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## DRILL STARTED FOR FRESHMEN BATTALION

### Bi-Weekly Drill Periods For The First Term--Report Of Last Inspection

The organization of the Tech Freshman Battalion was started Wednesday afternoon at the South Armory. Capt. Easton, military instructor at the Institute, made some temporary appointments to captaincies and lieutenants from among last year's non-commissioned officers. Louis R. Golden, captain of last year's prize-winning company, will probably lead the battalion as major this year.

Drill twice a week, with one hour periods instead of two, will be the system for the first term, as it was last year. The same style of drill suit will be worn, but the department has selected a new style of cap, which it is hoped will make a better appearance than the old. Freshmen should exercise considerable discretion in purchasing second-hand drill suits from upper classmen, for all suits must fit well and be in suitable condition to pass a reasonably close inspection. The old style hats will not be tolerated.

Capt. Easton has allowed the report of the inspection of last year's battalion of the inspection of last year's battalion part.

#### QUOTATION FROM INSPECTING OFFICER'S REPORT.

The 252 Cadets present at inspection were organized as Field, Staff, Band and a four-company Battalion.

The drills and ceremonies took place in the South Armory, near the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The battalion review (in quick time) was good; the alignment was excellent. Battalion inspection: rifles were in serviceable condition--most of them contained considerable oil. Most of the Cadets are well set up and wore neat uniforms that fit well. The general appearance was very good. The Cadets questioned had a fair knowledge of nomenclature of the rifle. Most of the band instruments belong to the Institute and were in good condition. The music was good.

The battalion parade, battalion and company close order drills, manual of arms and marching were good. The Institute has no suitable drill grounds or target range.

P. D. LOCHRIDGE, Captain,  
General Staff Corps Inspector.

## TECH MAN WINS PRIZE

### Custer 1912, In Dayton Meet

Two trophies of the recent balloon contests at Dayton, O., were awarded to Luzerne Custer, 1912, of that city. The aviation day committee offered three prizes for the longest distance covered in three hours. The first of these prizes, together with a special prize, for general conditions attending the flight, offered by the International Aeroplane Club, went to Custer, who sailed from Dayton to Sharon, a distance of 42 miles, in the allotted time. He was accompanied on his flight by another Tech student, Freeman Pietzinger, 1911.

Custer is a member of the Junior Class and a Course VI man. He has two more trips to qualify as a balloon pilot and is the inventor of a statorscope, an instrument which records the ascension or descent of the balloon. Although taking the electrical engineering course, he has always taken a deep interest in aeronautic affairs.

## OPPOSITION TO FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE ROUGH-HOUSE

### Several Professors Have Given Their Views On This Matter

The dinner to be given the Class of 1914 brings up a renewal of the time-worn custom of Freshman-Sophomore rough-house, following the kidnapping of the Freshman chairman by the "live" Sophs. The Tech presents the views of a few of the Faculty and men prominent in Institute affairs.

Dean A. E. Burton, in an interview yesterday, stated that such child play hurt the standing of the Institute as a leader among technical schools. "We find no such actions in the Medical or Law Schools, or other technical schools, and why should we have to endure it? I do not believe that it has the general support of the classes involved, but is confined to individual sets. Various members of the Alumni have been to me and protested against the unfortunate newspaper advertising which Technology gets because of such occurrences. I think that it should be done away with."

Prof. A. A. Noyes, former Acting President of M. I. T., and head of the Chemical Research Laboratory, designates it as not in the least appropriate or in accordance with the Institute spirit.

Prof. A. L. Merrill, Secretary of the Faculty, says that a little harmless friction would be all right, but he considers that it has not been kept within the proper limits.

Prof. Talbot, head of the Chemical Department, thinks that it is all foolishness and should be stopped.

Prof. Fuller of the M. E. Department is opposed to it on general principles. He thinks it would be more advisable for the upper classmen to get together and give the Freshmen a good time.

Prof. Bardwell of the Chemical Department says: "It is a deplorable thing and should not be allowed."

Prof. Pope of the same department certainly does not approve.

Prof. Bartlett of the Mathematical Department does not object as long as the rough-house is not carried so far as to disturb the community or inflict personal injuries.

M. R. Scharff, 1909, assistant to the President, is heartily opposed to such actions. He believes that for the last few years the agitation has been principally on the part of upper classmen, who wanted to look on and see the fun.

I. W. Litchfield, 1885, editor of the Technology Review, says: "I am entirely in sympathy with anything to which a real joke is attached, but not with such horse-play and puerile actions as have been carried on for the last few years."

Pres. Eicher of the Class of 1912 says he can see no fun and no advantage to be gained by such actions.

Pres. Holmes of 1913 believes that some such jollity is the natural thing on such an occasion. However, it is his opinion that it should be toned down from year to year and eventually abolished. He believes that it is one of the few touches of college life which we have here and does not expect to see it abolished this year, although nothing will be done by 1913 as a class.

H. E. Kebbon, 1912, editor-in-chief of Technique, 1912, believes it is a good thing, as it gives some spirit to Institute life. He hopes it will not be carried to extremes.

Temporary Chairman Kreuger of 1914 refused to talk, with the exception of stating that he did not have any desire to be kidnapped.

## HARE AND HOUNDS BEGINS SEASON SATURDAY

### First Run Starts From Hyde Park--Train Leaves Back Bay At 2.19

The first Hare and Hound run of the fall season will be held at Hyde Park tomorrow. An easy trail of about five miles will be laid by Capt. H. G. Watkins, 1912, and R. S. Sampson, 1913, starting from the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A. The train leaves Back Bay Station at 2.19, and round trip fare amounts to 25 cents.

A brief outline of the purpose and character of these runs may prove of benefit to those who are interested in out-door distance running, but have never been on one of these runs, for it appeals not only to candidates for the cross-country team, but to all who have no other athletic exercise and who seek some open-air work.

Almost every Saturday during the spring and fall the squad goes to one of the outlying suburbs. Two or more men are chosen, who are acquainted with the country, to run as hares and lay a trail of cut paper for the others, running as hounds, to follow. This trail leads across fields, fences, cornstubble, marsh and macadam, and gives a decided relief from the monotony of city streets, aside from its practical value in cross-country training and general development.

After laying a trail over half the proposed length of the run, the hares return another route to some point within about a half mile from the start, where they stop laying trail and leave their bags. When the hounds reach the place where the scent ends, they look for the bags, and then sprint for the finish.

This final race-in comes as a supreme test of speed and endurance, coming, as it does, after the long, slow strain of the main course. As the men arrive, each one is handed a card with the order of his finish.

While of course these runs are chiefly for candidates for the cross-country team, many show up regularly who have no thoughts of making the team, but who seek merely the physical benefits to be acquired by out-of-door exercise. These men are encouraged partly because a fellow who has never done any long-distance running, or at least has never excelled in it, frequently has developed into valuable team material in a comparatively short time. To accommodate such men, two squads are run as soon as the season gets in full swing. The first, or fast, squad includes candidates for the 'varsity' or class teams; the other, or slow squad, travels at a slower rate, adjusting its pace to that of the slowest man in it. Any man in the fast squad who finds the pace too hot for him can drop back into the slow squad and finish with it.

The runs at Hyde Park are particularly popular. The Y. M. C. A. building is thrown open to the men and its shower baths and swimming pool are at their service. These luxuries are appreciated to the full after the long, hot, dusty trail and are thoroughly enjoyed. Several good courses are laid out in this town, and the Blue Hills and Stony Brook reservations are within easy reach. The first run of each season is usually held here.

E. W. DeWitt, 1911, chase captain, urges all men interested to be ready with running togs and shoes without spikes for the train from Back Bay tomorrow at 2.19.

## FRESHMEN HOLD THE FIRST MEETING OF YEAR

### Dean Burton Delivers Welcome Addresses--Kreuger Chosen Temporary Chairman

It was a most enthusiastic crowd of Freshmen that assembled in Huntington Hall last Wednesday to hear Dean Burton give the annual welcoming address to the entering class. The hall was crowded and all 1914 men, as well as a number of upper classmen, listened attentively to what the Dean had to say. President Maclaurin it was hoped would also be present, but, owing to an unfortunate delay, he did not appear.

In his address, Dean Burton emphasized the fact that the Institute is primarily a place for men to work. Impressing upon the men that they have come for a serious purpose, he cautioned them to aid in upholding the good name of Technology. All unsportsmanlike interclass competition is now receiving the disapproval of every one connected with the Institute. The Dean also urged the men of the entering class that a strong, healthy body is as necessary as a well-trained mind. During the address, Dean Burton spoke of Military Drill and Freshman gymnasium exercises, and mentioned the fact that conscientious work on the part of all the men was expected.

At the close of the address A. Eicher, President of last year's Sophomore Class, organized for the first time the Class of 1914. He issued a call for men to try for the various class teams, and his remarks were followed by the following men, who also urged the men to try for positions on the teams: J. Whittlesey for football, L. A. Duyser for tug-of-war, J. S. Grant for relay, H. S. Benson for track work and R. H. Ranger for The Tech.

The Freshmen then elected Theodore Kreuger of Winchester, Mass., for temporary chairman, and R. C. Davernus, T. L. Close and R. D. Brown for managers of football, relay and tug-of-war, respectively.

## FIFTEEN CANDIDATES REPORT FOR ROWING

Fall rowing practice started yesterday afternoon. In spite of the fact that no general announcement had been made, fifteen men reported at the Union Boat Club boathouse ready for practice. This included four new men, who were not out last year, one of them a Freshman. The shell used last spring is available now, and as soon as enough candidates report, at least one more will be secured. The work yesterday was on the machines, but the squad will undoubtedly get on the river this week.

Manager Herreschoff has arranged no races this fall, except between the first and second crews. No definite crew will be picked, but every man who reports for practice will be given a chance to row in a shell.

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## CALENDAR.

Friday, Sept. 30.

7:30--T. C. A. Reception to freshmen at the Union

Saturday, Oct. 1

6:30--The Tech freshman dinner at the Union.