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1916 FIELD DAY

WHILE the tug-o-war went to the Sophomores in record-breaking time and the first-year men had their own way in the relay race, the football game was a very stubbornly contested event, in spite of the high score totalled by the victorious freshmen. Outweighed by sixteen pounds to the man, and handicapped by the loss of Thomas, their star, 1919 played a gallant game down to the last minute.

Far from insignificant was the part played by the freshmen in parading on the field after the games were over. More than two hundred neophytes stayed on and gave vent to their idea of how victory should be celebrated. The demonstration was clean and high-spirited, quite of the kind of which we hope to see more in the future.

At the Colonial in the evening the same spirit was apparent. There was not the slightest indication of rowdyism in the cheering and singing between acts, and in the hearty applause given the performers. The only marring detail was the tasteless intrusion of a few freshmen into the orchestra seats. On the whole the spirit of 1916 Field Day was genuinely lively and untainted by callow exhibition.

THE CREW RACE

THE boat race added a new and desirable feature to the Field Day program. There is no doubt that it contributed in no small way to Saturday's unusual success of our annual event. Although it did not have the importance nor the interest that it probably would, if it had been listed as one of the deciding events, yet under the circumstances it was better that it was not so placed.

In the first place, we can by no means be certain that the two classes will be able to support an additional item, especially in view of the difficulty that has so often been experienced in getting proper representation for the regular teams. Crew this year was a new sport, and its novelty may have contributed largely to the support rendered it and to its success. Only the experience of a year or two more will enable us to decide definitely whether or not this sport can claim enough interest to justify its addition to the Field Day program, or its substitution for one of the present events.

A NECESSARY CHANGE

MAJOR COLE explains in another column the present status of the Engineer Corps and the changes that are to be made, either in the event that a special legislative act may better our conditions with the War Department, or in the alternative rejection of such a plan. In the absence of positive information a wise step has been taken in temporarily organizing, for the space of the present Institute year, a Corps similar to that of last year. No pledges of future action are required nor is any obligation to summer camp duty assumed. It is hoped that the movement, although handicapped by the indecision of its official position, may be supported with the thoroughness that marks a genuine "Tech" institution.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech.

Dear Sir:—I desire to make the following announcement to clear up any misunderstanding which may easily be general in regard to the organization of the Engineer Corps. Under the law as has been quite fully set forth in Tech men entering into the regular work of the Reserve Officers Training Unit have to pledge themselves to certain courses and to a certain number of hours, to agree to go to certain camps, etc. While this gives certain money compensation and free uniforms, etc., the President is convinced after thorough investigation of the matter that it would be impossible for us to comply with the provisions of the law at Tech and is making certain recommendations as to a course which would secure us the privileges of this Act and still fit in with our system. While the alternative proposed is so good that it is hard to see how it can be rejected yet it will take so much discussion that I doubt very much whether we can get it in running order this term or even this year unless it should be authorized quite promptly. Then unless they allowed men who could spare the time to make up back work I doubt if the pay provisions could be made to apply to men now in the Junior or Senior Classes. I hope to have the men who desire to participate in the system as it may be adopted who are now Sophomores to take sufficient work this year to qualify for the full benefits next year.

Meanwhile we have many men interested in the work of the Engineer Corps who would not be able or willing to give more than a couple of hours per week to any extra course. For these men and those desiring to put in work for future qualifications I am now organizing the Engineer Corps on a strictly volunteer basis. We believe that we can make this work both interesting and valuable. You can join without fear of committing yourself to

anything except that if you only desire to come when you have nothing else of more interest on hand you had better stay out.

The organization is being made with the distinct understanding that you commit yourself to nothing except to do the prescribed work and submit to the necessary discipline imposed. You pledge yourself to absolutely nothing beyond this in the way of making the course essential to graduation or to going to any camps or anything more than was imposed last year. If the new scheme as modified by the suggestions of Dr. MacLaurin to fit Technology conditions should be accepted its provisions with its advantages, liabilities, pledges, etc., will be fully explained by me and those who then care to take up the extra responsibilities will do so only by signing formal agreements.

We would like to get the Volunteer Engineer Corps started as soon as possible and hope all those interested will hand in schedules of possible time available to Prof. Howard without delay. We have a large number who have already signified their desire to join but from questions asked me I fear some are neglecting to do so because they are afraid of committing themselves to conditions which they do not understand.

EDWIN T. COLE,
Major, U. S. Army.

FRESHMEN WIN, 20-0

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By means of two line plunges the Sophs carried the ball to the freshmen's 7-yard line. Thomas was injured on this play and had to be carried off the field. The Sophs were held by the frosh and lost the ball on an unsuccessful dropkick. The freshmen now had the ball on the Sophs' 20-yard line. By a series of long end runs and cross-bucks the freshmen carried the ball down the field. The first quarter ended with a long run by Captain Nathan, placing the ball on



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the Sophs' 7-yard line.

Second Quarter

In two plays the freshmen put the ball over for a touchdown, Captain Nathan gaining the necessary six inches. Abercrombie kicked the goal. Right tackle Welcomme of the Sophs was retired because of an injured ankle. The ball see-sawed back and forth between the two teams for the remainder of the quarter: no scores were made and no brilliant plays were executed. Time was called when the Sophs had the ball on the freshman 45-yard line.

Third Quarter

The freshmen again scored in this quarter by a series of line plunges and a long end run by Bradley for thirty-five yards for a touchdown. Young was knocked out on this play and was forced to retire. No other scores were made this quarter.

Fourth Quarter

The freshmen received aid by means of line bucks brought the ball to the Sophs' 50-yard line. On a trick play Nathan broke through left tackle for a touchdown. Abercrombie kicked the goal.

FIELD DAY DINNER

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never intended to be run like a game of ping-pong; we expect some roughness and we expect accidents, especially in a football game. What I did not like to see was the look of exultation which I fear existed on the faces of the winning freshman team when some of the best players among the Sophomores were knocked out. I trust we are not going to develop that idea so common among players of football, that it is an accomplishment to knock out the other fellow. If you can beat your opponent by skilful play or good head-work, you are to be congratulated; but there is no glory in being obliged to put him out of the game in order to win. Usually in Field Day football the players are all of a class, and there is no star that has to be knocked out to let the other fellows win. In regard to the Cabot Medals, I am glad to see that our Chinese students are at last taking their Physical Training seriously."

Dr. Rowe then introduced Frank Kanaly, who congratulated the 1920 relay team on their victory, but warned them against overconfidence on the score of this year's success. He said: "Our track and cross-country prospects are now of the brightest. With support from the men now here we have the best of

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