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NIGHT BEFORE IS SCORNF BY 1911

Traditional Fight Before Field Day Games to be Forever Abolished

SOPHOMORES ORGANIZE

Freshmen will also be Unmolested at their First Dinner

"The Night Before" is about to become a tradition at Technology. At the sophomore class meeting yesterday noon, after considerable agitation, a motion was carried not to fly any flag bearing class numerals, nor to make any demonstration at Tech Field on the night preceding Field Day.

The discussion of this matter was started when it was moved to allow the freshmen to enjoy their first class dinner uninterrupted. At this point Lloyd C. Cooley arose and said that there was a chance for the class to gain everlasting fame by abolishing the usual "night before" struggle. He pointed out that the faculty were strongly against the custom, that hazing and class rushes were becoming less and less prevalent throughout the country, that the custom would surely be abolished here in the near future, that the struggle usually degenerated into a battle with the "muckers", and that now was the critical moment to take action. A long discussion followed, but the motion was finally carried by a large majority.

As a result, a custom which originated in November, 1886, the result of hard feeling after a football game, and a custom which has caused many injuries, has once and for all been done away with. What will take its place, if anything, is as yet a matter of conjecture.

At this meeting S. B. Copeland for the auditing committee read a statement of the class accounts to date; a balance of \$16 remains. On the matter of class dues it was voted not to allow any man who has not paid his class dues in full to date to represent the class either as an officer or on an athletic team or to cast a vote in any class election.

The theatre committee of last year was reappointed with full power to represent the class in arrangements for Field Day Night. The committee is composed of S. B. Copeland, W. Y. Stamper, and W. R. McCune.

A committee to take charge of class elections will be appointed by the president, S. P. Kimball. If any man on this committee receives nomination for office he is to be replaced on the committee by another man.

Manager Williams of the football team closed the meeting with a call for more candidates, and a talk on the prospects of the team.

OFFICERS SECECTED

Commissions in Cadet Corps Given Out

The choice of commissioned officers for the M. I. T. corps of cadets during the school year 1908-09 was as follows: Major, L. G. Rowe, Adjutant, H. R. Wilbur, and Chief musician, H. L. Robinson.

The officers assigned to the different companies were as follows: Company A, C. S. Anderson, Captain, C. P. Kerr and L. R. Golden, lieutenants; Company B, R. D. Francis, captain, R. H. Ranger and E. I. Weisberg, lieutenants; Company C, D. N. Frazier, captain, J. A. Herlihy and G. E. Hodge, lieutenants; Company D, C. R. Perry, captain, L. G. Glazier and C. L. Dows, lieutenants.

LARGE SQUADS OUT FOR CLASS TEAMS

Preparation for Field Day Boomed by Junior Class Coaches

FOOTBALL POPULAR

Thirty Candidates for Freshmen Eleven on Deck

At its first practice on the Oval, the 1911 football team has given indications of promise. Several of the men out for it are veterans from the successful 1910 team, and others played on the freshman team of last year. Coach Simons, an old Princeton "P" man, has set the men right at work, and expects telling results when they come up against actual opponents.

Among the men who appeared yesterday at practice were: S. C. Kimball, center; E. D. Van Tassel and L. G. Fitzherbert, guards; O. H. Hutchins and F. M. Oneil; H. D. Williams and L. de Florez, ends; H. D. Billings and R. E. Schatz, quarterback; J. A. Proctor and J. H. Seoville, backs; A. K. Adams, H. S. Smith and E. R. Hall.

Interest in the relay situation brought out the following men for the sophomores: Allen, Cooley, Francis, MacKenzie, Seligman, Stevens, White, Johnson, Eldred, Robinson, H. M. Davis, Bigelow, Bell.

As most of the old men of last year's 1911 tug-of-war team are again out, besides many promising new candidates, the sophomore tuggers give promise of being a strong aggregation this year.

The men who reported early yesterday afternoon were: H. C. Davis, S. C. Bates, K. Greenleaf, F. A. Wood, H. F. Dolliver, G. B. Wilkes, T. H. Haines, E. A. Nash, H. G. Jenks, D. P. Gaillard, H. E. Babbitt, H. F. Shaw, N. De Forest, M. A. Grossman, S. H. Cornell, and B. Lawrence.

Freshman Tug-of-War

Candidates for the freshman tug-of-war team met in the Gym yesterday afternoon. Manager Woodward of the team reports a good number of men already out for practice, and all promising material. Woodward has requested all men desiring to try for the team to meet this afternoon at 4.15 at the Gym. It is hoped that a good number of juniors will show up to aid in coaching.

The following men presented themselves as candidates yesterday. L. T. Cummings, R. Bates, K. McKenney, J. S. Martin, C. R. Woodward, J. W. Farwell Jr., Thos. C. Fisher, W. O. Blaisdell, G. S. Sawyer, P. D. Hargain, L. B. Duke, J. Applequist, A. W. Laurie, C. W. Webber, E. L. Lasiser, F. E. Starr, S. C. Sargent, P. W. Dabujepie.

W. H. Duffield, captain of the 1910 tug-of-war team will coach the new men.

A large number of men reported for the 1912 football team and the indications are that a good aggregation will be turned out. They are J. E. Whittlesey, J. H. Ward, R. Jarrat, L. T. Cummings, S. W. Selfridge, J. D. Selfridge, W. Shuttleworth, J. S. Martin, H. Greenleaf, W. J. Maguire, J. I. Taylor, R. C. Foster, D. E. Bent, M. E. Cherry, J. I. Murray, A. J. Friedman, R. F. Symonds, E. B. Cotton, R. H. Riddell, H. W. Hall, W. E. Duggan, J. Lemaerts, E. Mayrs, M. Huddell, R. W. Davis, H. Kebbon, E. C. Holbrook, F. A. Bennett, V. E. Wallen, P. R. Williamson.

At the Field yesterday the following reported for practice: E. C. Mayrs, half back; V. Greenleaf, quarter back; R. H. Riddell, end; H. E. Kebbon, guard; E. C. Van Syckel, end; J. S. Selfridge, guard or centre; R. W. Davis, left half; P. R. Williamson, tackle; J. E. Whittlesey, tackle; N. M. Sage, left end; A. Eicher, guard; S. W. Selfridge, tackle.

For the freshman relay team those who reported were: Anderson, Benson, Campbell, Jacobs, Robinson, Taite, Fuller, Taylor, H. W. Hall, and C. B. Busey.

FIRST FRESHMAN DINNER TOMORROW

Dean Burton—Bursar Rand, Litchfield and Kanaly the Speakers

GIVEN BY THE TECH

Action of Sophomores Prohibits Usual Rough-house

Every loyal freshman will be on hand tomorrow evening at the first dinner in the annals of the class as well as the first special dinner at the New Union. The class is extremely fortunate in this matter and ought to make this a record breaking dinner in still another way by having the largest attendance ever known at a class function.

The Tech has arranged to have Bursar Rand and Dean Burton speak. To hear these two men at a dinner is an important feature of the Institute course as well as an enjoyable one. The other speakers are Isaac W. Litchfield 1885, the prominent alumnus who has been one of the workers to make the dream of a New Union a reality. Frank Kanaly, the track team coach, will speak on the athletics at the Institute. The list of the speakers has purposely been made a short one and there will be plenty of time for getting acquainted and for the singing which forms such an enjoyable part of all class dinners.

The sophomores have expressed their intention of leaving the diners unmolested, so there is no danger of coming to the Union and finding no food, as has been the case in many previous instances. Never before in the history of the Institute have circumstances been so favorable for a successful dinner. The smoking room is a great improvement over the room on Garrison street which has been the scene of other dinners and if 1912 has the spirit of other Technology classes, the power of the walls to echo cheers will be well tested.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION

All freshmen and other undergraduates are invited to the first social function at the new Union, the Y. M. C. A. reception tonight. Although the reception is particularly for the new men, a departure from the usual custom has been made this year in inviting all members of the Institute, and a large gathering is expected. There will be music in the social room and newcomers will have a chance to become acquainted with each other and with the upper class men.

Representatives of the different activities will speak and explain the different sides of social life at the Institute. They are Channing Turner 1908, editor-in-chief of The Tech; Carl W. Gram 1909, captain of the track team; D. C. McMurtrie 1910, editor-in-chief of Technique 1910; G. A. Joslin 1909, general manager of the Tech Show, and C. C. Hield 1910, president of the musical clubs.

Light refreshments will be served after the speaking.

On Sunday evening from 6.45 o'clock to 7.30, Rev. J. H. Dennison of the Congregational Church will address the Technology Y. M. C. A. in the Union.

As stated in first issue of The Tech the Y. M. C. A. plans to give this year a series of Sunday evening religious talks in the present Union. The aim is not to make these meetings conform to any secular creeds and dogmas, but to make them Christian in character. Thus the invitation to attend is made general and all Technology students and their friends will be welcomed.

PRESIDENT NOYES WELCOMES 1912

Lays Particular Stress on Character Development in Early Stages

DISCUSSES ACTIVITIES

Urges on Freshmen Hard Study—Honesty—Responsibility

The starting gun for the beginning of the term was fired in Huntington Hall on Wednesday, when President Noyes delivered his address of welcome to the incoming class. The meeting was well attended, but was remarkable for its dignified demeanor. Those hilarious preliminary demonstrations, very evident in former years, were quite lacking.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the president appeared, and for 35 minutes held the attention of his listeners. He said in part:

"To all of you who come to the Institute for the first time this year, I wish first to extend, on behalf of the officers and Faculty of this institution, a cordial welcome to its halls and to its associations and privileges. It is the earnest wish of our professors and instructors that there may rapidly grow between them as teachers and yourselves as students a close and intimate relationship. It is characteristic of the Institute plan of education that most of the instruction is given to individuals in the laboratory or drawing-room or to small groups in the recitation-room, rather than by lectures to large classes. This affords special opportunities for personal contact between teacher and student; and these opportunities we hope you will improve. If you have special trouble with any subject, go to the instructor and talk it over freely with him. We want you to appreciate from the start that it is our aim to assist you in your difficulties and to aid you in attaining the object for which you have come to us. That object we shall assume to be the preparation of yourselves for a life of active service of an intellectual order among your fellow-men,—a service that shall consist not merely in doing the routine work of the world, but in directing its great engineering enterprises and promoting its scientific and industrial development. We shall assume that you have come to us not merely to acquire such a technical knowledge of the industrial arts as might make you successful mechanics, draftsmen, of chemical analysts, but in order to make of yourselves leaders in the scientific professions,—to become engineers, architects, and chemists of the highest type.

"I wish that, now at the beginning of your course of study here, I might make you fully appreciate the highly important fact that the kind of person you are to be, in mind, in character, in constitution and physique, throughout your whole life, is to be determined far more by your treatment of yourself during the next few years than by your efforts during any subsequent period. . . . There is a certain period of life, that upon which you are now entering, when the mind is still in a formative state. If during this period the opportunities of mental development are not improved the possibility of it will have passed away forever.

"Let me tell you what one of our greatest American psychologists says upon this subject. In an essay upon habits, Prof. William James writes: "Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct, while in this plastic state. We are spinning our own fates, good or evil, and never to be undone. Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never so little scar. The drunken Rip Van Winkle excuses himself for every fresh dereliction by saying, 'I won't count this time!' Well!

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