

## PRESIDENT WARNS AGAINST ANXIETY FOR DORMITORIES

Want Them and Are Planning for Them But Need Money First Says Dr. Stratton

## ALTERATIONS IN WALKER UNDER SAME RESTRICTION

Will Not Use Baseball Diamonds as Dorm Sites—Location Not Definite Yet

"It seems rather unfortunate that there has been so much in the papers about new dormitories and alterations to Walker. We want those things and we are planning on them sometime, but of course we need the money first and there are other considerations." "Perhaps it is best to warn the boys not to be too anxious, for we have at no time definitely promised these things. We are merely discussing them and making preliminary plans." That is Doctor Stratton's comment upon the dormitory situation and the proposed Walker changes. Continuing, he said: "Many men have the idea that the Frick fund and parts of our endowment are available for this use. However, that is not the case and it will be some time before we can draw upon these sources."

Plenty of Land "As a result, we will have either to wait until the money becomes available or it is secured in some other way. You can safely say that just as soon as the money is located for either the gym or dormitories, work will be started. Everyone concerned is anxious for these improvements."

"The important thing is not to assume that because plans are being discussed they will be immediately executed. No positive action is being taken now, but every phase is being thoroughly discussed and when the right time comes we will go ahead."

"Fortunately, we have plenty of land available for dormitories although we have not decided as yet just where they will be erected. Originally it was planned to place them where the ball fields are but we do not intend to do that now, since the diamonds are worth preserving."

Activities a Big Factor In the few months Dr. Stratton has been at the Institute his life has been almost monopolized by banquets, society smokers and other similar events until the question began to grow in the mind of the average man if he was not tiring of the round.

But to that question he smiled, then, "No, I don't mind it in the least. I intended to spend the first few months here getting acquainted with the ac-

## ORGANIZE FOURTH ELECTRIC OPTION

Year's Negotiation Concludes in Arrangement with Stone and Webster

After over a year's negotiations with the Stone and Webster Company, the Institute has completed arrangements for a new VI-A co-operative course with that company. Ten members of the class of '25 are eligible for the new course and will begin their work away from the Institute next June. The periods of training will follow the regular VI-A schedule and will last for three years, in addition to the two years the men have already spent at the Institute. There will be yearly vacations of five weeks in all.

Get \$16 a Week at Start The course was secured through the personal efforts of four course VI graduates, Russell Robb '88, L. R. Nash '94, N. H. Daniels '96, and W. B. Hopkins '12. Stone and Webster, like the other companies giving co-operative courses with the Institute, are entering into it as an educational proposition, and guarantee to stick by the men who sign up for three years. At the end of this time, the men are free to accept positions with Stone and Webster or to go where they please. The pay will range between about \$16 a week during the first year to \$21 a week throughout the last.

Since the course with the General (Continued on Page 3)

## Probe Not Yet Started

No action has been taken on the proposed investigation of The Tech. It is understood that the plan is to appoint a representative committee to consist of activity, and nonactivity, fraternity and non-fraternity men, probably with a total of 10 members. This committee will investigate all objections to the policy under which the paper is now being run. It will present these objections, it is said, to the advisory council on publications. Any action, according to expectations, will come from that body.

## PARACHUTE TO BE AIMED AT DOME

Airplane Flying over Institute Tomorrow Will Drop Letters for Aero Rush

The Aeronautical Society has completed plans to have a plane fly over the Institute Thursday night at 5:10 p. m. and drop a parachute carrying a ticket entitling the finder to a free air ride, worth 25 dollars.

Regardless of wind or other weather conditions the aviator will release the parachute directly over the dome of the main library. It will contain an envelope with a letter which is to be presented at the Aero smoker that night by the student who secures it.

Honorary Membership Formal arrangements will then be made for his flight which is to be made at Weston in a Fokker plane. It is probable that the winner will be allowed to stay in the air for about half an hour.

As a further inducement to finding the parachute, the winner will be given an honorary membership in the society for next year. The committee in charge particularly wishes to emphasize that this trip is entirely separate from the trips which are annually raffled off to members.

## Technology Seniors Beyond Comparison Says Insurance Man

Less Than Dozen Unable to Pass His Medical Examination States Dr. Holling

"Although I have never examined so large a group of young men in the business world, there could be no comparison with the men in the Senior class," Dr. B. Hollings, medical examiner of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, replied yesterday when asked to compare the Technology student with the young man of the same age in the business world. "That it would be necessary to select young executives in order to obtain men of the same type before such comparison could be made, because of the futility of comparing a ribbon clerk or a piano mover to a college man is quite apparent."

Less Than Dozen Fail "In the first place the college man, coming from a family that appreciates the value of education has probably (Continued on Page 3.)

## THRONG INSPECTS LABORATORIES ON OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

Women and Students Outnumber Business Men by Nine to One Last Night

## TESTING MATERIALS ATTRACTS ATTENTION

New Wind Tunnel in Action—Trick Electrical Motor Draws Large Crowd

Last night the Institute held open house under the direction of the Combined Professional Societies. Professors, instructors and students were in all the laboratories doing experiments and explaining the equipment to the 600 visitors.

P. P. Pratt '23, when interviewed as to the affair said that in his opinion it was a success. He gave the following figures as his estimate of the attendance: total of 600 present divided as follows: 10 per cent business men, 15 per cent high school students, 50 per cent women, and 25 per cent students.

The societies had a carefully organized system of guides that took groups of visitors from the entrance at Building 5 over one of two routes through the various laboratories. These routes were planned to take the groups through all the laboratories and to the library with the minimum of crowding and confusion.

Wind Tunnel Working Just at the entrance of the Naval Architecture building was an automobile that was doing buss service to the new wind tunnel. The new tunnel was in operation and was open for inspection. The old and smaller one was not running, but was also open.

The heads of the various departments were about meeting visitors and showing them the work that the members of their courses are doing. The laboratories were worked by the instructors and the students themselves. Many actual experiments were being conducted as well as many spec-

## SENIOR PICNIC BOAT BARRED BY BRIDGE

Lack of Wharfing Facilities and Heights of Masts Block Senior Plan

Negotiations on the part of the Seniors to have the Nantasket boat come up into the Charles River basin for them on the day of their picnic have come to grief. When an attempt was made to push the project, the steamship officials found that not only were wharfing facilities inadequate but because of the side-wheel feature of the vessel it is not possible to handle it in the narrow spaces of bridge draws and channels.

In addition, the superstructure of the ship reaches nearly 50 feet above the waterline, while according to Prof. C. M. Spofford, '93, the maximum height of the East Boston bridge is in the vicinity of 30 feet. Since it has no draw this in itself would kill the plan.

## Professional Society Chief Favors United Honor System Stand

Favors Institute Committee Action Instead of Course Decision

"It seems to me that the Institute Committee should decide the question of an honor system at Technology, favorably or unfavorably as it sees fit, instead of having each course make its own decision," said P. P. Knight, Jr. '23, head of the Combined Professional Societies, when interviewed during the Open House celebration last evening.

A nearly unanimous vote for a resolution opposing the Honor System was taken at a meeting of the Civil Engineering Society Monday afternoon. However, less than half the membership of the society was present, and one of the officers expressed the opinion that he thought most of the men did not have decided views either one way or the other, and that they had voted for the resolution merely to get it out of the way.

Course X now has an honor system in action, in the Senior class, having recently elected five of the Juniors who are to succeed the present 1923 incumbents. Course IV is running a complete honor arrangement for the entire school over at Rogers. So far as is known no other Technology group is at present running on an organized honor basis.

Representatives of the Mechanical Engineering Society and the Aero Society absolutely refused to say a word on the subject yesterday afternoon.

## Police Recover Most Valuable Watch Lost in Locker Robberies

Thefts Not Work of Technology Students According to Inspector

Present figures show that locker thefts at Technology have been more serious than at first supposed. Three watches, valued respectively at \$50, \$35, and \$40, and a camera, must be added to the list previously known. Cambridge police are at work on the case, and so far have succeeded in recovering the most valuable watch. When interviewed, the Cambridge inspector stated that in his opinion these thefts represented the work of outsiders, not Technology students.

The inspector further stated that he very confidently anticipated an early apprehension of the culprits. He thought that these were two or three men that had recognized the ease with which they could steal from the locker rooms. He investigated conditions here, and of them he says, "I found things such that it was very easy for a stranger to come in and steal. Lockers were open or unlocked, and clothes and valuables in open sight. This was particularly noticeable in the gymnasium and track-house locker rooms."

Opening Lockers Serious The officer was substantiated in his statements about the careless conditions existing in the locker rooms by (Continued on Page 3)

## JUNIORS PLAN TO BAR RATIFICATION THROUGH PETITION

May Obtain Testimony of Those Who Couldn't Vote as Support

## MUST OBTAIN MAJORITY TO SECURE ATTENTION

Few Signatures and No Statements So Ratification Now Seems Likely

Unless a last minute petition which is being circulated among the members of the Class of 1924 is successful, present appearances indicate that the elections held May 1 will be ratified at the special meeting of the Institute Committee called for tomorrow afternoon. Attempts to secure statements from members of the Junior class saying that they had been absolutely prevented from voting by the late opening of the polls were unsuccessful, though they will probably be continued.

It is rumored that R. P. Shaw '23, Chairman of the Institute Committee, has stated that if a majority of the class signs a petition asking for a new election, or if several make the statements mentioned above, that it is quite possible that the Institute Committee would consider this sufficient evidence to have a new election.

Men Are Wary The man who has started these petitions said that they were not out soon enough yesterday to secure a large number of signatures, but that he hoped to obtain many names before the Institute Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon. To that end he suggested that all who wished to have a new election would help in securing it if they would hunt up the petitions instead of waiting for somebody to come around and ask them to sign.

He said that he had made quite a little effort to obtain statements to the (Continued on Page 3)

## ATHLETES DINE AND GET AWARDS TONIGHT

Dr. S. W. Stratton to Address A. A. Banquet and Present Letters

The reward for achievement well accomplished will come to Technology's athletes tonight when the main hall of Walker Memorial will be the scene of the largest banquet held by the M. I. T. A. A. for many seasons, and perhaps the largest ever held here.

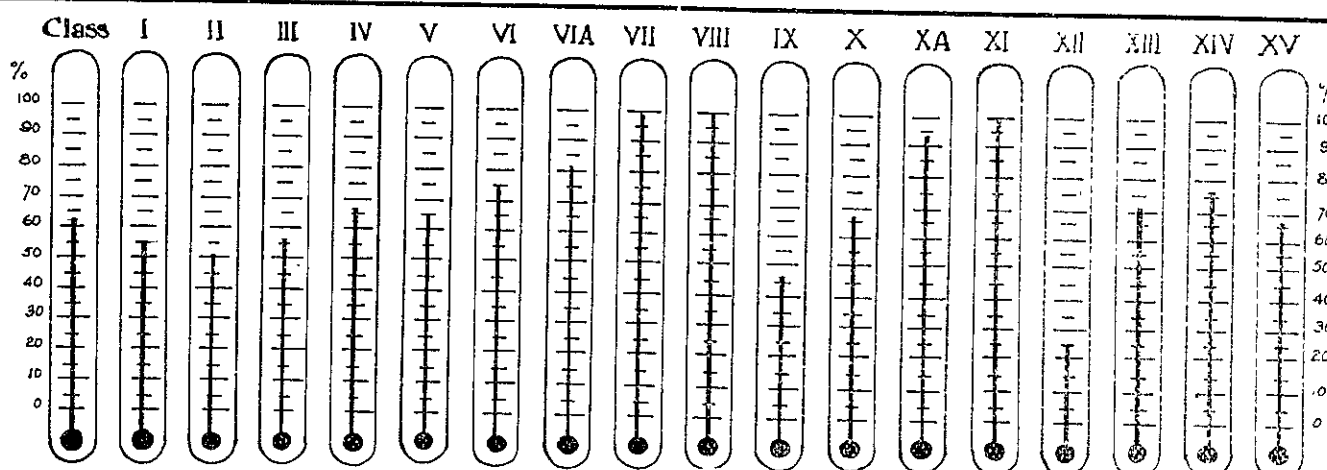
Dr. J. A. Rockwell '96 will be toastmaster, and prominent among the speakers will be Dr. S. W. Stratton, whose words concerning athletic policies are said to be anxiously awaited by the Institute. In addition to taking the role of chief speaker at the banquet, Dr. Stratton will also present the athletic insignia for the year, including letter and numeral awards.

Major F. H. Briggs '81 will present the "T" varsity charms to winners for the past season and the tennis cup will be presented by President George Swartz of the A. A. to the winner, whose name will be announced at the banquet.

## CALENDAR

- Wednesday, May 9  
5:30—Tech Varsity Club meeting, west lounge, Walker.  
6:30—M. I. T. A. A. Banquet in main hall.  
Thursday, May 10  
7:00—Chemical Society banquet, Riverbank Court.  
8:00—Society of Military Engineers Dance in north hall, Walker.  
8:00—Aeronautical Engineering Society Smoker, room 10-250.  
8:00—Radio Society Meeting with Boston CW Club, room 5-330.  
Friday, May 11  
6:30—M. E. Society banquet, Dreyfus French Restaurant.  
8:00—Catholic Club Dance, north hall, Walker.  
Saturday, May 12  
2:00—Walker Memorial Tea Dance, main hall, Walker.  
Sunday, May 13  
5:00—Episcopal Club Meeting in Faculty and Alumni room, Walker.  
7:30—Chinese Students Club meeting, north hall, Walker.  
8:00—Faculty Club meeting in Faculty dining room.  
Monday, May 14  
8:00—Choral Society concert, main hall, Walker.  
Tuesday, May 15  
6:00—Speakers' Club Dinner, Faculty dining room.  
Thursday, May 17  
8:00—Math. Club meeting, Faculty and Alumni room, Walker.

## SENIOR MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE ENDS TOMORROW



The Senior Memorial Endowment Fund has enrolled 456 of the 717 members of the Senior class. This means that 63.5 per cent of the class have enrolled and it is expected that 75 per cent will enroll before the drive closes. The last opportunity to sign up will be from 10 to 2 in room 10-203 tomorrow.

Already over 4,000 dollars have been paid in as the first payments which will be placed at 4½ per cent interest compounded annually. This together with the \$9.50 that each member will pay yearly when placed at interest will amount to more than \$130,000 when it is turned over to the Institute in twenty-five years.

If any member does not continue payments after a time, the money already paid in will be placed at interest and turned over with the rest. If any of the members die the full amount of the policy or \$250 will be turned into the fund and will accumulate interest until it is turned in with the rest.