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## TECHNOLOGY PREPARES

YESTERDAY'S overflow preparedness meeting stands as impressive evidence of the sincerity of the Technology undergraduates in their attitude on the Great War. To date many American colleges have exhibited a decided "rah rah" form of expressing their allegiance to the flag and it is noteworthy that this blatant characteristic is not a part of the make-up of the Institute personnel. In a quiet but effective way the preparations for preparedness have been materially advanced until today with laboratories at the disposal of the Government, the instructing staff ready to be of inestimable value in research and administrative work, a body of technically trained alumni that is forming itself into an important reserve element backed by that of the present student body,—with this beginning, those outside of the Institute may realize that Technology is ready to bear her share of the brunt of war. Advertising and calls for applause are not a part of the Technology preparations, but when the call comes men of the Institute legions will serve in a decidedly efficient capacity.

## A SECOND CHANCE

SENIORS are presumed to be well trained in the performance of their duties. They are looked upon as leaders of undergraduate life and are generally regarded as patterns after which the lower-classmen govern themselves. But what is the reason for the apparent passivity exhibited by the fourth year men in the matter of the class day elections? Last week a ballot was issued to the men of 1917 and out of three hundred and seventy-five ballots mailed, only fifty-six were returned to the election committee at the end of the fifth day! The publication of this wretched fact is a stigmatizing indictment of the Seniors' traditional interest in class affairs. It is preposterous to imagine that a representative class day committee of twenty-five men is to be selected when but few over half a hundred go to the polls.

The sentimental value attached to the Class Day should be realized by all who will share in its delights. To have a day that will be remembered because of the consummate satisfaction it afforded calls for the election of a capable committee which is to arrange a program that is complete to the last detail.

A second ballot was prepared not because the first was so completely a failure, but rather on account of a resettlement of the class rating of a number of men. This gives the large number of delinquent voters a second opportunity to renew acquaintance with the class due collectors and to cast a vote which will be worthy of being called a CLASS vote.

Four hundred and ninety-two corrected ballots have been mailed to the Seniors. To have these ballots serve their purpose twenty-five men must be chosen before 1.30 p. m. tomorrow. A repetition of the former weak vote will be inexcusable.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

TECHNOLOGY will be strongly represented in the I. C. A. A. A. A. indoor track meet at Philadelphia tomorrow, and judging from past performances of our track men and the present make-up of the Institute team, the student body may well entertain the belief that Technology's place in the athletic sunlight will be materially enlarged. With quality teams competing in four events, we have conviction that M. I. T. will share the spoils of the victors.

And while the runners are adding to our prestige in Pennsylvania, the wrestling team will be doing its share to effect the same result much nearer at hand. Those who are wont to "cheer Tech to victory" may satisfy their inclinations by attending the N. E. I. C. wrestling meet scheduled for Saturday evening at Hemingway gymnasium.

The sympathy of all those who are connected with the Institute goes out to Professor Spofford at this time when he has suffered a great grief.

## TO NAME DORMS

Suggest Runkle, Henck, Lanza and Richards to Replace Letters

At a meeting of sections B, D and E of the Dormitory, held in Room C-504 last Tuesday evening, the subject of giving each section a name instead of a letter as at present was discussed. Section C has already met and voted to call their house Runkle Hall, in honor of President Runkle, the second president of the Institute, subject to the approval of the Corporation. The other names under consideration are Henck, Lanza and Richards. Dean Burton explained the associations which these men had with the Institute and that much of the prestige which the Institute has gained may be ascribed to their efforts.

The late Professor J. P. Henck was the first professor of Civil Engineering at Technology, coming here in 1865, and working untiringly in behalf of the neer hel aid out a large part of what is now the Back Bay. Professor Lanza is now Professor Emeritus, having come to the Institute in 1871, and retiring after 40 years of service. While here he was connected with the Mechanical Engineering Department and is now consulting engineer for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Professor Richards, who is also Professor Emeritus, was connected with Technology for forty-six years and was head of the Mining Department for a large part of that period. These names will be submitted to the different sections by their respective committees and, after being voted on, the matter will be referred to the Corporation.

After the business of the evening Dean Burton spoke on his associations with Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary. Dean Burton attended Bowdoin College at the same time that the explorer was a student there, and after graduation was closely connected with him in government topographical work at Washington. He made a trip with Peary to Greenland when the latter had discovered an enormous meteorite on the northern ice fields and wished to bring it back to this country. The feat of moving this specimen, weighing some seventy tons, to the American Museum in New York, was an engineering accomplishment worthy of note.

## COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of The Tech.

Dear Sir:—

I would like to call attention to a mistake that I believe the management of the Tech Show has made. According to an announcement in your columns, the award of the Show Poster has been given to O. R. Freeman, whose class numerals are fixed as 1916. Perhaps this was done to give the impression that Freeman is at present attending the Institute as a graduate student, but if my recollection serves me right, he is at this date working in a down-town office. His name is not listed in the catalog of the Institute students. The mistake the Show has made is thus giving the award to Mr. Freeman. If the posters of the undergraduates handed in were not up to the standard, I believe that it is the duty of the Show to try to improve the same by advice from the instructors in the architectural department, as far as possible, and use them. My impression is that the Show is an undergraduate undertaking. If they are going outside in any way, why not let some of our famous architect-artists design the poster, or if there is a shortage of suitable heroines, bring Fritz Staub up from New York for the performances? That would be as justifiable as to go out of our undergraduate ranks as in the present instance. I sincerely hope that the Show Management will reconsider their decision and patronize "home talent" in both their posters instead of only one. G. R. WHITE '18.

## FACULTY COMPLETES LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR B. S. DEGREES

The list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science for the present year has been presented to the Faculty, and all persons whose names are on it have been notified individually. The list cannot now be changed except by the vote of the Faculty and any student expecting to be recommended for the degree this year should consult me if he has not been notified that his name is on the list.

A. L. MERRILL,  
Secretary.

## CLASS DAY BALLOTS

The new ballots for the Senior Class Day Committee elections were mailed Tuesday to all Seniors who have paid their class dues. The ballots are due at the Caf by 1.30 tomorrow afternoon.

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