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**Communications**

To the Editor of the Tech:

The recent death of Tom Rourke by heart-failure following an operation leaves those who knew him with a regret that they didn't see him oftener and talk with him more while he helped to take care of us in Building 2. "Old Tom," he was affectionately called round here, though he was, I believe, only about sixty-five. He came to the Institute on the janitor force in 1918. It is reported that he had been four years in the Navy. Certainly he had knocked about a long time on ship-board.

I have seen sailormen who seemed to have gained no wisdom from travel; but Tom had philosophized his world, and he observed it keenly, appraising it with a twinkling eye and a gift of phrase that made even gloomy people laugh out loud. He was one of the things to come back to after you had left the place. Students knew him. He used to lecture them. "Get your work planned! Look at me. I don't do any work round here. Systematize your work. That's what you want." But his floor was in order, and it was clean. In cheerfulness, in the ideal of service, in respect for himself and for his job, even though it was a job which many people would not have considered important, Tom had a lesson for all of us. We miss him.

(Signed) Prof. A. T. Robinson

**ALUMNI NOTES**

**WASHINGTON ALUMNI TOLD ENGINEER'S VANTAGE**

Engineers are more needed in public life and government affairs than ever before, Senator Thomas Sterling of South Dakota told members of the Washington Alumni of Technology at luncheon at the University Club Friday. The engineer, by virtue of his education and training, holds a vantage point, the speaker told his hearers, that is of the greatest importance in civic affairs.

Political questions should be scientifically decided and men who have been trained in the analytical methods of thinking, and who have received a broad general education such as is given to engineers, are best fitted to take the leadership in political life, according to the speaker. Senator Sterling stated that it is common knowledge that, at the present time, engineering graduates do not take sufficient interest in statesmanship, preferring rather to hold more subordinate positions with public utilities or in private life.

Mr. R. B. Prendergast announced that the local alumni would get out, in the near future, a directory of all of its three hundred members. James A. Tobey '15, presided at the luncheon.

**INTERCOLLEGIATES**

**Conference on Activities**

The National Student Forum announces that its Spring Symposium on the Student Renaissance will be held on April 28 and 29.

The Symposium is the annual function of the Forum whose purpose is the discussion of ideas for the advancement of student activities along the lines of student government, debating and journalism. A feature of this year's Symposium will be a talk by Professor James Harvey Robinson, author of "Mind in the Making."

The conference will provide an opportunity to clarify ideals and thrash out practicable methods of bringing about their realization in student life.

**Musical Clubs' Head Engaged**

The engagement of C. A. Brantingham '23, general manager of the Musical Clubs, to Miss Beatrice Farmer was announced at a tea given at her home on Sewall Avenue, Brookline, yesterday. Brantingham announced his engagement at his fraternity house, Phi Beta Epsilon, yesterday evening.

**Notices and Announcements**

**OFFICIAL**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**  
Two scholarships of \$300 each are offered for special students in Course IV. Competition open to Americans between 21 and 28 who have had two years of office experience. Will be held June 30 to July 10. Applications should be made to Professor William Emerson, 491 Boylston Street, before May 15.

**UNDERGRADUATE**

**THE SENIOR SHUFFLE**  
Will be held tomorrow in the main hall of Walker at 8:15. Attendance will be restricted to Seniors and their guests. Those who have not yet obtained their tickets may do so from any member of committee.

**TECH SHOW REHEARSALS**

Thursday: Ballet at 7:30 o'clock, chorus at 8:30 o'clock; place not decided.  
Friday: Cast, chorus and orchestra at 7:30 at Shepard Stores to broadcast show.  
Saturday: Cast, chorus and orchestra at 2:30 o'clock; place not decided.

**Meetings**

**R. O. T. C. ENGINEER UNIT**  
Will be addressed in north hall, Walker, this evening at 7:30 o'clock by Major Covell, who was on the staff of the First Army Corps overseas, by Major Leonard, who received the Croix de Guerre with palm and star for service with the 101st Engineers, and by Colonel Osborne, who commanded the 101st Engineers in five major engagements during the war. These officers will speak on their personal experiences on the other side. Major Leonard has seven notches in the butt of his gun which represent seven Germans. There will be smokes, music, and entertainment.

**EPISCOPAL CLUB**

Discussion meeting, in the Faculty and Alumni room of Walker, Sunday afternoon at 5. Speaker, Rev. Anderson of the Church of the Advent, Boston. All welcomed.

**MATH CLUB**

Will meet Tuesday, April 17, in Faculty and Alumni room. Prof. W. S. Franklin will talk on "The Quantum Theory of Interference."

**LELAND STANFORD CHEMIST AT DINNER**

London and Edinburgh Professors Also Among American Chemists' Guests

Dr. E. C. Franklin of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, was the speaker of the evening at the meeting and dinner of the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society, held in the north hall of Walker Memorial last night. Dr. Franklin is the president of the society.

There were present at the banquet many prominent chemists whose homes ranged from the British Isles to California. After the dinner, Dr. J. F. Norris of the Technology Department of Chemistry, Professor Donan of London, and Professor Ervin of Edinburgh gave short addresses.

**Ammonia Like Water**

Following these speeches, Dr. Franklin gave an experimentally illustrated lecture on "The Ammonia System of Compounds." Dr. Franklin's experiments with liquid ammonia emphasized its likeness to water and showed that there is a system of compounds in which ammonio acids, bases and salts act similarly to ordinary acids, bases and salts.

**Cup for Relay Winner**

An added attraction for the interclass meet to be held on April 20 is the announcement of the interfraternity relay races which proved so popular last year. Several fraternities have already entered teams, and Manager Swartz still has his lists open for more entries. The Advisory Council has donated a cup to be presented to the winning team.

The interclass games will come on the morning after the holiday at 10 o'clock, and an unusual amount of interest is being displayed in them this year.

Many men seem able to "keep that school girl complexion" on their coat lapels.—Lampoon.

**MUSICAL CLUBS**

Members will meet next Friday at 5 at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Charles River Road for the trip to Woonsocket by bus.

**OUTING CLUB**

Meets next Tuesday in the West Lounge of Walker at 5 o'clock. Elections will be held for secretary, treasurer, and three council members. Future activities are to be discussed. Everybody is invited to attend.

**CHINESE STUDENTS'**

Social in Faculty and Alumni room, Walker, Saturday, April 14 at 7.

**CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

Election of officers for the year 1923-1924 will be held Wednesday, April 25. Nominations may be handed to officers or mailed to the Society room 3-312. Nominations close Wednesday, April 18.

**Tickets**

**SPRING CONCERT**  
Signups may be redeemed in main lobby today and tomorrow from 12 to 2, at \$3 each. Stag and chaperone tickets, \$3 each. Preliminary dance orders may be obtained at that time.

**TECH SHOW**

Applications for tickets for all performances will be redeemed in the main lobby tomorrow and Friday from 12-2. The price of the tickets is payable when they are given out. Applications may still be made for tickets to the Boston and Northampton performances at the Show office in Walker.

**SIMMONS COSTUME BALL**

Given at the Boston Arena, Friday, April 27. Single tickets at \$1.50 each are obtainable at the Coop.

**ATHLETIC**

**FRESHMAN TENNIS**

Candidates for the freshman team and also candidates for the position of freshman manager are to report at the office of the M. I. T. A. A. in Walker at 5 today. Men interested in tennis are requested to come out.

**FRATERNITY RELAYS**

Entries for the interfraternity relay races for April 20 may be made with Manager George Swartz '24, at the M. I. T. A. A. office. A cup will be presented to the winner.

**Order of Dances at Spring Concert is Now Arranged**

Hotel Somerset Party Dancing from 10 to 3 O'clock April 19

The Musical Clubs have announced the dance program for the Spring Concert on April 19 at Hotel Somerset. The dance will start at 10 o'clock and last until 3 o'clock. Order of dances has been chosen as follows: 1 "Pack Up Your Sins," 2 "Dearest," 3 "I Still Can Dream," 4 "Running Wild," 5 "Seven Eleven," 6 "You Tell Her," (Intermission), 7 "You've Got to See Mama," 8 "Fate," 9 "Chimoline Days," 10 "Saw Mill River Road," 11 "Lady of the Evening," 12 Requests. Extras: 1 "Little River," 2 "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," 3 "Sweet One," 4 "Sleepy Hills of Tennessee."

**Made Long Trip This Year**

During the last Christmas trip the Clubs gave concerts at Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Schenectady, Buffalo, Pittsfield, and Holyoke, thus making probably the longest trip attempted by the Musical Clubs. Among the colleges at which concerts have been given are Simmons, Sargent, and Wellesley.

As to the musical program for the Spring Concert the Clubs are working on new numbers to be added to the best numbers of old programs.

In addition to the Spring Concert the following post-season concerts have been added to the list: April 13 at Woonsocket, April 24 at Filene's, and May 12 at the Copley Plaza for the Federal Reserve Bank.

**Changes Bars to Stripes**

An officer wearing the bars of a captain entered the military science headquarters of Boston University last week, attempting to sell copies of the book "Condensed History of the World War." Not being able to make a sale he departed without paying his respects to the commanding officer.

On inspection of the Army and Navy directory failed to reveal the name the bogus officer had given. He was later apprehended by the Intelligence Department and at last reports was resting in one of the police stations of the city.

**ENTERTAINERS TO BE ALL SENIORS**

**"Shuffle" Tomorrow Night Is Second Free Party—Juniors for Ushers**

Tomorrow night the Seniors again hold forth in Walker, on the occasion of a free party they have called the Senior Shuffle. It will be the last dance the Class of 1923 will ever hold in Walker. The affair will last from 8 to 1 o'clock, the dancing being preceded by about an hour's vaudeville entertainment. The following ladies have consented to be patronesses: Mrs. R. P. Bigelow, Mrs. W. S. Hutchinson, and Mrs. L. M. Passano. Ten Juniors will usher.

The committee in charge of the entertainment considers itself fortunate in being able to obtain the men it has for the vaudeville. Many of them have been, or are, members of Tech Show casts. All of them are Seniors. E. H. Smitz, W. C. Groce, and G. C. Bradshaw will present a musical act.

**Monologist Extraordinary**

Preston Woodling will once more shine forth with a monologue. C. A. Thomas will sing a few selections, while diversity will be provided by L. B. Littlefield's exhibition of vaudeville athletics. F. D. Gage will be there too. Nuf ced.

Music for the dancing, which will begin about 9:30 o'clock will be furnished by an eight piece orchestra from the Musical Clubs' Jazz Band. The committee has taken especial care to see that the hall will be appropriately decorated. As was the case at the Valentine Party, Manager A. W. Bridges of Walker will have light refreshments served in north hall throughout the evening at cost. Admission will be by ticket only, these being free to Seniors.

**CHOOSE JUNIOR PROM USHERS—TICKETS GONE**

Nine members of the Junior Class were chosen at the last meeting of the Prom Committee as ushers for the Junior Prom to be held next week. These men are Azel Ames, Jr., Blaylock Atherton, G. H. Cowan, David Evans, Jr., M. L. Harris, H. B. Kane, J. M. Leon, M. J. MacMillan, E. M. Proctor.

It has been decided that flowers should not be worn at the Prom. The committee is trying to make the decorations unusual and it developed at the meeting that the bidding for the contract is very strong between several Boston florists.

There are no more tickets for the Prom as the limit set by the committee has been reached. There were not as many sold this year since an effort has been made to avoid the congestion of former years.

**THOMAS ROURKE IS MISSED IN BUILDING 2**

One of the janitors in building 2, Thomas Rourke, died recently of heart failure after a short illness. Rourke came to the Institute from Framingham in December, 1918. Since that time he has been working in building 2 and has been noted for the efficient and careful way that he has done his work. Professors whose offices are in that part of the building express their regret that he will no longer be around.

At the time of his employment, he was 51 years old and had been to sea in his youth and more recently in the building wrecking business. Due to his advanced age, however, he was not able to continue these pursuits and obtained work here.

He is survived by two children and had been making his home with his daughter at 9 Fayette St., Boston, for some time previous to his death.

**PLANS FOR WALKER NEARLY FINISHED**

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freshmen teams and the class teams," Nowell said. "They are all crowded into an office 28 by 18 feet, and there are often as many as 35 or 40 men in the room at a time. This congestion will get worse from time to time as more new teams are organized.

"The noise is so great at times that it is impossible to do any work efficiently. If we get the change, we will be given four offices with three times the present space. One of these rooms will be for the executive committee, so that it will not have to kick everybody out of a lounge once a week when it meets."

**To Have Small Dance Hall**

One of the greatest benefits of the change in Walker is, according to F. G. Harmon '23, that one of the three new lounges that is to be built will be available free for small dances. This will be quite a feature for at present a charge of \$50 is required for the use of main hall to pay the expense of moving the dining room furniture out.

The lounge will be about one-third smaller than main hall as it is only 70 by 32 feet, but the decreased cost should make it a great benefit to organizations desiring to give small dances. The floor will be of hardwood, which will be much better for dancing than the present cement of the main hall.

The new offices will be divided into suites, one of which will be given each activity. There will also be either four or seven rooms which will be used as offices for committee meetings. The class officers as well will be given a room by the new scheme.

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