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## NO CHANGES MADE IN POINT SYSTEM

**Institute Committee Takes  
Up Many Important  
Matters**

### SANITATION DISCUSSED

**Perpetual Bulletin Board Planned  
No Special Privileges to  
Fifth Year Men**

Considerable business was transacted at a special meeting of the Institute Committee held Wednesday afternoon.

The point system was once more considered but no real changes were made. Some argument was advanced as to whether the Technique Electoral Committee was properly rated. It was thought that when the committee is as large as this one and is supposed to be made up of the most representative men in the class that the point system would perhaps work in the wrong direction. It is a generally accepted fact that the men who go in for activities, and who are at present holding points, are the ones who best know the abilities of the men in their class, in that they come in personal contact with them. This point was argued at considerable length but no change was made in the rating as it was decided the work done and the time spent by the electoral committee was worth five points. A motion was made to reduce the rating to three points, but this was lost by one vote. To somewhat compensate this decision it was suggested that a man elected to this committee or in fact to any office might apply for temporary leave of absence from his other work or activities and so have his points discredited for the time required.

Another point taken up was that of special privileges to fifth year men or to seniors who have their work completed. It was suggested that the point system might be made flexible to the extent of two or three extra points for their special cases. This, however, was considered unfair to lower classmen, who might have passed off work in advance. It was decided to let the matter stand, with the same suggestion that leave of absence might apply here.

The question of the present condition of the 1910 Technique Board was talked over but no radical steps were taken, as it was thought that the members of the present board, who have done the work, should not have their positions taken from them and given to others who might have very little to do, even though several of the former have now severed connection with the Institute proper.

It was settled that the chair should appoint a committee to inquire into the matter of obtaining a suitable token of appreciation from the student body to be tendered to Pres. Noyes upon his retiring from office.

On account of the many conflicts which have recently occurred among the undergraduate activities, a consideration of a perpetual calendar was suggested.

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## FENCING CUP OFFERED

A new incentive to good fencing Saturday night has been offered to the Yale, Harvard, and Technology teams in the form of a cup to be presented to the winning team. George C. Haas, captain of last year's Yale team, is the donor of this prize. From the record made so far this year by the Tech team, it certainly would seem as though the chances that the cup will come to Technology are particularly good.

Yale defeated the Navy team by 5 to 1, but only after the hardest kind of a fight. Harvard has lost to West Point by a score of 7 to 2. The Tech team has been undefeated this season, and has won seven meets.

## RINKER KIBBEY LEAVES THE SHOW

**Has Been Star Comedian of  
Tech Show for Six  
Seasons**

### FINNIE ASSUMES PLACE

**First Rehearsal of Principals,  
and Chorus will Come  
on Saturday**

"That Pill Grimm" is now beginning to sound like a musical comedy since the chorus has acquired the art of singing and dancing at the same time. Coach Francis is working up the stage business and has a Dutch dance of the whole chorus together, which ought to be a winner. Flockton is still busy with the singing and a new piece, "A Beer Song," by C. R. Busey 1912 and J. L. Champagne 1912, is one of the best numbers in the piece. Saturday the chorus and principals will rehearse together for the first time, running over the first act.

The principals have had a great loss in Rinker Kibbey 1908, who has been the star comedian of the show for six years. Kibbey had the part of Von Hardwick, and put into it the same humor which made his other parts famous. He fully expected to be with the show this year, but through ill health he will be unable to carry the show and his other work beside, so that he thought it best to give up the former. His place will be taken by James I. Finnie 1909, who had the part of the cabman last year, and, although it was but a small part, he got a good deal of fun out of it. Finnie's place is taken by C. H. White, 1909, White's place by H. H. Catching, 1911, and a new man, Harry L. Havens, 1909, is taking Catching's part.

Within a week now the poster will be finished and on sale in the different buildings. As this is the best poster the show has had, it will make a good ornament for a room, and it is expected that nearly everyone in the Institute will get one. Beside the regular poster there is to be a new feature this year in the form of picture post cards with a small color copy of the poster on one side. Some small cards were made last year, although not in the form of post cards, and they were so popular with all who saw them that it was decided to have regular post cards this year as souvenirs of Junior week. They will probably be out at the same time the poster is.

## CRUISE AROUND WORLD

**W. B. Tardy Speaks at Union Night  
On Recent Cruise of U. S.  
Battlefleet**

At the Union tonight Lieut. W. B. Tardy will speak on "The Cruise around the World." Mr. Tardy, who is a graduate of Annapolis, has been the chief engineer of the U. S. Battleship Vermont ever since she was built two years ago, and even while she was under construction.

The Vermont is called the "Queen of the Navy," and in the recent trip around the world has upheld her title. At the battleship efficiency contest at Manila the Vermont captured first place. Incidentally she ran four hours at high speed under forced draft, and during this time the engines were in perfect order, and no accident happened to show that the Vermont was other than a first class and highly efficient battleship. During these trials Mr. Tardy was responsible for the perfect condition of the boat, and throughout the trip he has kept the ship in splendid condition, so that on her arrival at the home port she was in as good shape as when she started, barring the effects of the weathering of a cruise of such length as that taken by the battleship fleet.

## ENGINEERING AS A PROFESSION

**Professor Swain Spoke at  
the Harvard Union  
Last Night**

### STATUS OF ENGINEER

**The Innovation of the Graduate  
School at Harvard Is An  
Advancement**

At the Harvard Union last night Prof. Swain of the engineering department spoke on "Engineering as a Profession."

Prof. Swain gave an account of the field covered by the engineering professions and the qualifications and education necessary to the man who would become an engineer. He continued to tell of the opportunities afforded the follower of engineering and the opportunities afforded the followers of the other fields of learning.

Prof. Swain maintains that, while in the past the law, medical, and theological professions have been the professions in which men have been respected for their brains, the fields of engineering and architecture are fully deserving of being cast in the same category, and in fact the engineering profession covers a wider field than do the law, medicine and theological fields and require as much training and of as high a degree of mental power.

He gave an account of the development of engineering, calling attention to the fact that the entire industrial system has been developed within the last century and a half and that this is the age of engineering. In upholding this stand he gave the statistics that, in New York City at the present time the works under construction and those projected will require an expenditure of about \$100,000,000, and that the estimated cost of the single item of engineering the Panama Canal will be about \$360,000,000. Wherever we turn we meet with a repetition of all these tremendous undertakings under way.

Prof. Swain then continued his discussion of the engineering professions, with the statement that the engineer is not yet regarded as so thoroughly a trained or cultivated a man as those of the so called learned professions, but every year more and more men are entering the field of engineering.

Prof. Swain, in conclusion, said that Harvard, in making its engineering school a graduate school and thereby recognizing the fact that men in the engineering profession require as great a training as men in other professions, is making a great step towards putting the engineering profession on a basis with the fields of law, medical and theology.

### TRACK WORK BEGINS

Regular track work will commence next Monday when the locker room at the Field will be opened for the spring season. During the winter the track has been greatly improved. Several tons of special cinders have been placed upon it and J. J. Lee, the crack B. A. A. distance runner, declares it to be, with the exception of Wood Island, the best track in New England.

The three cups recently presented by the Alumni for competition in the spring meet have been placed on exhibition at the cage and these should prove a great incentive for men to come out, particularly in preparation for this spring meet.

On Tuesday and Thursday the weight men will practise on the field near Lowell Building, and on Saturday at the Field in Brookline. On these days L. D. Nisbet 1909, will have charge of the discus men, L. G. Metcalf 1911, the hammer throwers, and H. S. Gott 1910, and O. B. Chamberlin 1910, the shot putters. These men have not been picked as coaches but rather merely to give the

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## GYMNASIUM TEAM MEETS AMHERST

**First Intercollegiate Gym  
Meet Ever Entered by  
a Tech Team**

### FIVE EVENTS IN ALL

**First and Second Prizes for All  
Events, Except Indian  
Club Swinging**

On Tuesday evening next the Institute gymnasium team will meet Amherst in a dual contest at the Tech Gym. This meet will be the first intercollegiate contest of its kind which a Tech team has ever entered, and the management desires as large an attendance as possible in order to make it a success.

The Institute team has been practising faithfully for a long time and a good contest is promised. Some of the men have not been in many meets before and encouragement will mean a lot to the success of the team.

There will be five events in all and a first and second medal will be offered for each event except the Indian Clubs. In this event a first prize only will be offered. It has not been possible for Amherst to give the Tech her list of men in time for publication, but the Tech team has been practically picked. On the horizontal bar the best men are Capt. H. S. Gott 1910, and W. D. Allen 1911, on the parallel probably S. H. Seelye 1912, and Gott will compete, while on the horse, R. L. Carey 1909, will be the chief performer. In the mat work the men are all fairly good, the best being probably R. L. Jacobs, 1910, Gott, Carey, and C. W. Wilson, 1910. B. F. Courtney will hold down his reputation for club-swinging, and promises to give Amherst a hard tussle for first place.

The judges for the meet will be among the best obtainable. There will be three on each piece of apparatus. The judges will be Mr. C. L. Schrader of the Harvard gymnasium, Dr. Garland of the Boston Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Geo. F. Evans, a former member of the crack Harvard Gym. team. Major Briggs will probably be custodian of prizes.

### DEWEY IS PRESIDENT

At a meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society held last night in the Union offices for the ensuing year were elected.

They are as follows: President, F. A. Dewey 1909; Vice-President, D. V. Williamson 1910; Secretary, A. P. Truette 1910; Treasurer, E. Sawyer 1910; Executive Committee—A. L. Fabens 1910, R. A. D. Preston 1910, and D. R. Stevens 1911.

On resigning his office Pres. C. W. Hubbard 1909, said that he had greatly appreciated his official position with the fellows. He said further that he was just beginning to appreciate what the society was capable of and was sorry that he had to sever his connections with it, for he believed good things were in store for it in the future, particularly as the younger members of the faculty were beginning to show a lively interest in its welfare. He believed that the more a man puts into the society the more he gets out.

## CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAR. 12.

1.00 P. M. 1911 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.

6.20 P. M. 1910 Class Dinner.

8.00 P. M. Lieut. Tardy Union night.

SATURDAY, MAR. 13.

2.19 P. M. Cross-country squad leaves Back Bay station for Hyde Park.

8.00 P. M. Preliminary Intercollegiate fencing trials at Gym.