

# Ralph West and Roscoe Fitts Considered for Basketball Post

## FINAL SELECTION OF VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH TO BE MADE ON RETURN OF BYERLEY FRIDAY

The final selection of a varsity basketball coach will definitely be made by the end of this week. Lieut. Byerley expects to return Friday from New York and will know then if he will have to give up the position of coach of the varsity five because his duties on the ship take more of his time than it is possible for him to give to coaching. His return Friday will materially clear up the situation in regard to a coach, as his decision will determine if it is necessary to obtain a new man to take charge of the Technology passers. There is a bare possibility that Lieut. Byerley will be able to arrange his time so that he can continue to coach the squad but as conditions were when he left it appears highly improbable that he will be able to do this.

A number of men have been mentioned who are possible successors to Lieut. Byerley if it is necessary to get a new coach. Among those mentioned who seem to appear most promising are Ralph West and Roscoe Fitts. Both have been prominent in athletics and have made themselves known as mighty good players in a number of branches of sports. Fitts was on the Harvard football team and held down the position of end in a number of games this year. Football is not the only sport in which he took part, as he was a forward and a center on the varsity basketball five and specialized on the low hurdles in track. He is taking special work at Harvard University now and will complete his course of study in February. Owing to the arrangement of his schedule he would have plenty of time to coach, and so he could give the varsity players the necessary amount of instruction.

**West on All-American Five**  
Ralph West has also been mentioned as a possible varsity coach and he is known also in the sport world. He played both basketball and football while he was at Colgate and made a name for himself in both branches of athletics. He was an All-American choice for 1916, and has continued to play football after graduation, being on a number of professional teams. At present he is in the insurance business here in the city.

It can be seen that it is absolutely necessary to make the final selection of coach by the end of the week. Yesterday afternoon both West and Fitts attended the practice session of the varsity and hence had an opportunity to see what material was on hand. The practice ended with a game be-

tween Miller, Davidson, Coleman, Hubbard, and Cook on one side, and a team picked from the squad on the other. The scrimmage brought out a number of facts. The main point was that if intensive drill under a coach is not engaged in very soon the basketball men will lose entirely the good of the practice sessions that they have had so far. When no one is in charge of the men, even though each one works his hardest to bring about a good team, little progress can be made.

**Many Fouls Yesterday**  
There are so many little tricks of the game that the players overlook if no one is there to point them out. Yesterday the members of the squad were badly in need of having all fouls called, the men unintentionally committed many which could have been easily avoided. At the beginning of the playing season, it will be very difficult to break the habit when it comes to the real games. Many a game has been lost on account of the fouls committed, so this is something every team has to guard against. A coach in charge would immediately watch any tendency to commit fouls and so the danger from this source would be largely eliminated.

Coach Hitchcock of the freshmen is fast getting the material into shape and much progress can be seen in the first year basketballers. No cut will be made until after Christmas, then it is expected that the squad will be reduced to about sixteen men. The candidates have been practicing every day and the shooting and general way in which the men carry themselves in a scrimmage shows a great difference over the form exhibited some time ago. The freshmen open their schedule immediately after the holidays.

### CHESS CLUB OF M. I. T. HAS MEET NEXT FRIDAY

The M. I. T. Chess Club meets the Jolly Rogers next Friday at 7:30 in the north hall of Walker Memorial. This will be the last match for the club this term, the next one being on January 12.

Following is the complete schedule for the year:—  
Dec. 8—Jolly Rogers at M. I. T.  
Jan. 12—Bay State Chess Club at M. I. T.  
Jan. 19—Boylston Chess Club at Y. M. C. U.  
Jan. 26—Jolly Rogers at M. I. T.  
Feb. 2—Boston City Club at M. I. T.  
Feb. 16—Harvard at Harvard.  
Feb. 23—Boston Chess Club at M. I. T.  
Mar. 2—Bay State at M. I. T.  
Mar. 9—Boylston at M. I. T.

### STRING QUARTET TALK GIVEN BY MR. CONVERSE

**Musicians from Conservatory Entertain**

Mr. F. S. Converse, American composer of music, gave a talk on "The String Quartet" yesterday afternoon in room 10-250, and illustrated his points with musical selections rendered by members of the New England Conservatory Orchestra. The recital was given as a part of Mr. Roberts' course on the Appreciation of Music.

The quartet rendered two selections from Mozart, with movements in C Major. The first violin was played by Mr. Minot Beal, and the second violin by Miss Ruth Austin. The viola was played by Mr. Fred Heim, and the cello by Mr. George Brown, formerly '23, who is now at Harvard.

Different types of musical instruments were discussed by Mr. Converse, and the advantages of each kind shown. The string instruments have the advantage of being capable of producing more color in the renditions than it is possible to obtain with wind instruments. The string quartet music, according to Mr. Converse, is the most difficult to understand, but is by far the most beautiful, and was compared by him to a harmonious conversation in which each adds to the variety of the effect, but does not mar the unity.

### COSMOPOLITAN CLUBS OF BOSTON MEET IN WALKER

The Federated Cosmopolitan Clubs of Greater Boston will meet at Technology in north hall of Walker Memorial next Sunday at 7:30 o'clock. This will be the first meeting of the organization to be held at the Institute this year. The Federated Cosmopolitan Clubs of Greater Boston have branches at Wellesley, Boston University, Harvard, and Technology.

### FEMININE NUMBER OF VOO DOO OUT TUESDAY

The much heralded "Feminine Number" of Voo Doo will be placed on sale on Tuesday, December 12. At the same time the winners of the different contests conducted for the issue will be announced. All material for the January number of Voo Doo will be due Friday, December 15. Nothing can be said at present regarding the winners of the contest for the cover.

### COURSE XV MEN PLAN TO SEE INDUSTRIAL MOVIES

The third of a series of industrial moving pictures will be shown to the members of Corporation XV on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in room 5-330. These pictures are of industrial processes, and are of particular interest to men taking Course XV.

At this meeting it will be possible for Juniors and Sophomores to obtain shares of Corporation XV from any of the officers present.

### Cornell Acquires New Telescope

A movement started several years ago at Cornell University, to establish there a first-class observatory, is now approaching completion. The telescope itself has but recently been assembled and it is expected that, with especially fine weather conditions, the new instrument has a magnifying power of nine hundred diameters, which is only surpassed by the huge telescopes in United States observatories. At present, the building is in the process of decoration and the final touches are being placed on the telescope. For these reasons the instrument will not be dedicated until spring or even as late as June, 1923.

### LARGE NUMBER TURNS OUT TO SHOW SMOKER (Continued from Page 1)

his performance. An encore was necessary to satisfy them.

Dean Talbot then gave some interesting pointers on the faculty view of Tech Show and stressed the plan of the men dividing their time so that both their studies and the activity might be done justice. He expressed the hope that the Show this year might not be of the usual stage musical comedy class, but that it might be of a more wholesome type.

Professor R. E. Rogers was next introduced and gave an amusing talk on the possibilities of the candidates filling the different parts in the cast and other departments. Mr. Ralph L. Harlowe, coach of the cast, next gave a brief outline of each part and the type of man that was necessary for it. As an illustration for the type of man to fit the part of hero he mentioned the moving picture actor, Rodolph Valentino. He also suggested that Harold Lloyd would probably fit the character of the comedy part.

The concluding speaker was E. P. Dunlaevy '24, who announced the times of the first meeting of the candidates for the cast and chorus. These are today in room 3-270 from 3 to 6 o'clock for the cast and on Monday, December 11 from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock for the chorus.

### LEADING FRATERNITIES GATHER AT CONFERENCE (Continued from Page 1)

and come from 90 colleges. The conference lasted two days.

**Conference Now 13 Years Old**  
Among the speakers were five college presidents, one chancellor, and more than a score of deans. They discussed such subjects as the relation of the fraternity to the college, the movement for economy in education, the relation of the chapter to the parents of its members, and the proper development of freshmen.

The Interfraternity Conference, established in 1909 at Chicago, is the result of a realization on the part of college fraternities of their common ideals and tasks. The aims of the conference have been to diminish mutual jealousies and rivalries and to produce a clearer conception of the modern fraternity as an adjunct to self-government at American colleges and universities.

The conference has grown until today it has a membership of 52 fraternities, containing practically all of the long established fraternities in addition to a number of newer and less firmly established organizations. Each fraternity names three delegates and two alternates to the convention.

### OUTING CLUB HELD ITS FIRST SMOKER MONDAY

**Prof. Tyler Shows Slides of White Mountains**

Last Monday evening the Outing Club held its first smoker since its organization. Dean H. P. Talbot '85, addressed those present for a few moments, stating that, being in sympathy with the objects, he would lend all reasonable assistance. About 25 men were present.

Professor H. W. Tyler '84, made a few introductory remarks preliminary to the showing of a number of slides depicting winter and summer scenes in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. While the slides were being shown Professor Tyler gave such description of the country as was not apparent in the picture, along with amusing and illuminating comments.

**Plan For New Hampshire Trip**  
Dean Peabody, Jr. '10, concluded the series of informal talks with a bird's-eye view description of the activities of the Appalachian Club. Refreshments were served and later an officers meeting was held.

The organization is planning in detail a ten day trip over the Christmas vacation to New Hampshire, during which the ascent of Mount Washington will be undertaken. Their headquarters will be at the Ravine House. At this time there will be an opportunity for skiing, snowshoeing, and practically all winter sports.

### CARDINAL O'CONNELL TO ADDRESS CATHOLIC CLUB

A Communion-Breakfast, which is to be held in the lower school hall of the Holy Cross Cathedral next Sunday morning, is the next event on the Catholic Club program. It will take place after the 9 o'clock mass. All the Catholic students of the Institute are cordially invited to attend, whether or not they are members of the club.

The speakers who have been obtained to address the gathering are His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell and Rev. Augustine Hickey, S. T. L. The affair is under the direction of the officers of the club, and Father O'Connor, its chaplain.

### MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

There is something in the air over the Mechanical Engineering department. Some kind of a celebration is to take place in the Christmas season. Just what it is going to be we do not know, as the girls concerned simply will not let any more light fall on the subject. At first it was thought to be some affair in which the whole department was to take part, but it seems that the affair is to be confined to the girls. However in spite of all efforts of the reporters, not another word can be obtained about the coming celebration.

### INTERESTING ADDITIONS TO MRS. KING'S LIBRARY

Four very handsome volumes have recently been added to the Library in Walker Memorial. These are "The Life of Benvenuto Cellini," in two volumes, and "The Private Life of Marie Antoinette," in two volumes. The books make a valuable addition not only as literature but because of their finely gold-tooled covers and handsome illustrations.

### ENGINEER UNIT PLANS TRIP TO FORT GARDNER

A trip to Fort Augustus P. Gardner has been planned by the Engineer Unit of the R. O. T. C. next Saturday. This fort at Nahant is the latest development in fortifications, the construction work being finished last year. Originally it was planned to mount two 16-inch guns, but due to failure to appropriate funds it was necessary to substitute 12-inch guns in their place. Only one of these guns is mounted.

Colonel Willing is to conduct the party through the fort. The members will also be met there by the ordnance officer in charge.

### Admiral Sims Given Degree

On his recent visit to Canada, Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., was presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Law by McGill University, at Montreal.

### FINAL SPEAKERS CLUB MEETING OF TERM HELD

**Suspend Public Speaking Course Until January**

Yesterday afternoon the Speakers Club held its last meeting of this term in the Faculty and Alumni room of Walker Memorial. This was the seventh lesson of a course in public speaking being given the club by H. T. Cahill. On account of the imminence of the examination period it was decided to discontinue the weekly lessons until after the Christmas recess. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9.

Yesterday Mr. Cahill discussed the means of obtaining clearness in an address. Clearness is essential no matter what the aim of the address. Clearness is secured by talking in terms of the audience, logically arranging the topics, being specific, and making frequent use of illustrations. Short talks by members of the club followed Mr. Cahill's instruction.

A diagram of a design for a Speakers Club key was submitted for the inspection of the club. Captain Elliot Snow, U. S. N., was present and spoke to the gathering.

### UNITARIANS WILL HEAR PROF. PRESCOTT TONIGHT

The Institute Chapter of the Unitarian Laymen's League will hold its fall meeting at Unity House, 7 Park Square, in Boston, this evening. Supper is to be served at 6:30 o'clock. Professor Prescott, of the Faculty, and W. M. Ross, of the T. C. A., will speak. All men interested are invited to be present. A charge of 50 cents will be made for the supper to cover the cost of the service.

### Brooklyn Poly Secures Lab Additions

Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute's electrical engineering laboratories have been greatly increased in value by the donation of equipment by a large number of electrical manufacturers. The donations were made in memory of Dr. Samuel Sheldon, the noted educator and engineer, who died in September, 1920. The additions are worth about \$4000.



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