

# TECHNOLOGY ATHLETIC CLUB LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR UNDERGRADUATE SUPPORT

**Enthusiastic Students Fill Smith Hall to Capacity  
To Hear of Organization From Dean  
Burton and Frank Kanaly**

**MORE THAN 500 ALREADY ENROLLED**

The Technology Athletic Club was officially backed by the student body at a mass meeting held yesterday in room 10-250. J. W. Kellar '21, presided at the meeting, while Dean Burton and Frank Kanaly made short addresses to the assembled undergraduates. The meeting was short and the speakers went right to the heart of the necessity of the formation of such a body. After the meeting, those who attended joined the club to a man.

## TRUCK TRANSPORTS TECHNIQUE BINDING

**Longshoremen's Strike Causes  
Unusual Method of Transporting  
Yearbook Material—Pathe  
News Man Present at Rush**

**SIGNUPS DUE TUESDAY**

A strike of longshoremen threatened to delay the appearance of the 1921 yearbook, but the situation was met by transporting the goods by motor truck. Technique 1921 will be ready in ample time for the rush. A Pathe News man will record in pictures all the happenings of that event.

The Technique Rush will take place promptly at 4 o'clock on next Thursday. In the past the Rush has been to a great extent the same each year but Technique 1921 plans to bring in something entirely new. A Pathe News man will be present to record the events that take place.

**Redeem Signups Until Tuesday**

Technique 1921 desires to impress upon the student body that all men who have redeemed their signups before the rush are eligible to compete for the autographed copies. A table will be placed near the main lobby every day this week at which signups may be redeemed between 1 and 2 o'clock. From April 13 on, no signups will be redeemed until after Junior Week. Then men may secure their copies upon payment of \$2.50.

### COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

The Walker Memorial reading room has been the subject of several articles in recent issues of THE TECH. The subject matter of these notices has been correct and to the point. It should be of interest to every Technology man. However, lest there be a misapprehension on the part of some readers due to a communication recently appearing, I am taking the liberty of expressing myself on a few points.

One of the communications brought out, at length and with much elaboration, the apparent injustice of not allowing books to leave the library. It was suggested that a clerk be hired to render such service.

This is a small reading room, not intended as a circulating library. One of its main purposes is to bring students to the Walker Memorial to pass their spare time in an advantageous way. The hire of a clerk for a room, which is open from nine in the morning until ten at night is out of the question. Surely, the present situation is not perfect, but a plan of allowing books to leave the room, while benefiting a few favored individuals, would meanwhile bring down the effective value of this too small collection of books. Besides defeating some of the primary objects of the library, it seems to be a practical impossibility.

But no matter in what way you view the foregoing question, the fact remains that at present there is a case against taking books from this room.

Just because a person happens to disagree with the rule is no excuse for breaking it. Incidentally, every time the rule is broken the chances for the life of this struggling library are lessened.

If the library is closed, it will not be due to a few dishonest individuals who stole books, but solely due to the irresponsible persons who care for their petty personal whims at the expense of the welfare of Technology.

(Signed) C. H. REED '20.

### MASS MEETING SPEAKERS BOOST INFANT T. A. C.

**Dean Burton:**

"I approve the formation of the Technology Athletic Club to increase the general interest of students in athletics. I believe athletics to be one of the most helpful of all the undergraduate activities."

**Frank Kanaly:**

"Athletics are not the most important thing in any man's life, but their value is inestimable. The moral support afforded by the T. A. C. is the remaining factor necessary to the betterment of athletics, and the new club may become one of the most vital factors in the future success of Technology. Not one student now enrolled at the Institute can afford to miss the privileges of membership."

**President John Kellar '21:**

"I think the biggest movement ever undertaken by Technology was the foundation of the Technology Athletic Club. The addresses at the initial membership drive must have awakened great enthusiasm because they came from the hearts of both the speakers."

### T. A. C. TACKS

Seldom has such enthusiasm been exhibited at any mass meeting as that shown by the big crowd that packed 10-250 yesterday. Every speaker was applauded for several minutes at the conclusion of his address.

Frank Kanaly hit the popular chord in his ten-minute talk. Technology's track tutor bitterly arraigned past athletic support at the Institute and pleaded earnestly for a new era in sports. It seems as if a real spirit was born at yesterday's meeting.

If the sale of tickets for membership to the T. A. C. is any indication of the success of the infant organization, Technology is due for a big boom in the athletic world in the very near future. Almost 600 of the pasteboards were disposed of in fifteen minutes, and those who were handling the sale ran out of cards before everybody had been signed up.

Recently the Sporting Editor of one of the largest Boston dailies asked an Institute student if Technology had a cheer. Give the T. A. C. a good start and the now comparatively unfamiliar "M. I. T." will ring with real spirit and vigor throughout the athletic world.

Kellar opened the meeting with a brief outline of the idea which caused the founders to start the formation of the club. Before he introduced Dean Burton, he described the administration of the club and its constitution. Dean Burton said that he had long felt the need of such a club at Technology to promote the influence of the Institute. He said "There are many forms of activities for the men but the activity from which they derive the most benefit is some form of athletics. Two distinct advantages are gained from this source: first, the actual benefit to health and secondly, the honor of representing the Institute. There are many forms of activities such as checkers, dominos, and cards but the man who has no interest in athletics is not normal."

Frank Kanaly next addressed the assembly. He stated that, "The one advantage which other colleges have over Technology is the backing by the Alumni of their respective colleges. The Alumni of these other colleges are held closely together by a common cause of upholding their Alma Mater in the world of sports. As the teams travel from city to city, they are backed and cheered by the Alumni. At the Institute the teams are not backed and there are actually men here who do not know where the track is located. A man cannot give the best that is in him unless he knows that he is fighting somebody who wants him to win."

The meeting ended after Kellar explained how to sign up for membership in the club for the remainder of the year. The dues are \$1.50 a year and those who join now are taxed 50 cents for dues up to June. More than 500 men joined the club after the meeting.

## Alumni Notes

### INVENTS NEW TYPE OF PLANE

Henry A. Berliner '18 of Washington, D. C., has the honor of inventing the first successful type of helicopter plane. Berliner's father, Emile, has been working on the problem for many years, but the final working out of the idea had to be left to his son.

Following years of experimentation, the elder Berliner constructed a machine in 1909 which was capable of lifting a man but such lifting was not steady and because of a nervous breakdown Mr. Berliner was forced to stop work on the plane for some time. But upon the discharge of his son from the air service of the army early last summer, work was continued with the result that the machine has been made practicable.

The machine weighs 620 pounds and has a revolving cylinder, 80 horse power motor, of the LeRome type. The total lifting power of the machine is 900 pounds, or 60 pounds per square foot of lifting surface. An airplane has a lifting force of about eight pounds per square foot.

### STEWART '19 LIKES SWEDEN

In a letter to friends here, Chester C. Stewart '19 says that he likes his work in Sweden very much. Stewart was one of the men to receive one of the \$1,000 Swedish scholarships offered by the American-Scandinavian Foundation and left the United States last fall for Sweden.

### WILL BE A MISSIONARY

Edward B. White, who trained in the Naval Aviation School at the Institute and served on the Italian border during the war, is one of three men who are leaving for Hungary to do relief work among the people there in behalf of the Unitarian church.

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