



Old man weather has had a special grudge against the track men this week. Snow prevented workouts both Wednesday and Saturday afternoons so that with Friday being the usual rest day for the sprinters only one practice session was held, on Thursday. Saturday is always the important practice each week and with the first meet, the Millrose games only three weeks away, Coach Kanaly wants to get in all the work he can, so the weather man's recent tricks don't meet with the Engineer mentor's approval in the least.

Coach Kanaly was right on the job until well after dark, Thursday afternoon, the one day practice was held, looking over his charges. Last year's mile quartet established a high mark for Captain Art's mates to shoot at but Coach Kanaly is evidently intending that as far as coaching goes at least this year's relay will be not one whit slower than the exceptionally fast one Yard Chittick led last winter.

In addition to the relays that always attract attention as thrillers, the B. A. A. is scheduling some mighty snappy individual contests. The famed Joie Ray, who just last week was reinstated as an amateur athlete in good standing, will make his comeback in the noted feature event of the Hunter Mile. Elmer Sanborn ran a mighty creditable race against a world famous field last year but he has not yet decided whether he will get in to the contest on February 3 as the two mile relay may require his services.

Rumor also has it that Ray Watson, the conqueror of the diminutive Joie last summer (when Joie was out of form so his supporters claim) will also take a fling at the Hunter mile trophy. If this is the case track fans can look forward to a rare exhibition of speed over the mile route.

Whether Elmer Sanborn carries the Cardinal and Gray colors to the starting line or not, college athletes won't be left out of the B. A. A. special run. Jimmy Connolly of Georgetown, Ray's old but unsuccessful rival, Bobby Brown, the great Cornell Moakley trained distance runner, and Ray Buker, former Bates star and two mile champion in the I. C. A. A. A., until beaten last May by Higgins of Columbia, all have sent in their entries for the Hunter mile.

Elimination Bouts for Wrestlers Due in New Gym Today

The wrestling team moved out to its new quarters in the hangar Friday. Two new mats have been ordered for the new gymnasium and will add greatly to the present facilities. Elimination bouts will be held for all candidates for the team in the gym today. The final results of these eliminations are to determine who will represent the Institute in the first meet of the season, which is with Boston Y. M. C. U., next Friday. The Union is reported to have a strong team this year and the Engineer wrestlers are out to defeat them to atone for the set back suffered at their hands last year. With the first meet less than a week ahead, the matmen have a strenuous time ahead of them in order to be in shape for the encounter. Cy Burns is on the job, however, and can be counted upon to go the limit in getting the men primed for their match.

Captain Rock Hereford is again out on the mat and will be on hand every day from now on. There is much veteran material available and the prospects of developing a winning team are good at present. The wrestlers are out to grab off the New England championship this year and no effort will be spared in trying to accomplish this.

TENNIS COMPETITION OPENS FOR SOPHOMORES

The competition to fill the vacancies now existing as Sophomore Assistants on the Tennis Team will be opened next Wednesday. This position leads to that of Tennis Manager in 1924. All Sophomores who are interested are requested to report to the M. I. T. A. A. office at 5 o'clock, Wednesday evening.

shadow of its doors, deep Field Day plots may be hatched. It seems to beckon to all athletic activities with the finger of tradition.

Inscription by Tech Man

It is a fitting scene for anything that conduces to a feeling of real Institute spirit, for over its posts is hung an iron-work plate with an inscription on it. This inscription in the form of a couplet by Gelett Burgess '87, has had a vital meaning to Institute men, ever since the gate came into existence. It is not an academic or pretty set of phrases, but a motto that expresses a sentiment that has guided our athletic policy away from the field of selfishness and glorification of the few, and into the area of help and respect for the many. Its philosophy offers hope after defeat, and proper appreciation after victory.

Not the quarry, but the chase,
Not the laurel, but the race,

Not the hazard, but the play,
Make me, Lord, enjoy alway.

Dorm Sport News

Plans for the winter term sports activities have been drawn up by the committee on interdormitory sports and call for a series of basketball games between the four halls, and bowling competitions.

The basketball games are to start about the middle of the month, and be played two-a-week, both on the same night, until each hall has played each other hall twice. Standings will be recorded and the championship of the dormitories decided from these contests. The coming week will be devoted to practice and lining up the material in each hall for the teams.

At the same time plans are going ahead for the annual bowling tournaments. Players from all halls have been asked to turn in scores during the coming week to their hall athletic manager, who is posting a notice to this effect in each hall. The scores will be used in determining who the members of each team will be. Last year's tournaments provided some keen competition and there is prospects of similar enthusiasm this winter.

There has been considerable talk about hockey battles, but they have been deferred until there is favorable weather.

Definite dates will be announced later this week when arrangements for the Walker facilities have been made by Manager Hugh Ferguson.

NEW MILITARY SOCIETY STARTED AT INSTITUTE (Continued from Page 1)

at Boston. This post includes in its membership officers of the 101st Engineers of the National Guard and many reserve officers who are prominent engineers in civil life. The commander of the local post is Mr. W. H. Root who was a Colonel of Engineers in the late war and in civil life has been constructing engineer for a number of large buildings in Boston. The M. I. T. Post is getting in touch with the Boston Post and expects to secure some speakers of note on items of and engineering interests for its winter smokers.

At a recent meeting of the M. I. T. Post, A. A. Kenney '23, was elected president; F. R. Shaw '24, secretary-treasurer, and J. M. Robbins '23, J. O. Holden '24, and J. J. Fitch '24, committee.

MORE BOOKS NEEDED TO FILL EXCHANGE SHELVES

A considerable number of students are taking advantage of the saving that can be made by getting used books at the Book Exchange of the Technology Christian Association, for it is reported that about \$350 worth of these books were sold last week.

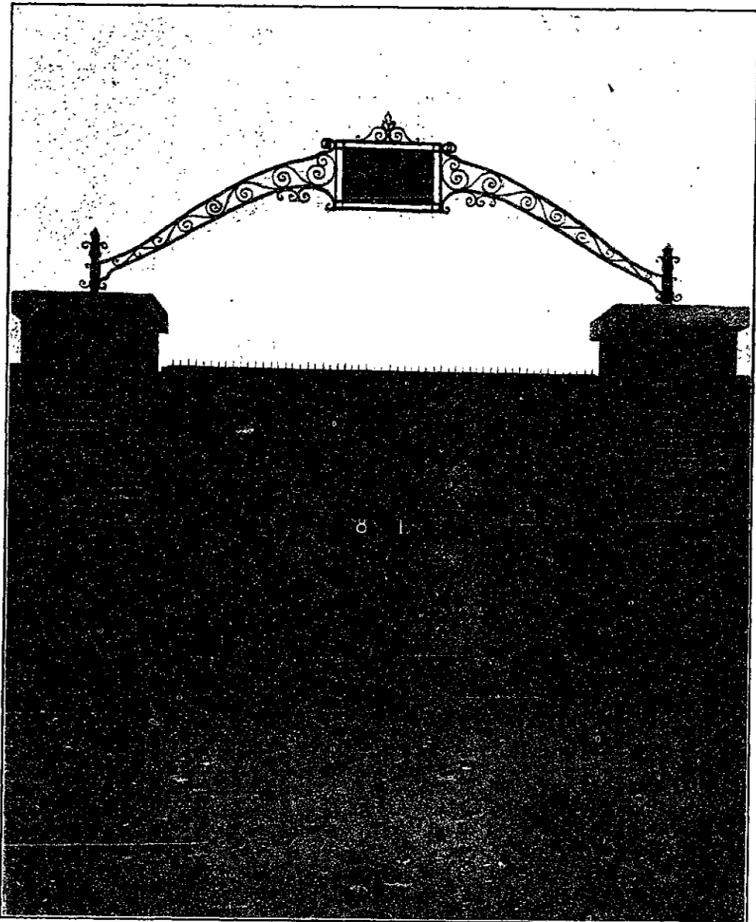
With such a drain on the Exchange shelves it is necessary to provide some means of replenishment, so there is a good market for old books. Two-thirds price will be paid if they are in good condition and students are asked to bring in their old copies of the following, which are in the greatest demand: Mill's "Liberty," Atlantic Monthly edition; "Surveying," Breed and Hosmer; Duff's Physics, fifth edition; Hayes' "Social and Political History of Modern Europe."

TICKETS FOR CATHOLIC CLUB DANCE ON SALE

Technology Catholic Club will hold its second informal dance of the present season Friday evening, January 19, from 8 to 12 o'clock. This dance will take the place of the January suppermeeting, and will be held in the main hall of Walker Memorial.

The committee in charge of the dance met last Friday night and discussed various matron possibilities but the final list is not yet ready for publication. Tickets for the affair, which are priced at \$2, may be obtained from the committee, E. J. Hanley '24, chairman, or G. A. Rowen '23, president of the club. Morey Pearl's orchestra of Junior Dance fame has been chosen to furnish the music for the occasion.

THE TECHNOLOGY ATHLETIC GATE



Most Institute men will remember the battle on Field Day 1921 over the remnants of a Field Day banner that had flaunted defiance over a nearby building. The banner had been removed through the ingenuity and daring of a few Sophomores, and on their victorious return to the field they had been set upon at Vassar Street by a group of vindictive freshmen and a real battle ensued. This is remembered by those who took part and those who saw it as "the scrap at the old athletic gate."

"But there was more than one scrap at that gate," old Technology graduates might remonstrate at the appellation, "why that gate featured one every Field Day from 1906 on." That is true, the melee between the defenders of the honor of the classes

of 1924 and of 1925 was only a repetition of what first occurred at a time when most of the present undergraduates were in their tenderest years. It was at a time when the crowd used to stream out from old Technology on Boylston Street to the old Technology Field in Brookline, when the new Technology was only a dream and "a mysterious Mr. Smith" was only a fairy hope.

Old Gate Impractical

In those days the gate had many a scar planted on it through the stress and strain of bodies around it, struggling for the privilege of entering the field first. Spirit always ran high, and the result was a series of memorable Field Days.

But the gate itself soon proved impractical in handling large crowds for

admission and so it was found necessary to cut away a part of the fence on either side. The narrow "storm" entrances thus formed served for the purpose of admission. Through disuse the main doors of the gate were closed and remained so.

Moved from Brookline

But there were a number of men who scorned to enter by the way of ordinary flesh and defied the twelve foot height of the gate to keep them out. Consequently on Field Day there would generally be three lines, one on either side of the gate, for regular admissions, and a third at the gate itself where men used the helping hand to boost one another over. This practice grew so common and was in such favor that an extra incentive to keep the straying sheep with the flock was used in the shape of a row of beautifully pointed four inch nails over the tops of the doors. How successful this proved is conjectural, but it is said that the shreds of trousers left hanging on the nails grew fewer and fewer with successive Field Days. (That the skill of the bold improved is to be doubted.)

When the plan for the new Technology had been accepted and building actually begun, the gate was removed from Brookline, in 1914, and brought to Cambridge to be placed on the new Tech Field. There happened at that time to be a clutter of building material around the section where building eight now stands, and it was decided to place the gate at Vassar Street, possibly in the hope that the main entrance to the field would be there. But such a hope, if it existed, never materialized. It seems that there was a natural disinclination to travel over the Vassar Street puddles to get in to the field, and so through the force of demand at every meet temporary entrance booths were erected at the upper end of the stands.

Two Extra Posts Given

Time went on, the buildings were completed, the objectionable material removed, but the gate remained where it had been first placed. The large iron rungs that had been used to open it mysteriously disappeared and the gate again went into disuse. It remained more of a relic than anything else, figuratively an oasis of tradition in a sea of newness and scientific elaboration in which everything seemed to be so fresh and modern. It was a part of the body of the old Technology still unincorporated in the body of the new, a source of speculation to the inquisitive undergraduates and a vivid symbol of glorious days to undergraduates of time gone by.

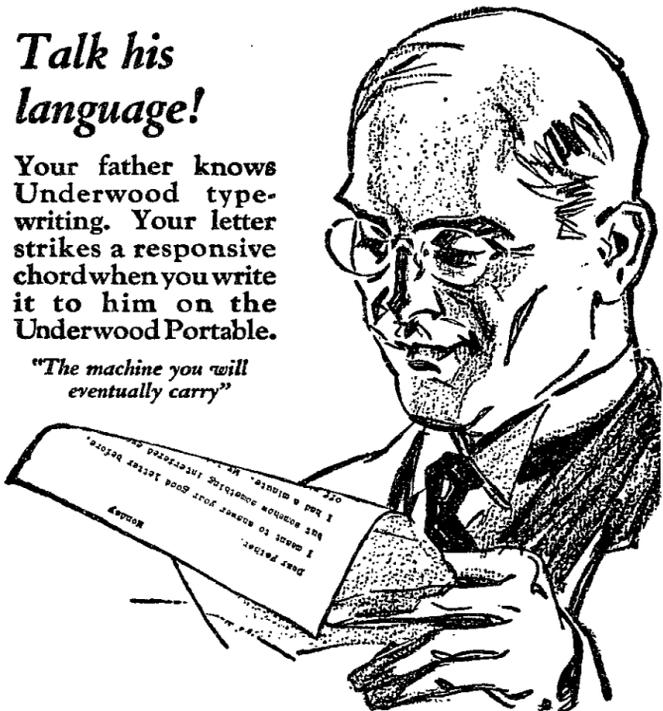
But no one had paid any attention to the gate's removal to a better site, although Major Briggs, through the class of '81 had offered to stand the expense of having it put wherever the Institute authorities should see fit. It was only recently that this offer was accepted, and the gate ordered moved to the upper end of the stands. But realizing the impracticality of the gate, from experience of the past, Major Briggs has further offered to present two extra gate posts to the Institute. These would be placed one on either side of the present posts, leaving spaces that would be used as regular entrances.

Once more the gate may be the "storm" center of Field Days. Once more the daring may risk their trousers in entering the field by the "higher" route. It may be a rallying place for our mass meetings: in the

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