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During this time and before there seems to have been a good deal of unfriendly feeling between the different courses; and The Tech was the saving factor in that it brought the students into closer contact with the other courses and with each other. This is brought out by the editorial which appears in first edition. It says "The aim of founding the paper was to af-



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told a means of more general intercourse among the students, the need of which had long been felt. Our students, as they are without the usual dormitory life of college, see but little of one another outside their work in the buildings and this work in one department is oftentimes nearly independent of that in the others, so that classmates in different courses may be almost strangers. It was principally to overcome this difficulty, and to bring the students more together, that the paper was established; and once started, many reasons have appeared for continuing and improving it."

With Volume V came a change in the day of issue of the paper and also a change of printers. Heretofore The Tech had been issued on Wednesday and the printer from Alfred Mudge & Son at 24 Franklin St., to Frank Wood,

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Of the 131 men who held positions on the first fifteen boards of The Tech, 117 are still living and the following statistics have been compiled concerning them:

Course	No. of men	
I	17	
II	24	
III	21	
IV	20	
V	8	
VI	15	
VII	5	
VIII	1	
IX	16	
X	3	
XI	3	
XIII	1	
	134	
Names counted twice	3	

Total 131

Concerning the present positions of these men who have been out of the Institute for twenty years or more:

- 59 are presidents or hold executive positions, 4 of these being railroad executives and 3 steel executives.
- 14 are architects or in the construction business.
- 8 are engineers, four doing consulting work.
- 6 are editors or publishers.
- 6 are professors.
- 4 are bankers or brokers.
- 4 are physicians or surgeons.
- 3 are lawyers or designers.
- 2 are authors.
- 10 cannot be included in a particular group.

but that is now changed to Thursday 352 Washington St., who was employed until 1909 when The Tech became a daily.

At the beginning of the fall term, October 1892, The Tech became a weekly. The subscription price was raised to \$2.50 and the price of a single copy was changed from 15 to 10 cents. The date of issue was then every Thursday.

With Volume VIII Technology seems to have begun to realize that a vacation of one week at Christmas was wholly desirable and by cutting down the vacation to one day at Thanksgiving the vacation at Christmas is raised from one day to the long-hoped-for week. There is much discussion in this volume about the proposed "Junior Week."



HORACE B. GALE '83
Director Volume I

During the life of Volume XV a rather amusing incident occurred in the old office in Rogers. This is the way in which Lester D. Gardner, now editor of "Aviation" tells it:

"The old room in Rogers three flights up over the doorway, was the common lounging room between all lectures and was used as a smoking-room; it being the only place in Rogers where the students could smoke without the can-

ine nose of good old janitor John detecting them. One noon a stray cigarette butt was thrown into the large wash basin which was used as a waste basket. Soon the whole paper basket was ablaze but with more thought of getting caught than preserving the dignity of the Tech board, everyone rushed for the windows, closed them, threw wet towels around the cracks in the doors and then put out the fire. In order not to attract attention to the smoke, it was held in the room for some time and gradually let out through the top of the window. The basket was smuggled out and no one was the wiser."

In 1905 The Tech became a tri-weekly and in 1909 it was made a daily under the management of R. H. Ranger 1911. When the hard times came in 1913, however, the Board was forced to abandon the idea of a daily and restored it to a tri-weekly, which it has been ever since.



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