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UNION'S FIRST YEAR SUCCESSFUL

Reports of Union and Friday Entertainment Committees

The first year of the present Union building was very successful, the Friday evening entertainments proving interesting without exception. The Union Committee voted to publish the following reports in the Alumni week number of The Tech last June, but lack of space prevented their appearance in that issue.

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

May 24, 1909.

The House Committee has found it expedient to confine card playing and other games to one room in the Union. By excluding all games from the social and quiet rooms at the beginning of next term, these rooms may be preserved for the broader purposes for which they were originally intended, at the same time enabling them to be kept in a more orderly appearance.

Since the beginning of the term, Maj. Briggs has procured a new Interclass cup. The Tech Show has furnished a framed poster and photographs of the Show cast, all of which have been hung in the social room. The larger cabinet in the quiet room was presented by Prof. Goodwin. The upper part of this has been used for the purpose of displaying cups and the lower cupboards will be of service for summer storing of trophies or books. There has been much delay in securing the settle which was ordered by the C. E. Society last year for the Union, but it will be in place in the social room Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The library of Technique has been placed in a special case in the social room. Six paper pulp cuspidors with brass covers and rubber mats have been supplied to the office rooms.

It is suggested to the Union Committee that the bust of President Rogers be removed from the pedestal and placed permanently upon the cabinet presented by Prof. Goodwin. At present the pedestal is being painted to improve its appearance for the Union, but, at best, it is a cold bare looking fixture and not a good addition to the social room.

Receipts from confectionery and tobacco have been very steady—showing constant profits as reported by Bursar Rand from time to time.

At the close of the year a list of all Colby library books will be taken and these books stored in a suitable place.

REPORT OF THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

May 24, 1909.

The Entertainment Committee has had during the past term the following entertainments:

Friday, February 12—Prof. J. J. O'Brien

Friday, February 26—Prof. Sedgwick on Public Health.

Friday, March 5—Mr. Brandies on the Recent Old Age Movement in regard to pensions.

Friday, March 12—Lieutenant Tardy talked on the cruise of the Fleet Around the World.

Friday, March 19—Dr. Fleicher talked on Democracy.

Friday, March 26—Mr. Lyman Underwood talked on hunting big game with canoe and camera.

Friday, April 9—Mr. F. B. Sears talked on the history of banking.

Friday, April 30—District Attorney Hill talked on the young man in public office.

Friday, May 21—A track team smoker was held in the Union for visiting teams. It was well attended, and the Committee recommends that it be continued in future years.

THE TECH GIVES DINNER TO 1913

Addresses by Burton, Humphreys, Litchfield, Jackson

The Tech's dinner, given at the Union Saturday evening to the entering class, was a great success, judging from the number who enjoyed the feast and speeches. Richard H. Ranger 1911, general manager of The Tech presided. He introduced Class Treasurer Birchard 1913, who read the following telegram from Chairman W. N. Holmes 1913: "Am unavoidably detained in Salem. Am dining tonight with a few live sophs. Signed W. N. Holmes. At the moment that this telegram was being read, a card flew in through the window of the Union, bearing the inscription, "How did the little bird know that? 1912."

Dean Burton was the first speaker of the evening. He said in substance: There are a great many who are not superstitious, about sitting with thirteen at table. Whether the class of 1913 proves lucky or not depends entirely upon the class. The first time a class gathers together as such, it must realize that class feeling is very strong and that the class meets are of great importance. College life is thought of on this basis and it is in classes that the men gather together at reunions. At Technology, the entering class is treated as a class of men, not boys, in that they are trusted and expected to feel the responsibility of keeping good the name of the class and that of the Institute. There are tests of the advisability of carrying on this policy, one of which comes with the Union. This building was built through the efforts of the graduates, the faculty and the corporations. It is placed freely in the hands of the students. In the past this trust has been well founded; there has never yet been any abuse. It rests with the class of 1913 to continue this democratic policy.

There are many Technology traditions that should be guarded carefully. There has been produced by the undergraduates this last year a book "Concerning the Massachusetts Institute of Technology," which should be read by every man entering the Institute. By reading this book, the spirit underlying the idea of the alumni and undergraduates of social life is shown. The tradition of the Institute differ from those of the colleges in regard to the treatment of the first year men. They are given more liberties and more responsibilities. Their duty is to support these traditions, to promote and encourage the social activities, to make use of the Union and get some meals there. There being no dormitory system, this is the opportunity to get to know one's fellow students. The Friday evening entertainments, in particular should be well attended.

There is another important point. It is well known that in all American colleges, there is certain feeling between the classes of the first and second years. At West Point, this seems to be the one object in life. Here at Tech, it is

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FRESHMAN CHAIRMAN KIDNAPPED

Very little stir was made Saturday afternoon, when W. H. Holmes, chairman of the freshmen class was met by a delegation of sophomores as he was coming out from a recitation in Walker. He was escorted to a waiting taxicab, and speedily taken in a joy ride to Woburn, to enjoy a short sojourn with his 1912 friends.

1913 TAKES ROGERS STEPS FROM 1912

Both Sophomores and Freshmen Make Victims Plunge in Pond

The class rush on Rogers' steps Saturday night was one of the snappiest scraps between the lower classmen since 1906. The immortal pond later proved the attraction, a number from each class impromptu swim.

The excitement commenced during the dinner in the Union, given to the freshmen by The Tech. During the speeches, a number of 1912 yells and placards floated in through the windows.

After the dinner, the freshmen rushed out of the building, shouting blood curdling thirteen yells. They rapidly formed in rows of four and rushed in a snake dance to a position opposite Rogers' steps. There were about fifty sophomores ready to defend the steps, but in the mad fight, amid the yells of twelve and thirteen, the greater numbers of the lower class gave them the dominance of their goal and the sharp and snappy contest was soon over.

The sophomores were driven off, leaving a few of their members behind. These were dressed in pajamas and nightshirts, and in the middle of a long line of freshmen were escorted down Boylston street to the Public Gardens. Here four sophomores, W. H. Baxter, F. H. Busby, of Boston; C. A. Stewart of Newtonville and M. A. Oettinger of Roxbury were thrown into the pond. Further celebration was prevented by the arrival of a squad of mounted police.

The sophomores were not the only victims of the "water cure," for three freshmen preceded them in the cold, cold pond. As the sophomores left the steps of Rogers, they managed to lure with them three members of 1913. These were marched down Columbus Ave. in "barefoot boy" fashion, and made to dive into the chilling waters. "Chic" Guild, one of the unfortunates, made quite a sensation by yelling for thirteen, when in the middle of the pond, at a safe distance from the sophomores. This aquatic party also was dispersed and further demonstration prevented by the police.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL SCORES.

- At Cambridge—Harvard 17, Bowdoin 0.
- At New Haven—Yale 15, Syracuse 0.
- At West Point—West Point 22, Tufts 0.
- At Hanover, N. H.—Dartmouth 0, University of Vermont 0.
- At Worcester—Holy Cross 13, New Hampshire State College 0.
- At Providence—Brown 14, Colgate 0.
- At Middletown, Conn.—Norwich University 6, Wesleyan 0.
- At Amherst—Springfield T. S. G, Amherst 5.
- At Orono, Me.—University of Maine 16, Fort McKinley 0.
- At Waterville, Me.—Colby 17, Hebron 3.
- At Hartford, Conn.—Trinity 12, Worcester Polytechnic 6.
- At Ashburnham—Cushing Academy 45, Connecticut State College 0.
- At Princeton—Princeton 47, Stevens Institute 12.
- At Philadelphia—University of Pennsylvania 18, Dickinson 0.
- At Ithaca—Cornell 16, Rensselaer P. I. 3.
- At Carlisle, Penn.—Carlisle Indians 48, Bucknell 6.

All Episcopalians entering Tech are earnestly requested to send their names and addresses to F. R. Kneeland, 44 Walker Building at once.

NEW EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING CHANGES

Electrical, Mechanical, Mining, Biology Departments Gain

During the summer additions have been made to the equipment of the electrical, mining, mechanical and biological departments. Minor alterations have been made in rooms.

In Rogers, four small offices have been partitioned off in room 11, for English instructors, and 43, the freshmen drawing room, has been divided into four sections to accord with the new system of small sections in first year.

The library of the civil engineering department in Engineering building A has been enlarged to double its former size; the blue-print room on the top floor has been abolished, and room 53 has been enlarged, accommodating ninety men. The civils will use the blue-print room of the mechanical engineering department.

The electrical department has been the greatest gainer in the line of new equipment, and is now considered equal, if not superior, to the electrical departments of any school or college in the world. The most important recent additions are two motor generator sets of 3 1-2 kilowatts each, and a 500 kilowatt alternating current machine driven by the new turbine engine in Engineering B. The new gymnasium and mechanical laboratories on Garrison street will be furnished with light from a new power plant installed in the laboratories. With this addition, all the Institute buildings are lighted by their own electrical equipment.

The department of mining engineering has received one of the new Richard's pulsator jigs and a feeder table for ore concentration.

In the biology department, a new sanitary experimentation has been established in Pierce. Samples of sewerage from the filter beds of the Metropolitan mains at Calf Pasture, Dorchester, will be tested in the new laboratory.

CROSS COUNTRY WON BY WATKINS 1912

Thirty-eight Men Enter First Run of Season

Thirty-eight men reported at Hyde Park, Saturday afternoon to run over the Hare and Hounds' trail laid by H. Benson 1912 and W. C. West 1911. The course was a god one, but the going was easy, as the sharp-witted hares fooled the crowd many times. The men were well bunched all along as the going was such that all men could keep well up, although the last half mile was fast enough for the men to spread out and give a little competition.

The trail was about five miles and it took about 45 minutes to go over it. After finishing, the men had the enjoyment of a swim in the pool, and everyone left in a fine condition.

The few freshmen that put in an appearance showed up well. The leaders at the finish were all well known men. Our star sophomore, H. G. Watkins led the bunch, followed by Van Alstyne 1911, Cartwright 1912, and MacCradie 1912.

Those who reported were: From 1910, John Ahlers, H. C. Frisbee, Elmer Jacobs,

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