

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT INSTITUTE UNIQUE

Institute Committee Has Final Authority Over Student Affairs

The recent drastic changes in the organization of Technique are a graphic illustration of the power of the Institute Committee over student activities. Technology's student government is unique among American colleges; the fact that the student body here has absolute control over its own affairs without interference of any kind from the faculty is not widely appreciated. Through its political institutions—the Institute Committee and its Standing Committees—the student body guides and regulates undergraduate organizations.

The student government is thoroughly democratic. To every man there are open two possible methods of gaining a place on the committee. He may secure a seat on the committee either through his class or an activity. The Institute Committee, which is at present composed of 35 men, consists of three men from each class, the class president and two others elected by the class at large, and furthermore of one representative from each undergraduate organization to which a seat has been granted. There is yet another means to a place on the committee, for the chairmen of the standing committees are given ex-officio membership.

Plan to Reorganize Point System

The standing committees are the Walker Memorial Committee, the Point System Committee, the Intramural Committee, the Activities Committee, the Elections Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Budget Committee. Practically all the routine work connected with the management of student affairs is done by these committees. The Walker Memorial Committee has complete charge of Walker. The gold key of the building, which is on display in the Trophy Room, was presented to the students by the alumni and the final decision as to what shall go on in the building rests with this committee.

It is the duty of the Point System Committee to see that no person carries more than ten points without special permission. The class offices and positions on athletic teams and activities are assigned so many points each, and the total which any man may carry is limited. A general reorganization of the point system is being planned, with the idea of making it more strictly enforceable and more effective.

Report on Institute Ring Soon

In order that the work of the committees may be more efficiently handled, the Institute Committee office in Walker is being rearranged. Five new desks and chairs have been ordered and will be allotted, one to the president and secretary, another to the Finance Committee, which is composed of the treasurers of all undergraduate organizations, a third to the Activities Committee, a fourth to the Point System Committee, and the fifth to the Intramural Committee, which has charge of the bulletin boards and the publicity drives of the corridors. It is expected that the new equipment will be of great service to the committees in the discharge of their duties.

Beside conducting its fruitful investigation into the organization of the Technique board, the Institute Committee is at present engaged in pushing the project of establishing a Technology Ring. The final report of the committee on the ring is still pending. In addition, the Institute Committee ran the All-Tech Smoker, the Red Cross drive, Tech Night, and in a general way supervised Field Day.

PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST FROSH SMOKER POSTER

Affair Held in Main Hall of Walker Memorial

A prize of five dollars has been offered to the man drawing the best poster advertising the freshman smoker, which will be held in the main hall of Walker Memorial at 8 o'clock on Saturday, February 10. Printed copies of the winning poster will be placed on the bulletin boards throughout the Institute to advertise the smoker.

The posters must be in the hands of the chairman of the publicity committee, K. S. Lord '26, by 6:30 o'clock Monday, January 29. Lord states that he will be in the hangar on or around the basketball court from 5 to 6:30 o'clock Monday and will receive the posters there. Posters should state the event, but that no one will be admitted without a ticket.

The program committee promises that the evening will not be dull. It expects as speakers Dr. Stratton, Dr. Rowe '01, and H. E. Lobdell '17. It is also making arrangements for a musical program, with perhaps some sort of skit.

M.I.T.A.A. Has Increase of \$1600 to Spread over 26 Sport Demands

A gain of roughly \$1600 in the amount of money available for athletics is reported by Matt Taylor, head of the budget committee. Last year approximately \$12,600 was spent by the various Technology sport teams. This year the budget provides for something more than \$14,200.

The increase is due to the readjustment of the student tax, with the corporation paying the portion which formerly went to Walker maintenance, and that amount being diverted to athletics. The result is that nearly \$4000 is added to this branch of the M. I. T. A. A. income. However, last year \$1200 was received from the Technology Athletic Club, which has become defunct. Close to another \$1200 was taken in through gifts, chiefly \$1000 from Tech Show, which is not expected this season. So the net gain is \$1600.

This is a substantial increase but as Win Coolidge, treasurer of the M. I. T. A. A., says the general impression that as far as money is concerned athletics are riding high, wide, and pretty, is absolutely unfounded.

The following tables indicate the way in which the budget committee has divided the funds among the various teams. There are many factors influencing this division, as for instance an outside source of income for a sport will cut down its appropriation. Consequently, the tables do not give an accurate idea of the money spent by each team, but only the amount of help that the budget body feels that outfit needs.

VARSITY TEAMS		Publicity		Fencing	
Track	3,238.22		250.00		
Cross-country	1,351.42		300.78		
Swimming	972.26				
Wrestling	671.26				
Crew	1,360.32				
Tennis	300.25				
Hockey	679.76				
Boxing	554.28				
Basketball	752.75				
Gym	665.74				
Soccer	156.00				
A. A.	60.00				
Advisory Council	150.00				
		FRESHMAN TEAMS			
		Track	233.61		
		Cross-Country	226.39		
		Tennis	72.08		
		Basketball	122.46		
		Hockey	47.96		
		Rifle	69.94		
		Football '26	56.90		
		Football '25	35.34		
		Swimming	251.84		
		Field Day	572.35		
		Soccer	11.20		

MANY LOST ARTICLES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED

A number of lost articles have been collecting at the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Power and if these are not claimed within a week they will be gotten rid of. Hats, coats, scarfs, rubbers, and gloves are the most numerous and the Office asks that the men who have lost the articles claim them at once.

There are also a number of books, which have been collected, the list of which are: Spofford. The Theory of Structures. Franklin. Precision of Measurements. Smith. Advanced Machine Work. Duff. Text Book of Physics. Fuller and Johnston. Applied Mechanics. James and Dole. Mechanism of the Steam Engine. Fetter. Modern Economic Problems.

SOCIETY OF ARTS HAS LECTURE ON AIRCRAFT

Professor Warner Exhibits Air-Plane Parts and Glider Films

As the first of a series of talks on Popular Science, known as the Society of Arts Lectures, Professor E. P. Warner, S. M., head of the Aeronautical Department at the Institute, spoke of airplanes and their construction, and demonstrated some of the controlling features and testing done on aircraft. Moving pictures of the glider meet in France, in which the M. I. T. glider participated with many successful flights, as well as aerial photographs taken by the Air Service, were also shown.

It is the purpose of the course to give talks of general interest once a month with the idea of creating further interest in modern applications of science.

The lecture given last Friday and Saturday afternoon was for the benefit of Boston High School pupils, and was repeated Sunday afternoon for the benefit of Technology students and others interested.

Professor Warner also exhibited the wing framework of a de Havilland biplane, several motors, and some of the main construction sections of machines, describing methods of testing these for strength and safety.

HARVARD SKATERS PLAY TECHNOLOGY

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Dave Peene will probably go in with Neil at defense, and the two form a fast working combination. The team as a whole has done excellent work in the last two games, winning from Boston University in an overtime period, and leading West Point all through a fast game last Saturday. The steady improvement since the beginning of the season has been marked, and the game on Friday night, coming as it does at the end of the week, will probably draw the support of a large turnout from the Institute.

TOTAL ENROLLED AT INSTITUTE NOW 3068

Mechanicals Engineers Lead with 378 Men—Co-eds Number 45

Registration figures for this term are now complete, and indicate a total of 3068 students enrolled, 45 of whom are co-eds. The number registered last term was 3177, but the decrease in number is largely accountable to the fact that many were graduated at the end of the first term.

The Senior Class leads with an enrollment of 801, the Sophomore Class second with 687, the Juniors next with 633, and the freshman last with 530. There are 290 taking graduate courses, 31 special students, unclassified as to course, and 46 Junior grade freshmen.

Engineering Administration Second

According to courses, the Mechanicals lead numerically with a total of 378, Engineering Administration coming a close second with 353, and Chemical Engineers coming third with 319. Arranged by numbers enrolled, the following list shows the registration in the other courses: Electrical Engineering—309, Civil Engineering—239, Co-operative Course in Electrical Engineering—168, Architecture—113, Chemistry—100, General Science—87, Mining Engineering and Metallurgy—75, Electro-Chemical Engineering—61, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering—46, Naval Construction—33, Physics—31, Biology and Public Health—27, Army Ordnance—23, Aeronautical Engineering—17, Geology and Geological Engineering—20, Sanitary Engineering—5, Torpedo Design U. S. N.—3, Ordnance Design U. S. N.—2, Mathematics—2.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CATHOLIC CLUB DANCE

Last Friday the main hall of Walker Memorial was the scene of an informal dance held under the auspices of the Technology Catholic Club. This was the second dance that the club has given this season, and about 150 couples attended.

The music was furnished by Morey Pearl's orchestra which played a program of ten selections. After the sixth dance refreshments were served. During the last dance the celloist gave an exhibition of eccentric dancing, juggling his cello meanwhile, which brought considerable applause from the gathering.

The matrons for the affair were Mrs. J. T. Scully, Mrs. E. A. King, Mrs. M. J. O'Connor, and Mrs. P. W. Collins.

College Men Better Looking

According to Professor L. G. Kianz, director of physical education at Northwestern University, college men are becoming better looking each year.

Knickers Banned At Mount Holyoke

Knickers can no longer be worn to classes is a ruling made by the Dean of Women at Mount Holyoke College. Knickers have been worn throughout the day by women of the college. The authorities do not condemn the wearing of this apparel, but think it is inappropriate in the class room.

Paragraphs for Hibernating Crews

Manager Hungerford has been conducting negotiations with the Yale oarsmen relative to a race between the 150 pound eights on May 5, when the triangular contest with the Penn frosh comes off at Derby, but the latest news holds chances for their success to be slim, as schedules conflict.

In keeping with the general trend of college crew contests, the short Henley is looked on with disfavor by the Yale coach, so that New Haven management is in favor of a two mile race for the freshman eights. This distance will probably be chosen.

The Navy management has been anxious to have the Institute frosh for a race with the plebes at Annapolis, along with the varsity contest April 28, but, as the frosh have that date filled on their schedule, Manager Fred Hungerford hopes to take the cardinal and gray 150 pounders instead. In that case, the second varsity will not take the trip.

Crew at Technology should take a decided jump this year if more and better equipment means anything. Professor Dellenbaugh has an engine suitable for coaching launch work and has agreed to place it in a hull if the crew management gets busy and finds one that can be reasonably obtained and is suitable.

CORPORATION XV TO MAKE SPRING TOUR

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methods of marketing, storage, and produce handling. The party will then break up, many of the students proceeding to their homes, others returning to Boston.

The tour has the enthusiastic support of the department of Engineering Administration. Professor Schell, who accompanied the men last year, remarked that "such trips provide a wealth of first hand information regarding industry." The men in charge hope that both Professor Schell and Professor Freeland will be able to accompany those making this year's trip. The expenses of the whole tour have been estimated at approximately \$30 per man. All men interested in the tour are advised to consult one of the directors of Corporation XV.

SENIORS DISCUSS CAPS AND GOWNS

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is a custom, and at only three it is not. A second point made in the report is that the wearing of caps and gowns would improve the graduation exercises at the Institute. By lending a certain dignity to the occasion it would make the ceremony more worth while coming to see for the guests of the graduating class and would decrease the present unfortunate tendency to leave before the commencement exercises are completed and to receive the diploma by mail. The wearing of caps and gowns is very democratic because absolute uniformity is secured.

Financial Burden Small

It is probable that the inaugural exercises for President Stratton will be held at commencement this spring. Caps and gowns were worn at the inauguration of our last president and will probably be worn again this year. President Stratton has endorsed the proposal and has stated that he is heartily in favor of the Seniors wearing caps and gowns for graduation.

The Harvard Cooperative Society will rent for a period of seven days a cap and gown for Bachelor's Degree for \$2.75. A cap and gown may be purchased outright for \$9. The committee finds that since many Seniors would feel that unless caps and gowns are worn they will have to purchase new clothes for the occasion, the least financial burden will be imposed by wearing caps and gowns.

After the reading of the report, C. C. Taylor '23, and W. E. Ames '23, gave short talks. They both strongly advocated the wearing of caps and gowns, and recalled some of the unpleasant features of the present form of graduation exercises.

Open forum was then held and all members of the committee were given opportunity to express their opinions. It was also recommended that the practice of reading extracts from theses be abolished.

Co-eds Earn Way

Thirty-five per cent of the co-eds attending the University of Wisconsin are earning money towards their support at that institution. Most of the work done by the girls is of a secretarial nature, but some of them drive autos or care for children during their spare time.

Men at B. U. Adopt Mascot

Students at B. U. are at present trying to decide on the adoption of a mascot for the university. So far the Bull Moose is the leading candidate.

TECHNOLOGY CHESS TEAM LOSES TO BOYLSTON CLUB

Playing Friday evening at the rooms of the B. Y. M. C. U. the M. I. T. Chess Team suffered the most decisive defeat it has met this season at the hands of the Boylston Chess Club. Isaac Brimberg '24, playing the first board for Technology was the only member of the team able to obtain a win. The Institute men were able to secure drawn games on two other boards, making the final score 6-2.

The same evening the Freshman Chess team failed to get revenge for a defeat earlier in the season in a match with the team from the Cambridge Latin School. The score was the same as that of the previous match, 5-3, the freshmen obtaining two wins and two draws.

BANQUET FOR KENTUCKY CLUB BEING ARRANGED

Officers of the Kentucky Club are planning a banquet to be held at Cottrell's on Brattle Street in Boston next Saturday at 7 o'clock. All residents of Kentucky are invited, and the officers expect about 25 of them to attend. Efforts to secure two or three interesting speakers are being made, and some other kind of entertainment may also be furnished.

The Kentucky Club was organized near the end of last term with the purpose of acquainting the undergraduates from that state with each other. The officers hope to develop a confederation of Kentucky Clubs in the region around Boston, which will hold combined meetings as some sort of social event.

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