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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

J. F. Pierce N. Cohen

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INSTITUTE ATHLETICS

The following is the first of a series of editorials on the subject of Institute athletics:

FROM time to time critics of Technology athletics have stigmatized our teams, and the Athletic Association for the relatively poor showing which Institute teams have made against their opponents.

Several courses have been open to those who are in control of athletics: first, to continue the present policy, relying, as we do upon \$2.50 per man from the student tax, and upon the generosity of Alumni; second, to compete with second rate teams; third, to cut down the number of teams which we support; and fourth, to devote more revenue to athletics so that it will be possible to afford better training facilities for training and coaching our teams.

Our present status is untenable, and some change must be brought about in the near future. It will not be in keeping with the traditions of Technology to cut the teams of large universities and colleges whom we have met in the past from our schedules and it will lower the prestige of the Institute to do so. Neither will it be fitting to eliminate a number of our teams, and restrict the benefit of athletic training to those men who are proficient in the chosen sports.

We are, therefore, faced with one great problem: to procure more funds for the advancement of athletics at Technology.

ALUMNI SUPPORT

IN an editorial on Technology spirit, T.E.N. mentions the fact that Institute alumni are especially noted for the interest which they have taken in the Institute affairs. In

view of the great stride which athletics have taken here during the past year, it is interesting to review some of the things which our alumni have done and are doing for Technology sports. We read of the donation by several graduates, of charms for the winners of the "T" and are reminded of their present activity; we need only to think of Walker Memorial with its gymnasium so essential to many sports, to remember that they have been active in the past.

Ranking on a par with the erection of the Walker Memorial, is the aid given in building Tech Field. Without the oval an Institute track team of any power would be an impossibility. It is useful in getting men into trim for other sports, and although the alumni were not called upon to bear the entire expense of constructing this field, so great is their share in it, that it may be considered as one of their contributions to Technology sports. When the Institute was still on Boylston Street, and it was necessary to build a field in Brookline, the expense of the project was borne largely by Institute graduates. At times when the expenses of a team have exceeded the amount awarded to it by the budget committee, and too little remained to carry the team through the remainder of the season, generous contributions from alumni were usually forthcoming to defray the expenses still necessary. At the present time, each graduating class is contributing to an emergency fund to be used to supplement the awards of the budget committee when the amount allowed proves insufficient.

Financial aid, however, is not the sole reason for our indebtedness to our alumni. Looking

back several years, we find these men instituting Field Day as an annual event in the year 1901. Not only is this affair valuable in satisfying class rivalry, but it draws many good men into sports and is beneficial to all the teams. The Advisory Council has been of inestimable service as a controlling power in the management of athletics. By the provision that all measures of importance must be passed on by the Council before being effective, these men are able to exert a restraining influence upon incautious managers, and in their capacity as advisors are able to make their experienced judgment an aid to men new in the work of directing sports.

With the growth of athletics we hope to see more and more of our alumni giving their aid, not necessarily financially, but by lending needed enthusiasm by their presence at games and meetings, by boosting our teams outside and by giving the valuable advice which we feel very many of them are well able to do.

NOTICES

Tickets for the A. A. Banquet next Tuesday evening in Walker will not be on sale after 1 o'clock tomorrow.

All men interested in cross-country

and distance running meet at the track house today from 12:30 o'clock or 1:30 o'clock.

All Undergraduate Members of

the Varsity Club send their nominations for an under-graduate member of the Executive Committee for 1921-1922 to T. M. Taylor, M. I. T. A. office before May 16.

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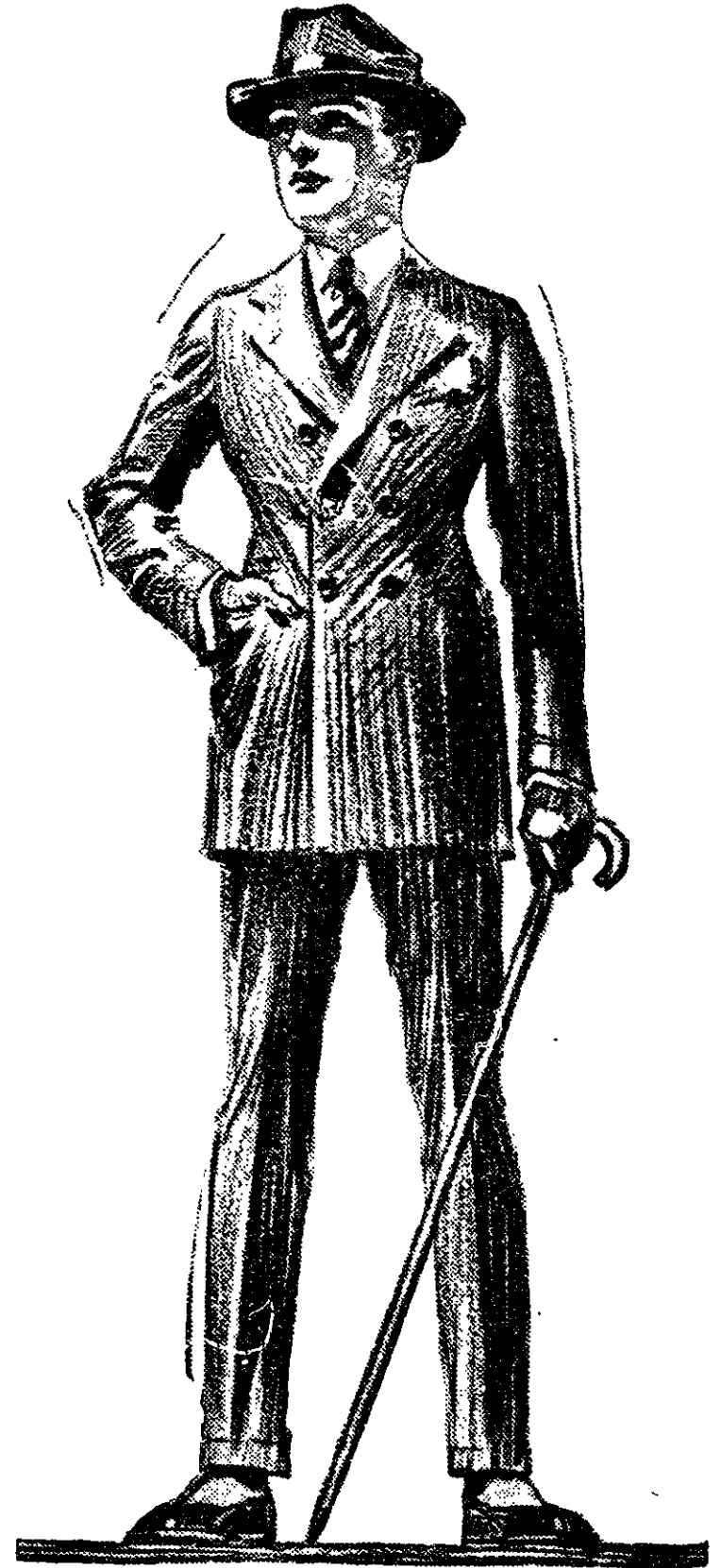
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