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## NAVAL PLATTSBURG HAS SUCCESSFUL CRUISE

### About Fifty Technology Undergraduates Brave Life on Battle Cruiser.

About fifty Technology undergraduates were participants in the Naval Training Cruise given for civilians this summer. The majority of this number were assigned to the U. S. S. Virginia leaving from the port of Boston; but some left on battleships assigned to the naval districts from which the individual men came.

The Virginia left Boston on August 14th, sailing first to Newport, R. I., where about thirty men were taken aboard, bringing the enrollment of the civilian crew to about two hundred. From there the ship went to Block Island, where anchorage was made for two days. Here the civilian crews from each of the eight battleships, nearly a total of eighteen hundred men, which had mobilized at this point, were given shore leave on a Sunday.

The little island was literally swamped with would-be sailors and every store in sight sold out its entire stock of food, candy and smokes to the hungry bunch that had survived thus far mainly on beans (not Boston baked) and sugarless and milkless coffee. The island, which had not yet awakened before the crews disembarked, looked like a corner of Wall street on a busy day. The "sailors" took a distinct dislike to all Fords, and whenever one was sighted, about thirty men would pile on it, and another thirty would grab every stationary part of the machine and hold it fast until the driver gave up in disgust. The lone horse car was swamped as soon as it was seen, and someone, on spotting a saddle horse, took possession of him and drove him into the leading hotel onto the ballroom floor.

The flooring capsized; although part of the hotel verandas by a ship's band and such a crowd accumulated that the booring capsized and although part of the crowd had a drop of about four feet, no one was hurt. These capers could not be entirely attributed to the sons of Technology, although they had their share of equally mild amusement.

Leaving Block Island, the entire fleet left to take part in the war manoeuvres. The reserve fleet, to which the civilians were detailed, could not take a very active part in the war game because of the depleted crew of regulars, but it plied between New York and Cape May on an average of from fifty to two hundred and fifty miles from shore and out of sight of land continuously for a week. During this time, crews were detailed to various duties for such drills at battery practise, torpedo defense, fire stations, and infantry drill. Individuals were given various duties to attend to.

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## UNDERGRADUATE OFFICES.

### Temporary Quarters Provided in Basement for Activities.

The offices of the undergraduate activities are at present located in the basement of building 1, and may be reached directly from the entrance and stairway nearest the Massachusetts Avenue corner. One of the storage rooms has been appropriated to their use pending the construction of the Walker Memorial, and it is probable that it will be necessary to remain in these quarters all the year. Some degree of order has been established, although Tech Show and Track have not yet unpacked their belongings. The partitions are of chicken wire, and divide the room into compartments about fifteen feet wide by twenty feet long. While not luxurious the arrangement provides enough space and plenty of well-distributed light, and the "cagey" appearance of the place is rather unique.

## TECHNIQUE 1918

The competition for Assistant Business Managers of Technique 1918 is tomorrow. Candidates will please report at the Technique office in room 1-072 at 5 o'clock Tuesday, Sept. 26. This competition is open to all members of the class of 1918, and will last for a month.

## T. C. A. ACTIVITIES

### Organization to Carry on and Develop Previous Work.

Previous to the closing of the Institute last June, the Technology Christian Association made its preparations for aiding the incoming students, throughout the summer the various committees were at work arranging details for their reception.

Since the opening of the New Buildings this fall the T. C. A. has retained two desks in the lobby of the Administration Building where the students are requested to register in the files of the Christian Association and the activities. Upon registering they receive copies of the Tech "Bible" and can obtain information concerning lodging and boarding houses which are recommended to the students. The "Bible" this year contains the names of a large number of these houses and supplementary lists are also available to the new men. In compiling these lists, the T. C. A. inspects each house and collects information concerning them, and assuming the responsibility for their character, either recommending them or declines to do so.

Over one hundred men have been selected by the Technology Christian Association to act in the capacity of advisors to the new students. These men communicated with the incoming students during the summer and arranged to meet them of their arrival in Cambridge. The Faculty Room was set aside for their use. It was the advisors' duty to aid the men in registering and locating themselves and also to interest them in the student activities at the Institute.

The appointment of these men is in accordance with a plan that has been developed by the T. C. A. for several years past with the co-operation of Dean Burton, who lent this movement his active support. This is another instance where the student body at Technology has assumed control of what in other institutions is vested solely in the faculty.

The T. C. A. is co-operating with Registrar Humphrey in attending to the registration of students, and since the beginning of the registration, members have been in charge of the distribution of the material.

Yesterday the T. C. A. Cabinet met at the Point Pines to discuss and plan the work of the Association for the coming year. Mr. C. B. Shedd, the

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## PHOTO FOR TECHNIQUE

Technology is desirous of securing any photographs connected with student activities which would be suitable for use in the book. Prints or negatives may be sent to the Technique office in the basement of Building 1, or with Photographic Editor L. H. Flett.

## "CAF" NOW OPEN IN INSTITUTE BUILDINGS

### Large Facilities For Feeding Students Pending Completion of Memorial.

One of the serious problems that has confronted the authorities of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the question of food for the students. The Institute is at a considerable distance from restaurants of a capacity that could care for the peak load at rush hours. Technology is to establish its own lunch room, and this will be open to students and professors Monday, September 25, at noon. It is planned to have in the new Walker Memorial a dining hall which shall be the largest in the metropolis of Boston, a great room in which a thousand can be seated at tables at the same time, but the Walker Memorial is not yet above the ground and the students who will be hungry at noon are only one week distant. To bridge the time between now and next spring, when the Memorial will be ready, the Tech authorities, represented by H. S. Ford, the Bursar, under whose ken the restaurant with its finances naturally comes, have decided on an arrangement which may be even more than temporary. The lunch room will be well placed and well lighted, and with the management that will have in charge the great permanent dining room. By some oversight on the part of the planners there was one corner of the basement not put to immediate use. This space in the basement of the wing fronting on the Parkway and farthest from Massachusetts Avenue, is a room fifteen feet high, one hundred and sixty

feet long and fifty feet wide. On Boylston Street the Institute has already had some experience in catering to the students, and at the Union perhaps two hundred could be seated and two relays cared for at noontime. The catering there was under the care of Mr. Colton, who has charge of the culinary department at the Summer Sur-

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## COMMUNICATION.

"Hereafter the publication formerly known in literary and engineering circles first as the Technology Monthly, then as The Technology Monthly and Harvard Engineering Journal, shall be known as the Technology Monthly and Engineering Journal."

This action has been taken in order that the Alumni, Faculty and Students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology shall have a monthly publication devoted to undergraduate affairs at the Institute, and a journal of engineering literature—a magazine of Technology men and affairs.

(Signed) Linwood I. Noyes.  
Frank C. Howard.

## INAUGURAL CELEBRATION

### Open Air Mass Meeting Friday to Greet New Class.

Friday evening, Sept. 29, the first of a series of mass meetings, or "Court-nytes," will be held in and about Building 10 (the Administration building of the new Institute). The ceremony at this time will take the form of a reception to the incoming students. At 7 o'clock the class of 1920 is scheduled to meet in the hall of Building 10, in front of which a roped-off enclosure will be made in the shape of a U. The class of 1917 will gather in front of the roped-off space, the 1918 men in the court before the east wing and the 1919 men in front of the west wing. A band will be stationed in the central space.

At 8 o'clock a procession of the three upper classes in order of seniority will be formed. After marching around the court, the throng will halt, forming by classes on the same sides of the enclosure as before, but so as to surround it closely. The freshman class will descend from the building, while the students sing "Take Me Back to Tech." President MacLaurin will then address the students from the front steps, a searchlight being used to illuminate the spot where he speaks. As a closing ceremony, the Stein Song will be sung.

This form of inaugural ceremony is novel, and will owe much of its success to the impressive setting afforded by the new buildings and their courts. It does not, however, take the place of the freshman banquet and snake-dance held in former years.

## MUSICAL CLUB TRYOUTS.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday try-

outs for the banjo, glee and mandolin clubs, under the supervision of the musical clubs' coach. These tryouts are preliminary only, and men with reasonable ability will be given opportunity to demonstrate before the final cuts are made.

The season will open with a concert at the Franklin Square House, Boston, on November 7. This date is two weeks earlier than the usual opening, so the management feels that it is important to get under way immediately, in order to be ready for the first concert. Last year the men gave concerts at various places in and around Boston, as well as New York, Philadelphia, Schenectady, Springfield and other places on the midyear trip. There are prospects of a good trip this year, but definite plans are being withheld until the final schedule is made up.

**THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE NEWS STAFF OF THE TECH ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 1.05 P. M., IN THE TECH OFFICE, ROOM 1-075.**

## SIXTH MAINE SUMMER CAMP VOTED SUCCESS

### Seventy-two Course I. Men Enjoy Sojourn—Social Diversions Many.

From July 25 to September 15, Technology held its sixth annual summer camp at Gardners Lake, Maine, with a total attendance of seventy-two students, in charge of Professors Robbins and Russell of the Civil Engineering Department. Fair weather, with the exception of two rainy days, and the absence of cliques among the students, led many of those who have attended the camps for several years to regard the 1916 camp as the most successful since the site has been Gardners Lake.

It has been the custom in past years for the students to give entertainments for diversion and for the raising of money for a gift which each class gives to the camp. This year the big event was a minstrel show and dance, given at the Town Hall at East Machias. With six end men and fourteen in the chorus, a program of songs and gags was given, the most noteworthy being the performance of the double quartette. Over one hundred dollars was cleared, which was spent for a giant moose head to be placed in Bemis Hall, the remainder of the money being reserved partly for a set of pictures for the camp buildings and partly for a permanent fund to help the succeeding classes in financing their entertainments.

Among the other social activities at the camp were two tea-dances, each preceded by a baseball game. To these dances were invited the belles from East Machias and other neighboring

villages. And on Labor Day afternoon an open house was held for the entire countryside within driving distance. This annual house warming is so well known that it is unnecessary to send invitations, each native looking forward to Labor Day afternoon at the Tech camp.

On the morning of Labor Day a field day was held under the auspices of a Field Day Committee. By winning almost half of the points in the entire meet, Robert T. Collier, '18, succeeded in winning the Individual Cup. A New York State team was formed by L. R. Bartlett, J. H. Nelson, W. R. Robinson and R. Rimbach, who challenged the team from any other state. The New Yorkers were beaten by the Massachusetts team by a small margin.

The M. I. T. camp has always had student government. During the first few days the class organizes, electing four committees, house, dining room, entertainment and field and sports. In addition to the above there is a Chairman of the Student Council and a Secretary, who with the chairmen of the various committees form the student council. The student council meets once a week, while a meeting of the entire student body is held every two weeks. The officers for the 1916 camp follow:

Chairman Student Council—J. R. Longley, '18.  
Secretary—W. A. Jones, '18.

Entertainment Committee—S. A. McGregory, '18. Chairman; H. J. Coyne, '18; A. W. Caird, '18.

House Committee—E. A. Mead, '18. Chairman; B. M. McDill, '18, W. H. Robertson, '18.

Dining Room Committee—D. N. Rubin, '18. Chairman; G. F. Halfacre, '18, E. R. Stewart, '18.

Field and Sports Committee—G. F. Malley, '18. Chairman; F. R. Creedon, '18, J. M. Hanley, '18.

At the last meeting of the student body a committee on reunions was elected. Two reunions will be held during the coming year, at which the winners of the chess, checkers, and bridge whist tournaments will be announced.

## CALENDAR.

**Monday, September 25, 1916.**  
1.00 P. M.—President's address to new students. Room 10-250.  
4.00 P. M.—Meeting of Technology Monthly staff. Room 1-075.  
5.00 P. M.—Registration closes.  
**Tuesday, September 26, 1916.**  
5.00 P. M.—Candidates for Assistant Business Managers meet in Technique office, 1-075.

The increased cost of paper stock and other raw materials has forced us to raise the price of The Tech to five cents per copy. The yearly subscription price will remain one dollar and fifty cents, if paid before November first, as this will enable us to obtain all possible discounts on our bills.

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