribe ran his heart out.

But the general morale of the team was lacking. There was dearth of that spirit shown last year by a team that was led by a man with a sprained ankle, this leader aided and abetted by a red-headed bundle of nerves.

This ardent spirit of "Quit, it isn't worth the struggle," has appeared in Tech athletics, in recent years. We have a member of last year's basketball team refusing to play in an inter-college game because he was not in the first period. We have a member of one of the class teams this fall, saying, "I don't want to play guard. I'm not out here for the class. I'm out for my personal pleasure."

We can look back on other teams in the Institute and find the men that have made Technology's name great in the world of sport. Two years ago there was a member of the cross country team who, having no time in the morning or afternoon, went without his lunch for the practice in the noon hour, dressing and undressing out-of-doors.

As has been said, we had a captain last year that ran on an ankle that should have been kept indoors. There is no need for a man to permanently injure himself in sport, but this man is used for an example in spirit. For another member of last year's team every step was agony in a race, yet he came through in the front, without a whine.

At other colleges, and even at the big prep schools we find men accomplishing deeds, most wonderful for their Alma Mater. We find from the New England colleges men coming who go forth and do battle forgetful of their little ills.

Dried up old educators bewail this alleged hysteria in college athletics, this hushed, expectant, strained night before, this cheering and singing on the day of contest, this wild, hilarious night after celebration. But withal, does it not make men if properly controlled. Does it not rouse the fire of a man's enthusiasm, his emotions, which are after all, the man.

This sort of spirit we have had at

Technology, for have we not in our Union, marks that show that there was once a body of real, live, feeling, enthusiastic men at the Institute, men who fought for Technology and lost, fought for Technology and won, fought with that spirit that has made the name famous. And these men are among the most honored of our Alumni, among the most successful.

Either the Institute is to become a sort of business college, a place where knowledge is hypodermically injected into a mob of mediocrities, or it is to become a place where men are made, where there is a spirit, not of "do and die," but "work and accomplish," applied not only to studies, but to athletics.

### HARVARD SWAMPS TECH, 27-53.

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into a single file across the open fields.

The Crimson captain came onto the Field with a lead of about 40 yards which he increased to 60 in the sprint around the quarter-mile of cinder path. Dole of Harvard followed him coming in 15 seconds behind the leader with the time 25 minutes 59 seconds.

Up to the gate of the Field Hadden held second place, but just as he was passing between the gate posts he reeled and fell. He was carried to the dressing rooms and it took 50 minutes to bring him back to consciousness. Dr. Burke examined Hadden and found that some organic trouble of the heart had caused the collapse.

Seven seconds behind Dole came Lanier with the time 25 minutes 6 seconds, while following were the first Tech men to finish. MacCreadie ran a plucky race with the short experience he has had, coming in four seconds behind Lanier with the time 25 minutes 10 seconds.

Then came an exciting finish between R. Ellis of Tech and Carter of Harvard. The two runners came round track almost abreast, Ellis winning by about a foot. The time given for the two were the same, 25 minutes 16 seconds.

The next two, Whitney and Hoyt of Harvard, had a good fight for the fifth and sixth places, the last that scored points for Harvard. Whitney beat Hoyt by a few inches, the time being identical, 25 minutes 25 seconds. Then Bat-chelder scored for Tech, while Howland of Tech had a hard time to beat Souder.

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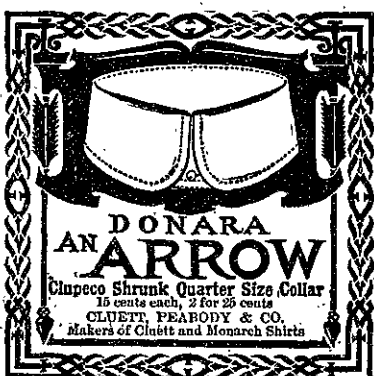
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