

TECH'S GREAT TRACK SEASON

Excellent Records in Cross Country, Track and Other Sports

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

One Mile Relay Team Broke Inter-Collegiate Indoor Record, Kanaly Re-engaged

Successful beyond all expectations has been the record of the Institute in athletics during the past year. The cross country and track teams scored each a second in intercollegiate contests; barring an accident in one race, the outdoor relay teams were unbeaten; hockey, basketball, and fencing teams have done excellent work, much of it under very unfavorable circumstances; class athletics have never before been so interesting, nor so enthusiastically supported.

CROSS COUNTRY.

Harvard met defeat at the hands of a green cross country team over the 4 1-4 mile course on Field Day, by a score of 36 to 45. Each team had won two races and the Crimson team was looked on to win. Howland 1908, forced Jaques to run the course in 23 minutes 3-5 seconds to win and cut more than a minute off Howland's old record.

At Princeton on November 21, the team ran in the intercollegiate championships and came in second, but owing to a mixup in the change from the defunct cross country association to I. C. A. A. A., Tech had not been admitted to the latter organization and had to be content with knowing that Cornell is the only one of the large colleges with a superior cross country team. The ability, enthusiasm and personality of Coach Kanaly, though he has proved his efficiency in other branches of athletics, were particularly potent in developing the distance department.

A new record for the 8-mile course was set by Howland in the fall handicap race and a scrub team organized on the spur of the moment, with but one varsity man in the make-up, won the team prize in the A. A. U. cross country race for the championship of New England. In the intercourse races and the freshman-sophomore race this spring, there appeared men of excellent promise for a fine team next year. It is probable that in the future there will be a spring handicap race over the Tech-Harvard course.

TRACK TEAM.

Coach Kanaly did a great piece of work when he pulled the team together that took second place in the New England Intercollegiate championship meet this year, held at Tech Field. The discus throw was the only event in which a Tech man was qualified that the Institute did not score and the points won were distributed among more events and among more individuals than those of any other college, which shows the fine balance of the team. Capt. Gram was prevented by an attack of sciatica from competing in the finals, where he would doubtless have added five points to the Tech total. The number of underclassmen who have done exceptional work this year augurs well for a winning aggregation next season.

A new record was set in the pole vault by W. D. Allen 1911, in the spring meet, when he cleared the bar at 11 feet 4 1-4 inches. P. W. Dalrymple 1912, has improved his jumping ability from 5 feet 1 inch to 5 feet 8 inches, and is quite reliable at this height. P. D. White, the sophomore half-miller is doing well, as is Salisbury of the same class in the quater. The weight events are still Tech's weak point, but the fellows of brawn are beginning to see their chances in this line and with this point strengthened, Technology will have a remarkably well balanced and efficient track squad.

Class track games have been given an impetus by the presentation of individual cups for the winners of the mile run, the quarter and the 120-yard hurdles by J. L. Batchelder, Jr. 1890. Dr. J. A. Rockwell 1896, and Benjamin Hurd 1890, respectively. The spring meet was won this year by the juniors, with only 4 1-3 points to spare over the second year

men. The freshmen showed up unusually strong. As there were no dual meets, a spring handicap meet was held to add interest to the work and keep the team in better shape.

BASKETBALL.

Under the most adverse conditions imaginable, a basketball team was developed at the Institute which won 10 games of the 16 played during its season. P. M. Wentworth 1909, was captain and W. B. Hargraves 1910, manager. First overcoming the opposing sentiment which cried for the abolishment of the winter sport, the basketball men were confronted with a greater and more immediate difficulty in the lack of practice room. One day each week and evenings was the only time at which the Tech gym could be utilized, on account of the recent introduction of compulsory physical training in the freshman class.

In spite of this handicap a team was developed which carried the cardinal and grey to victory over the green of Dartmouth, the royal purple of Williams and Harvard's crimson and which proved too strong for numerous other New England college teams.

HOCKEY.

Four games won, three lost and one played to a tie, is the record made by the hockey team this season. Twelve points were scored by the Institute seven against eight made by their opponents.

Beaten by Harvard by a goal made on a fluke, the team lost only to the Crescent Hockey Club and to Williams. Dartmouth, Amherst Aggies and Brown are among the teams which it defeated.

Bill Kelly 1909, and Bill O'Hearn 1910, were captain and manager.

GYMNASTICS.

With the introduction of dual gymnastic meets by the gym team this year, an important step has been taken in the advancement of winter physical development. Amherst sent down a team which administered a severe defeat to the Tech men. Independent of any aid from the Athletic Association, no more dual meets were scheduled, but several Boston exhibitions were successfully given.

In the last showing, ribbons were awarded the first three winners in each event, and additional cups were offered to the winner of the greatest number of points and to the first man in the tumbling contest.

Since physical exercise has become a faculty requirement from the freshman class, increased interest is being shown in the work at the gymnasiums on Garrison street.

CLASS ATHLETICS.

A new era in class athletics was marked when the freshman class won Field Day on November 6, 1908. For the first time since 1901, has the entering class vanquished the sophomores in the fall contest. The relay race was won by the sophomores with almost a quarter lap to spare, the tug-of-war went to the freshmen, two consecutive pulls, and it remained to the football game to decide the event of the day.

The game on the gridiron stood 0-0 until there were but three minutes to play, when a free kick gave the game to 1912 by three points. At one time 1911 had forced the ball between their opponents goal posts but it was fumbled behind the goal and run out.

Class basketball as a recognized branch of class athletics came as an innovation when class numerals were awarded the sophomore team for its two victories over the freshmen, 26-15 and 28-4. Both teams played outside games, and were well supported.

Another freshman victory was gained in the annual freshman-sophomore cross country run.

Baseball honors also went to the freshmen in the championship series by default. The only game played was won by the sophomores, 8 to 0.

FENCING.

An undefeated team represented the Institute in the finals of the intercollegiate fencing championships in New York. With the highest score in the intercollegiate preliminaries, won from Harvard and Yale, and victorious over Pennsylvania, 6-3; Columbia, 7-2; Springfield Training School, 9-0 and 5-1; Boston Y. M. C. A. and the Fenway Fencing Club of Boston, M. I. T. took fourth place in the intercollegiate bouts, defeating such strong teams as Cornell, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Columbia. Only the Army and Navy, and Yale by

a small margin, were able to score more points than were made by the Technology trio.

The successful team was captained by V. C. Grubnau 1909, the other two members being E. M. Loring 1909 and H. G. Knox 1910.

Both the work of Knox, who lost but one bout before entering the intercollegiate finals, and the coaching of Lucien Fournon are especially worthy of praise. To the management of Maurice Chapin 1910, is due the excellent schedule of the year.

Thus, when the announcement came that Technology would no longer be represented by an officially recognized fencing team, the Institute gives up the spirit at a time when it will be remembered as a top-notch among college foil wielders.

THE BASEBALL STIR.

When the first warm breezes indicated the approach of spring, the baseball germ became rampant among Technology fans, and strenuous efforts were made toward the establishment of a varsity nine. Petitions were distributed and a mass meeting was called in Huntington Hall. After heated arguments, both for and against a Technology team, it was finally decided to allow the matter to rest for another year, when the work of the class teams would show whether enough material was available for the organization of a successful nine. Lack of financial support offered the principal difficulty.

Although the work of the class teams has not been as promising as was anticipated, the interest shown at the Institute in baseball has been manifested by the various courses. In several instances rival factions in a course have organized and played under such names as Gargoyles and Triglyphs from the architectural department, and the Helmenthacladiaceae and Schizomyces from the biological department.

An interesting game was the press ball championship, The Tech vs. Technique, which, as usual, was won by The Tech, 17 to 16.

RELAY TEAMS.

Tech's one mile relay team was practically invincible. Their only defeat was at the Columbia University indoor games, when Fernstrom, the man to face the gun was tripped just as he had got under way, and lost half a lap on a ten lap track. He succeeded in catching one man before finishing his relay, however, and when Gram finished tearing off the final relay, the cardinal and gray was only 50 yards behind the crimson runner, who won the race.

Syracuse proved an easy mark at the B. A. A. games for the Tech team, who made the fastest time of the evening without being strongly pushed. At Troy, on Washington's Birthday they met the quartet from Wesleyan and broke the intercollegiate indoor record in 3 minutes 28 2-5 seconds. Another victory was won at Philadelphia when the same team took the one mile relay race from Wesleyan and five other colleges in excellent time.

A 2-mile team, patched up at the last moment after the loss of the best two men on it, trimmed Tufts at the Lawrence Light Guard meet in Medford, February 13.

MUSICAL CLUBS TO MAKE LONG TOUR

Management Plans to Visit Big Tech Centres of the Country

Plans are now being made for much more extended work for the musical clubs next year. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange for a much longer trip, and to take the burden of the advertising management off the shoulders of the managers, and give it to some regular agency. Those best fitted for this would be the various local Tech alumni clubs. If this would be done, the advertising would be much more efficiently managed and better audiences obtained, while at the same time the student managers could devote more time to the actual management of the clubs, and not be worried about getting halls and other details much more easily by those that know local conditions.

Under these conditions it would be possible to take a very much longer trip than the clubs have ever taken, and turn quite a little profit into the treasury at the end of the year. The various organizations of the large colleges take lengthy trips each year and make good things of them financially, and it is believed that the Tech musical clubs have now reached a point where they can do the same. This year has been the best yet and the clubs are now comparable to any of the musical clubs in New England that take long trips.

Another scheme that has been proposed is for the clubs to place themselves in the hands of some local agency that would take all the responsibility of financial success, paying a percentage on such profits as might be made, but the alumni method would be better all around.

Among the advantages given for such a long trip as has been proposed are: It would serve to keep awake interest in the Institute, both among former and future students in every place where the clubs stop, it will awaken interest in the Institute and will show that there is something here besides hard work. Tech suffers from the reputation of being the home of nothing but work. A trip through New England, such as the clubs plan, it is thought, would be the finest thing in the world to dispel this idea.

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