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### "WACO!"

**B**OLSHEVISM broke out in Boston on May first. Twenty-four hours later came the time of trial for Technology. The shameful and deplorable conduct of the students at the Opera House on Tech Night cannot be glossed over or excused by the application of any other term. Rowdiness does not begin to define their actions.

Is there any wonder that the performance of Simbad was materially abridged and altered after some one of the audience had smashed a flask just beyond the footlights, endangering the persons of the chorus and insulting the members of the cast then on the stage? Is it to be marvelled at that Mr. Jolson took out over half of his numbers, refusing to appear in the Finale at all, when he was constantly interrupted by "Waco!" cat calls, and confetti during the times that he did consent to attempt to entertain us? Did these bright and witty(?) students think they were attending the Old Howard, or Waldron's? Is that the behavior of a gentleman? Above all, is that the behavior of a Tech man?

Undoubtedly there is something radically wrong with our present brand of Tech spirit. Such offences to the common sense of decency as the flagpole rush of last January, the all apparent lack of honor in class work, the repeated necessity for Faculty jurisdiction, the absence of support and encouragement for our teams—all point to a disintegrating lack of true Tech spirit. Tech Night only culminated the pyramidal influences and acts of this Bolshevist element that has insinuated itself into the heart and life of the Institute.

But the future turns blacker than the present. What are the impressions the class of 1922 is receiving? What are the traditions we are establishing? What can we say when '23 and '24 come in and follow our precedents? There is the serious side of the question. We have smirched the escutcheon of Technology's character deeply. It is possible that the Faculty will refuse to sanction a Tech Night again. Certainly the theatres will refuse to harbor a mob of rowdies again. Neither the Faculty nor the theatres can be blamed.

It was disgusting. Mr. Jolson was disgusted, the Faculty were disgusted, the saner portion of the Student Body, and, thank Heaven, they are a majority, were disgusted. Were it not that the press had the good grace to refrain from reporting Tech Night at all, the reading public of New England and the States at large would be disgusted.

What can be done for amends? Nothing in the way of apologies can right us in the eyes of those we have offended most seriously. Penitence will not take the sting out of the insult so brazenly given. If anything is to be done, let it be in the nature of a lesson to the Student Body in the proper interpretation of Tech spirit.

**PROFESSOR BLANCHARD TO SPEAK TO C. E. SOCIETY**  
Professor Blanchard will speak to the Civil Engineering society tonight at 7.30 in the North Dining room of Walker. Professor Blanchard has recently come to the Institute from Columbia university to give a course in highway engineering. Tonight he will speak on highway transportation in the past, present, and future. Freshmen intending to take the Civil Engineering course are invited to be present.

### FRESHMAN TRACK TEAM LOSES IN WORCESTER ACADEMY MEET

The freshman track team was white washed by Worcester Academy last Saturday. Worcester obtained eighty points against twenty-eight for the freshmen. The fact that many of their best men remained behind to take part in the Varsity meet with Harvard, and that two good men, Alden and Riegal failed to catch the train, made defeat inevitable.

### DORM DANCE OVER

Season Closes With Last Saturday's Successful Informal

Last Saturday night the walls of Walker Memorial resounded with the music of Lowe's orchestra when 150 couples participated in the last of the Dorm dances to be given this year. In view of the fact that it was to be the final function of its kind to be given by the Dorms this year, those in charge endeavored to make it the best party yet staged. The program consisted of twelve dances. During the intermission, which was held at the end of the sixth dance, the guests were entertained by the aesthetic dancing of Miss Ina Bentley of Brookline. At the beginning of the eighth dance the air was filled with confetti and streamers which were thrown across the hall by men in the balcony, and later by the dancers themselves. Sunday morning brought an end to the dancing only too soon. Professor and Mrs. Cecil H. Peabody, Professor and Mrs. Harry W. Tyler, and Professor and Mrs. Leonard M. Passano acted as patrons and patronesses. The committee in charge consisted of M. M. Whitaker '20, chairman, R. J. Tobin '20, M. A. Michaels '19, and S. J. Hill '21.

### MERMEN DINE

Swimming Team Banquet Will Be in Walker Tomorrow

The Varsity and freshman swimming teams will give the 2nd annual banquet to be held Thursday evening, May 8 in the Faculty dining room in Walker Memorial. All insignia awards including T, sTt, and numerals are to be made at this time. Men privileged to wear the swimming team watch charm will also be announced. Next year's varsity captain will be elected. The men privileged to attend this banquet are those who have placed in the meets of either the Varsity or freshman teams. Dr. Rockwell, Mr. Worcester, and Dr. Rowe of the Advisory Council, Dean Burton, Mr. F. M. Kanaly, P. D. Seelie (ex-manager of the varsity), Major F. H. Briggs, Coach Alexander Sutherland, and Mr. Stewart McCollough (plunging coach) will be the speakers of the evening.

### FRESHMEN WIN

Tennis Team Defeats Andover in Stiff Match

The Technology freshman tennis team defeated the strong Andover team by a score of four matches out of six at Andover Saturday afternoon. W. A. Caudwell and H. Beattie played a great game for the Institute in both their singles and doubles, which they played together. S. M. Biddell played against W. Vaughn, the best man on the Andover team, and was defeated in a hard battle by the score of 1-6, 3-6. R. J. Elliot, Jr. won from J. T. Hank by the score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. W. A. Caudwell defeated F. Crosby 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. T. Comfort of Andover fell before the consistent tennis of H. Beattie in two sets of the same score, 2-6. S. M. Biddell and R. J. Elliot, Jr. were beaten by W. Vaughn and J. T. Hank, the score being 6-1, 6-2. W. A. Caudwell and H. Beattie defeated F. Crosby and T. Comfort in an easy match by the score of 6-1, 6-3.

The Varsity will play Amherst at the Longwood Cricket Club courts at Chestnut Hill Saturday and the team feels confident of coming back the winners.

### COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of **THE TECH**:  
Realizing that my act in throwing the flask on to the stage at the Boston Opera House last Friday night was entirely at variance with the standards of a gentleman, and deeply regretting this most unfortunate affair, I take this means of publicly apologizing to the faculty and the student body of the Institute.  
(Signed) EDWARD V. JONES.

### FRESHMEN BASEBALL TEAM LOSES TO EXETER ACADEMY

Win Thirty-Seventh Consecutive Game By 13-0 Score.

Exeter academy continued its winning streak on Saturday by defeating the freshmen in a loosely played game at Exeter. The 1922 combination showed the effects of Tech Night in their playing and displayed a slack game in the field. Moshier, the Exeter twirler, was in fine form, allowing but three hits and fanning ten men. Fitzgerald, who started in the box for the freshmen, was a little wild and gave way to Ramsey, who finished the game. The Exeter nine is making a strong bid to break the interscholastic record for straight wins and have only three more games to take before passing the old mark of thirty-nine victories.

### HARVARD TRACK MEET

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many of whom were veterans who had returned from the service and who had been under the coaching wing of "Pooch" in former years, took first places in seven of the eleven events, in one event taking all three places.

The Technology men, however, took their defeat not without stern resistance. In the 440-yard run, the first three men in were wearers of the Cardinal and Gray, and of the first five men in, four were of Technology. "Mish" Bawden '21, was the winner of this event. Running last for two thirds of the distance to the tape on the home stretch Bawden pulled ahead of every other man and was the winner of the event by a safe margin. The next two men were Downey and Ormon, both of whom put up a fierce battle to retain the lead which they had taken at the start.

The mile race was taken by O'Connell of Harvard in the comparatively slow time of 4:48.35. This race was undoubtedly a good case of headwork on the part of Harvard. On the last lap there was no time that a Technology man had any chance of holding the lead. A Harvard man was always to sprint and take the lead from him, until the Technology runners, worn out by this practice, could not summon enough energy in the final dash to the tape to fight for the first position. Stone '21, who was less mollified than his mate, "Ed" Purcell '22 finished in third place, Lucas of Harvard taking second.

The hammer throw was won by Dandrow of Technology, who threw the metal sphere for 138 feet 2 inches, over three feet better than his throw in the Inter-class meet two weeks ago when he broke the Technology record of 131 ft. 6 in.

Nagel, who was expected to take first place in the pole vault was declared out when he kicked the stick at ten ft. although he has been doing around twelve ft. regularly in practice. Harwood of Harvard won the vault at 11 ft. 6 in., Walton of Technology was in second place with a jump of 11 ft.

The summary:  
100-yard dash—Won by Moore, Harvard; Rollins, Technology, second; Gourdin, Harvard, third. Time 10 2-5s.  
220-yard dash—Won by Moore, Harvard; Poole, Technology, second; Gourdin, Harvard, third. Time 22 1-5s.  
440-yard run—Won by Bawden, Technology; Downey, Technology, second; Ormon, Technology, third. Time, 53s.  
880-yard run—Won by Bawden, Technology; Duggan, Harvard, second; Douglas, Harvard, third. Time 2m. 5 1-5s.  
1 Mile run—Won by O'Connell, Harvard; Krogness, Harvard, second; Gourdin, Technology, third. Time, 4m. 48 3-5s.  
120 high hurdles—Won by Krogness, Harvard, Harvard, second; Seranton, Technology, third. Time, 16 1-5s.  
220 low hurdles—Won by Mills, Technology; O'Connell, Harvard, second; Seranton, Technology, third. Time, 26 1-5s.  
Two-mile run—Won by Hutchinson.

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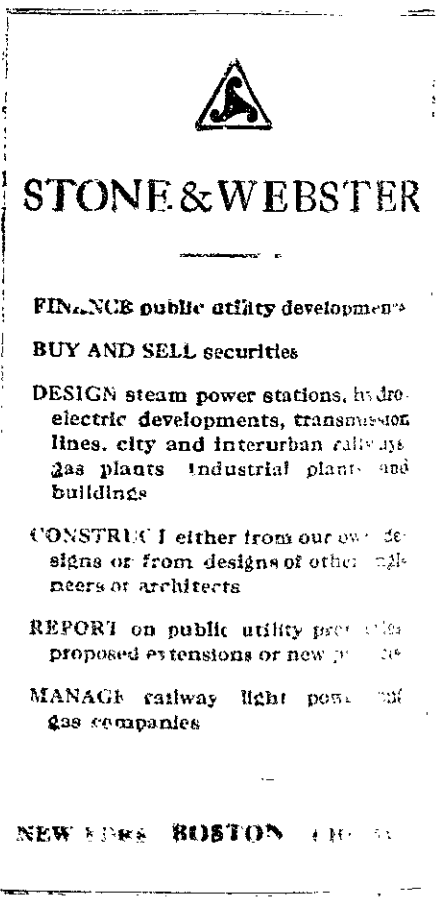
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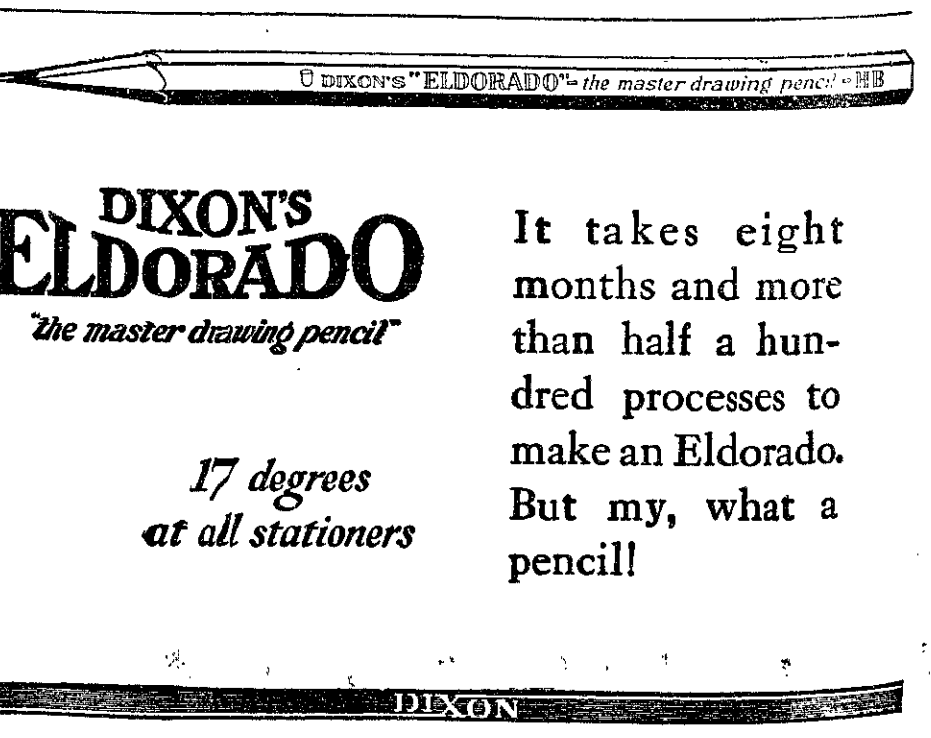
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