

PRESIDENT MACLAURIN GIVES ANNUAL REPORT

Reviews Successive Steps Leading to Establishment of New Buildings—Recommends Making Institute Research Center

NEED ENDOWMENTS FOR FUTURE

The annual report made recently by President Maclaurin to the Corporation of the Institute contained a brief review of the successive steps which led up to the establishment of Technology in its new buildings on the Cambridge side of the Charles.

In speaking of the change from Boston, Dr. Maclaurin writes: "The event that overshadows all others in the past year has been the realization of the hopes and dreams of many years through the occupancy of a great group of buildings on a site that is ample for present purposes and that gives room for large expansion in the future." The first practical step toward this end, according to the President, was the help of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and this was one of the most important in carrying the Institute through its physical expansion. Closely following this aid came a donation of a half million from Coleman du Pont, which was followed by sufficient funds for the purchasing of the property. Regarding this purchase, which consisted of fifty acres, Dr. Maclaurin writes: "Once here, it is more generally recognized than ever before how admirably suited is that site for all of our purposes." After the purchase came several other large contributions to the building fund, among which was the munificent endowment made by Mr. "Smith." The Institute was fortunate, however, in the time of the undertaking, for both land and materials were obtained at low prices. But the immensity of the proposition called for the use of over seven millions, including land, filling, draining, structures and equipment.

At this instance the President turned to a brief review of dedication week, the pagant and the Alumni "telephone" dinner. It was at this dinner that the extraordinary offer of Mr. "Smith" was made known to the Alumni. He offered at this time five dollars for every three that anyone else would give for the endowment of the buildings. The time limit for this

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SPRING CONCERT AND DANCE

Elaborate Plans Made for Big Musical Event

The Spring Concert and Dance which is to be given by the Musical Clubs Wednesday evening, April 18, in Copley Hall, will, according to the management, be one most successful one ever held. Announcement of the special features will not be made at this time, but the management promises that they will appeal to the most discriminating.

Herbert Lowe has again been engaged for the dancing, which will continue until 2 o'clock. Mr. Lowe has furnished the music for the last two concert dances, and therefore needs no introduction to Technology.

Tickets are now on sale, and may be obtained at the office of the Musical Clubs in the Basement of Building 1, or from members. The price of tickets is two dollars each, as it has been in the past. The preliminary dance orders will be out in a few days, and definite announcement of complete plans will be made in Friday's Tech.

SENIOR CLASS DAY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the 1917 Class Day Committee at 5 o'clock in Room 1-190 Wednesday of next week, March 26, 1917.

E. E. SOCIETY MEETING

Members to Hear E. H. Ewertz Talk on "Submarines"

The meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society which was postponed last week, will be held tomorrow at 7:30 o'clock in Room 10-250. Mr. E. H. Ewertz, Superintendent of the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, will speak on "Submarines."

The matters of business to come before the society are the questions of affiliating with the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the election of a nominating committee for the officers for next year. The meeting is open to everyone who is interested.

CADET CORPS DANCE

Over Thirty Officers Signed up—Freshmen Allowed to Attend

The officers of the Cadet Corps have arranged to hold a dance in Riverbank Court from 8 until 12 o'clock, Saturday evening, April 7. Up to the present time about thirty of the officers have signed up, but the committee in charge has decided to allow freshmen to attend and several have already bought tickets. Beginning this afternoon at 5 o'clock, upper classmen will be allowed to sign up, no matter whether they are connected with the Cadet Corps or not. The number of couples is limited to fifty.

Tickets may be obtained from any of the committee in charge, consisting of Major Howard, Captains Collins, Fitch, Wirt, and Lieutenant Wasgatt. There will be a man in the Caf to take sign-ups today from 12 to 2, Thursday from 1 to 2, and Friday from 1 to 2 o'clock.

ENGINEER CORPS TO BEGIN OUTDOOR WORK

Men Will Receive Instruction in Trench Digging

The long period of indoor training of the Engineer Corps is almost at an end and beginning Friday the rest of the year will be devoted entirely to outdoor work. It has been rumored that before long a trip will be made to Hanover, N. H., where the men will work in conjunction with Dartmouth College students in building pontoon bridges, digging trenches, and doing similar work such as would be required in time of war. As yet it has been impossible to substantiate this rumor, but it is known that Captain Downing is planning to have the men in the corps take week-end hikes to use the knowledge they have gained in the indoor training.

The corps is soon to be entirely reorganized and the system of instruction will be completely changed. It is probable that in the near future some of the professors in the civil engineering department will instruct the men in the proper performance of certain military duties.

President Maclaurin, Major Cole, and Captain Downing are working continually in the endeavor to have a course in Military Science and Tactics formed at the Institute. If such a course is established here, it will place Technology among the foremost military colleges in the country. The government will furnish all the necessary equipment and the subjects which will be taught will be such as to fit a man to immediately enter the Army upon graduation.

PROM INVITATIONS OUT

The 1918 Prom Committee wishes to remind the men who intend to come to the Prom that all tickets will be forfeited if the second payment is not met by April 2. The committee has placed a man in the Caf every day from 1 to 2 o'clock to receive these payments, which amount to five dollars per man. The invitations are now ready and may be obtained at the Caf at the above hour. Since the materialization of the plans for a freshman prom have come about, all freshmen, who find it convenient, are urged by the Prom Committee to redeem their tickets as there are many upper-classmen still on the waiting lists.

COMPULSORY TRAINING PETITIONS DISTRIBUTED

Permanent Preparedness Committee Begins Work—Requirements for U. S. Army Junior Engineers Changed

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD SOON

The Permanent Preparedness Committee which was recently appointed by the Institute Committee to keep the undergraduates in touch with the developments of the international crisis and also with the best possible openings for undergraduates in the various branches of military service in case the United States become actively involved, began its work by distributing among the men at the Institute petitions which have been compiled by the National Security League. The petitions read as follows: "We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, strongly urge the immediate adoption by the United States of a system of Universal Military Training and Service, providing for the training of young men prior to their twentieth year, with subsequent liability for service." These petitions, which were only distributed late yesterday morning, were signed by over two hundred and fifty men by 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The committee has been investigating opportunities of service for the graduating class and has found that certain changes have been made in the general orders issued by both the Army and the Navy. It is now possible for a graduate of the Institute to receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the marine corps without examination except that of a physical. Paragraph five of the General Order No. 26, issued by the War Department, which states that applicants for commissions as second lieutenants must pass certain Civil Service examinations, has been canceled and these exams are no longer required of Institute graduates.

A mass meeting will be held soon at which the committee will present suggestions concerning the best procedure to adopt in case war is declared. The committee is now working upon a questionnaire somewhat similar to the one which was recently sent out to the Alumni of Technology. It will be sent to the Juniors and Seniors and in this way the resources of the class can be estimated and the best possible suggestions can be made after such a compilation has been made. The committee in charge of the work is composed of A. E. Keating '17, chairman, A. Benhon '17, and H. G. Swan '18.

NOT TO CLOSE CHEMICAL LABORATORIES THIS YEAR

Professor Talbot Says That There Is No Foundation for Such a Rumor

According to Professor Talbot, head of the Chemistry Department, there is no foundation for the rumor circulating about the Institute that, due to the trouble with Germany, the closing of the chemical laboratories is being contemplated. "Of course," he said in a statement to The Tech, "things may change in the next week or ten days, but I think that the best thing that we can do is to go straight ahead and finish the work in laboratories this year. What will be done next year is a thing that no one can predict at present."

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB TO HOLD DINNER FRIDAY EVENING

The Cosmopolitan Club will hold a dinner in the Caf Friday evening at 6 o'clock at which President Maclaurin, Dean Burton and Professor Seaver of the English Department will speak, and plans for Chinese night will be announced. Tickets may be obtained at this time. Members of the Chinese and Latin American Clubs are cordially invited.

ACADEMIC WORK TO CONTINUE

Harvard Will Not Drop Any Courses During the Coming Year

In contradiction to many rumors that Harvard will curtail part of its academic year in the event of war with Germany, comes the report from a faculty committee on military affairs that such a step has never been considered.

It has been suggested that students wishing to go into any form of government service be allowed to take their college examinations in advance of the regular period, and all work coming after that time be placed to their credit. No formal decision has been reached, however. For those students who do not go into service the regular courses of instruction will be continued as usual.

As for the academic year of 1917-18, the university intends to continue all of its courses, rendering at the same time any service to the government lying within its power. That the university will be turned into a training camp has been contradicted by this committee on the grounds that no such demand has been made by the government nor on the other hand has the university made any similar offer to the government. Should the government request the use of the campus during the summer months for a training school, the committee believes that it would be available for that purpose.

FRESHMAN DANCE

Affair to be Formal—Great Surprise Planned for Evening

Beginning tomorrow, sign-ups for the freshman dance will be on sale in the Caf from 1 to 2 o'clock every day. The sign-ups will cost one dollar, and the remaining three dollars and a half must be paid by April 9.

Negotiations are under way to secure one of the best orchestras in Boston, and every effort is being made to make the 1920 dance one of the big events in the history of the class. On the authority of one of the officers in charge, even the success of the Junior Prom itself may be eclipsed.

It is now a well-confirmed fact that something "mysterious" is to occur during the evening that will make the dancers gasp with astonishment. What this is, none but the committee knows. One rumor has it that bales of hay will be used as seats, while still another mentions the possibility of fireworks. At present the whole freshman unit of the reporting staff of The Tech is occupied in solving the mystery.

H. M. GARY TO GIVE T. C. A. TALK

On Friday, March 30, H. M. Gary will deliver the second T. C. A. talk. It is the second one of the series which is being run for the purpose of instructing those men who are interested in teaching English to foreigners. Mr. Gary will discuss the problem of preparing the foreigner to take out his citizenship papers. The speaker is well qualified to talk on the subject, for he is now the Industrial Secretary of the Cambridge Y. M. C. A. and has had much experience along this line.

Under Mr. Gary's supervision over one hundred Harvard students are now interested in instructing the laboring classes and all the work being done by the T. C. A. in this direction has been accomplished under his direction. He has one of the best programs of industrial work which is being carried on around Boston. He has arranged for gatherings in the various factories, meetings to discuss religious questions, and also health problems. This lecture will be given in Room 2-147 at 1:30 P. M.

COURSE XV TALKS

Next Monday, Meyer Bloomfield, director of the Vocational Bureau of Boston will speak in the regular Engineering Administration courses on the subject of "Vocational Guidance." On Wednesday, April 4, J. J. Tobin, of Quincy, President of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, will discuss "Collective Bargaining."

TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT CANCEL TRACK DATES

Regular Training Will Continue in Spite of Declaration of War—Coach Kanaly Says Work Will be Beneficial in Any Event

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN SATURDAY

Although Harvard, Princeton, and many other colleges have decided to cancel all athletic contests immediately upon the declaration of war, Technology has no such plans. Unless some serious interference arises, or unless the colleges on the Institute's schedule cancel their dates, the track season will be completed as previously planned.

Coach Kanaly said last Monday in regard to this matter: "I can see no reason why we should change our plans. Certainly physical fitness is more necessary in time of war than at any other time."

"I was in England at the outbreak of the present war. All athletic contests were stopped at that time, but they were resumed within two months, and a full football season was completed."

"One of the chief exercises for new recruits is cross-country running. If men want to be ready for service, there is no better method in my opinion than by keeping up regular strenuous exercise, unless, of course, they enlist immediately. It seems surprising that no man high up in college athletics has advanced this theory. Intercollegiate contests will not tend to make light of the crisis, but will merely add more zest to the training."

The Seniors have started their relay practice in preparation for the Interclass Meet during Junior Week. With Brock, Doon, Loomis, O'Hara and Ross as a nucleus, they hope to build up a team that will break the Interclass record. The freshmen, with their fast team from Field Day nearly intact, and with it much improved by the winter's work, will undoubtedly give the Seniors the hardest fight for first place.

Saturday the annual Sophomore-freshman cross-country race will be held at Franklin Field. Weather and grounds permitting, the regular N. E. T. C. A. A. course will be used. The Sophomores look strong for a win in this race, with Halfacre, Herzog, McCarty and Zubria. The freshmen have McMahon, who has shown considerable speed. Dorr, who placed second in the indoor Interclass mile, and Bradley, who took fourth in the same race.

SOPHOMORE BASEBALL

The Sophomores will hold their first baseball practice Thursday afternoon. The Cottage Farm Bridge field has been obtained for the present, and the management hopes for a large turn-out for the team. Practice will be called at 3 o'clock Thursday.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE NEWS BOARD TODAY AT 5 O'CLOCK IN THE TECH OFFICE.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 28, 1917

- 4:00 P. M.—Sophomore Crew Practise. B. A. A. Boathouse.
- 4:00 P. M.—Engineer Corps Lecture. Room 3-270.
- 5:00 P. M.—Show Orchestra Rehearsal. Caf.
- 5:00 P. M.—1919 Electoral Committee Meeting. Room 4-138.
- 7:15 P. M.—Combined Cast and Chorus Rehearsal.

Thursday, March 29, 1917

- 3:00 P. M.—Sophomore Baseball Practise. Cottage Farm Field.
- 4:00 P. M.—Engineer Corps Lecture. Room 3-270.
- 4:00 P. M.—Sophomore Crew Practise. B. A. A. Boathouse.
- 5:00 P. M.—Show Orchestra Rehearsal. Caf.
- 7:15 P. M.—Show Chorus Rehearsal. Room 1-190.