Mr. Babson Tells of Science of Forecasting Business Prosperity.

Room 13, Eng. B, was crowded yesterday afternoon with men who listened for an hour with much interest to the talk by Roger W. Babson, ’98, on “Forecasting Business Conditions.” Mr. Babson is President of the Babson Statistical Organization, Inc., and in his talk engaged a line of work which is unique in many respects.

“The work of the Organization bears some similarity to that of the Weather Bureau. Under Mr. Babson’s direction merchants and financial conditions are studied all over the country, and weekly reports, charts and prosperity maps are sent out to the subscribers. Those latter are of two types, the one a map of the country showing what might be called high and low pressure areas of financial activity, and the other a composite chart indicating the prosperity by means of the markets in foodstuffs, clothing, and bonds. Study extending over a long period of years has shown these to be governed by certain laws, and by means of these it is possible to forecast conditions some time ahead with a considerable degree of accuracy. Mr. Babson discussed these and advised the students to keep as familiar as possible with financial matters, as the knowledge is of invaluable aid in the commercial world. He also advised them to spend the time they usually spend wondering what they will do after graduation in doing something more useful, and cited himself as an example of one who fell into an occupation of which he never could have dreamed in school.

Announcements of the annual banquet to be held May 7th were made, they being substantially as reported in THE TECH yesterday. Further announcements will be made at a later date.

Dudley E. Bell was elected captain of the team at a meeting of the members yesterday.

1917 PLAYS ANDOVER

Freshman Baseball Team Leaves North Station At 2:14.

The Freshman baseball team will leave this afternoon from the North Station on the 2:14 train for Andover. The following fellows will meet in the main waiting room at 2:06 sharp so that they can get seats together on the train: Kendall, Henderson, Cady, Simpson, Story, Stevens, Gardner, McQuaid, Bell, Farnsworth. The team will be the same that faced the Sophs last Saturday except for changes in the outfield made to strengthen the stick work of the team. Henderson will probably do the pitching for the Freshmen with Cady playing center field and Simpson right. The strength of the Andover team is as yet unknown as this will be their first game and they will probably show the lack of experience. The Freshmen have played three games and, although they have not been victories, each has served its purpose so that today the Freshmen will put on the field the strongest lineup which has yet represented them. Henderson is in top-notch form and with good support the team should give a good account of itself.

EXPOSITION AND CANAL IN ILLUSTRATED TALK

Monthly Arranges Talk On May Ninth in Huntington Hall—Free.

“The Panama Canal and The Panama Pacific International Exposition” is the subject of a lecture to be given under the auspices of the Technology Monthly in Huntington Hall on Saturday, the 9th of May. Mr. L. L. Lick, the lecturer, will illustrate his talk with over two hundred fifty stereopticon slides showing the only recent pictures taken at the Canal and the Exposition. The Monthly secured Mr. Lick through the courtesy of the Commissioner General of the Exposition. Tickets will be issued later this week and will be given to all students and faculty desiring them for themselves or for their friends. The management of the Monthly hopes that many of the students will avail themselves of this opportunity and will bring their friends with them.

The lecture will start at 8 F. M. and last a little over an hour. All tickets are absolutely free.

TEennis Association

Spring Tournament Entries Will Be Extended to Thursday.

The tournament has decided to extend the time for receiving entries for the spring tournament to Thursday, April 30th, at 6 p.m. From present indications this year’s tournament should be even more successful than that of a year ago. Not only is the list of entries larger but the standard of tennis played by the entrants is far superior to that exhibited in the past Tech tournaments.

The association according to custom has ranked seven men whose showing in the fall tournament entitles them to be considered as the leading men from which the Institute team will be chosen. Each man on this list is entitled to challenge the man directly above him for a better position. In no case may a man challenge anyone more than a rating above him. Any man in the Institute is privileged to challenge the last man on the list for his position; and, in the event of his defeating him, he may continue to try to improve his ranking by challenging the man directly above him. The following is the ranking:

1. H. R. Stewart
2. H. B. Goodwin
3. R. A. Warren
4. E. H. V. Farnsworth
5. L. P. Polley
6. F. L. Hurlbut
7. D. E. Woolbridge

The 8th annual meeting of the Ohio College Press Association will be held in Oberlin on May 8th. Twelve different college newspapers will be represented.

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