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TAU BETA PI PRESENTS IDEA IN FULL

Endorsed By Faculty And Has Chapters In All Leading Institutions

The following is a brief account of the honorary engineering society known as Tau Beta Pi, telling what it is, the reasons for its existence, and the field that it covers.

The reasons for the existence of such a society can be set forth very briefly as follows. The technical student necessarily works under a very high pressure. The work is very extensive and carried over only four years of time, and as time goes on, the amount of work that it is necessary for a student to take increases until it has become a problem how to teach students as much as it is necessary to teach them, and do it in four years. The tendency of all this is to make the technical students narrow and of one idea. They will spend most of their time in study and very little time in anything else; very little time, for instance, in working in their engineering societies, or mingling together or in any of those things which go to make a social life in general.

Then every student who graduates gets exactly the same diploma. A good student gets the same diploma as the poor one, and there is nothing about it which in any way distinguishes the diploma of the good student from that of the poor one.

It seems desirable to have some means of distinguishing the best students in a class. Further, some common meeting ground between faculty and students is desirable. In fact, this last was one of the prime reasons for the establishment of the society.

It is intended to be an undergraduate organization, but there are various faculty members, of course, and in all the institutions in which there are chapters they take considerable interest in the doings of Tau Beta Pi and are present at the meetings with the students on common ground.

It might almost be said to be a clearing house between faculty and students. It helps to do away with the lack of sympathy which is often in evidence between them. It helps them to understand each other and gives the student a much better idea of the faculty. The various engineering societies that are organized in most institutions do not generally accomplish this end. They are nearly all of them entirely given over to undergraduate activities. They are independent of any other society, purely local in their character, and there is a lack of continuity from year to year. Some years, when energetic men are active among the membership, they will be very useful, and at other times when the management is rather inefficient, the society will become very slack, and the members will get very little good out of it.

In an organization, however, of this type, there is a decided advantage in having more or less of the element of secrecy about it. The idea of this society is not to make it a secret society in a narrow and restricted sense.

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New York, March 7.—A dash for the south pole in the Roosevelt, with Capt. Bartlett in command, is the prospect for August next held out by the National Geographic Society in the appeal it has just issued for \$50,000 to supplement the \$10,000 already given by Commander Peary and an unstated sum recently guaranteed by the Peary Arctic Club.

TECHNIQUE 1911 FEELING ITS WAY

A Conservative Board Strives To Bring Out Class Annual Free Of Debt

Technique is in considerable of a quandary in regard to the number of books which they shall order printed. Up to date the number signed for has exceeded expectations considering that there is still over a month before the books is issued. The original intention of the board was to have an edition of 1000 books printed. Although present indications would seem to show that at least 1200 books could be used, the board have decided not to risk their personal funds as has been done in the past years, by ordering more books printed than they are absolutely sure can be used.

Under the advice of Mr. Litchfield of the Technology Review, and of Mr. M. R. Scharff, business manager of Technique 1909, the following conservative statement of books accounted for to date is published with the idea of showing to the student body just how matters stand:

	Books
Cards signed and on file in office,	652
Expected from professors, instructors, etc. (last year 120)	75
Copies to advertisers,	90
Complimentary:	
Members of board, 3 each	60
Technique Rush,	5
Professors (President, Dean, Mrs. Rogers, etc.),	5
Prizes (histories, grinds, art, etc.),	20
Books already paid for, cards given out,	20
Cards signed up and not yet filed in office (estimate low),	50
Total books accounted for,	977
Edition planned,	1000
Difference,	23

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LACK OF INTEREST

Owing to a lack of interest or an ignorance that the nominations closed on Saturday, only four nominations were received for the several offices of the Mechanical Engineering Society. The men nominated for chairman, Morell Mackenzie 1911, N. S. Seeley 1910, for secretary, M. D. Price 1911 and Foster Russell 1911.

It was announced Saturday afternoon that nominations would be received until Monday at 4 P. M., in order that there may be officers for the remaining positions. The vacancies to be filled at this time are those of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and two members of the governing committee from the junior class and one from the sophomore class. The elections will be held at the banquet Tuesday evening. However, if members in good standing who desire to vote and cannot go to the diner, will leave their names with A. P. Truette, Secretary, they will be given ballots due at the Cage before the dinner.

The banquet will be held at the Boston Civic Club at 6.30 P. M. Tickets are \$1.50.

On Saturday the Course VI issue will be published. There are many surprises in it. It will be a record breaker.

T. C. A. COUNCIL ADOPTS CONSTITUTION

Reorganization Means Broader Field of Work--Future Is Bright

At its meeting yesterday afternoon in the Union the T. C. A. council acted upon the final draft of the Constitution. On Wednesday evening after the usual dinner the future plans of the Association will be discussed by the alumni, faculty and students. The constitution in part is as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be Technology Christian Association.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this organization shall be to unite all Christian men of the Institute into one vigorous body, with the purpose of promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of the undergraduate.

ARTICLE III.

Membership in this organization shall consist of all men, either present or former students of the Institute, faculty or instructors or members of the Advisory Board of T. C. A., who having properly signified their desire for membership, shall have been elected by a two-thirds' vote of the members present at any meeting, and who shall fulfill the requirements of membership; to wit:

Sec. 2. Membership shall require approval and support of the objects of the Association above state, and signature to the following:

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THIRTY TAKE EXAMS.

Thirty architectural students, the greater number from the Institute and the others from the various ateliers in Boston, took the Beaux Arts Paris Prize Competition Saturday from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

The subject this year was a monument in a public park, to be seen from one side only, and to be backed by shrubbery and trees. The problem permitted the students to expand to give the greatest latitude to their imagination, which resulted in many charming and original designs.

The twelve hours were speeded along and greatly enlivened by snatches of various songs, from Beethoven's "Symphony in F minor," to "Rings on Her Fingers." Clark betrayed himself by incessantly humming, "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now." Buffet luncheon was served at 6 P. M. and many of the fellows adjourned at P. P. M.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Thirty-three men took advantage of the fine afternoon Saturday and enjoyed a three and a half mile run through the Back Bay district. Chase Captain Eldred 1911 was in charge of the squal, and only allowed a slow pace. The number of freshmen out was gratifying to those juniors who hope to have them defeat the sophomores in the interclass cross-country run.

This run inaugurated the spring Hare and Hound season for this year, and hereafter runs will be held at various places, Hyde Park, Needham, West Roxbury, Wellesley and other suburban resorts.

The following men were on the run: B. C. Huber 1910, O. V. Chamberlin 1910, R. D. Van Alstine 1911, R. S. Gans 1913, H. G. Watkins 1913, G. S. Sawyer 1912, N. Duffett 1911, P. R. Williamson 1912, P. Hart 1910, B.

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FRESHMEN EASILY DEFEAT LOWELL

Lowell Takes Only Five Third Places And Wins Relay Race--Score 58-10

Lowell Textile was easily defeated Saturday by the freshmen in a dual track meet at Lowell. The final score was 58 to 10. The freshmen took the first two places in every event, and in the 25-yd. dash they captured all the places Lowell won the relay race; this was because the freshmen did not run their regular team, but, as Manager Katzenberger said, "We ran our high-jumpers, half-milers and shot-putters, so as to give them a chance to win."

Capt. Trull took two firsts, the 25-yd. dash and 25-yd. low hurdles; R. D. Sampson, the freshman half-miler, also got ten points, making firsts in the 360-yd and 880-yd runs. As was expected, A. S. Milliken easily carried off first in the mile. R. D. Bonney ran a great mile, and would have finished third, but for the fact that there were no banked corners, making it impossible for him to pass his man. W. N. Eichorn won second in the 25-yd. dash and 25-yd. hurdles. The summary:

25-yd. dash—Won by C. E. Trull, W. N. Eichorn second, H. H. Thompson, third. Time 3s.

25-yd. hurdles—Won by Trull, W. N. Eichorn second, Harrison third. Time 4s.

Mile run—Won by A. S. Milliken. C. W. Brett second, Keough third. Time 4m. 54s.

Quarter-mile run—Won by R. D. Sampson, H. O. Burnham second, Carey third. Time 34 3-5s.

High jump—Won by C. O. Fallon, 5ft. 1in.; C. F. Cairns second, Crane third.

Shotput—Won by N. O. McLeod, 40ft.

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BALLOTS READY

Voting For Technique 1912 Committee Now In Progress

Ballots for the election of the Technique 1912 Electoral Committee have been placed at the Cage. Twenty-five men are to be voted for regardless of the Point System. The Executive Committee of the class states that all ballots must be in by Wednesday noon. No votes are to be counted unless all dues are paid to date. The money can be placed in the envelope at the time of voting if desired. The envelope should be sealed and signed on the outside by the voter. A space is left on the ballot for additional nominations in case any names have been left out. President Eicher requests that the men obtain their ballots at the earliest possible moment and return same to the Cage at once. This year's ballot sheet contains 215 names which is over 100 more than on last year's list.

WIRELESS SOCIETY

The meeting of the Wireless Society which was held last Friday will be called this afternoon at 4.00 P. M. in 11 Eng. B. The main object of the meeting is to discuss the measures presented to activities by the Institute Committee asking for unlimited power in all respects over all organizations and activities. Secretary Woehling states that all men who have any ideas on this question should be on hand for the discussion. The business warrants the full membership of the society.