

NORTHEASTERN BOWS TO TECH IN FIRST GAME

Varsity Basketball Team Wins
Opener Saturday by
31-26 Score

DAVIDSON DOES BEST
FOR ENGINEER SQUAD

Visitors' Rally in Final Period
Fails to Pass Early
Lead

Playing fast though ragged basket-
ball, the varsity squad survived their
first game of the season last Saturday
night in the hangar gym. Northeast-
ern proved a menace several times
during the game but the varsity came
through with the long end of a 31-26
score.

Davidson, who played throughout
the game at right guard, was the high
scorer of the game with six baskets.
He was the only man on the floor to
score in every period of play. Sylves-
ter, left forward for Northeastern, was
easily the most valuable man on their
team, scoring five baskets and tallying
one on a free throw.

Northeastern Works Well

At the opening of the game North-
eastern started out as if they meant
business. Good teamwork gave the
ball to Sylvester right under their
basket. He sank it without difficulty,
but was called on the technical charge
of running and the ball was given to
the Engineers. The ball immediately
went to the other end of the floor and
after a pretty exhibition of teamwork
Simonds secured the first goal for
Tech. This was followed by a goal by
Janssen, Northeastern right forward,
after several minutes of play. Simons
scored another point on a foul, David-
son made a long shot from the middle
of the floor.

Northeastern then got the ball and
with an exhibition of excellent team-
work penetrated the Beaver defense
for another goal. Just before the
whistle blew at the end of the quarter
Technology scored again when John-
ston made a short shot on a pass from
Simonds.

Second Quarter Fast

The Beavers made a strong start in
the second quarter. Two baskets by
Ruff and one by Davidson were tallied
in the first minute or so of play. Syl-
vester of Northeastern staged a come-
back all by himself when he twice
penetrated the Technology defense for
four points. Ruff scored again and
Simonds tallied once. Northeastern

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ARMED ROBBER HOLDS UP THE WALTON LUNCH

Makes Get-a-Way With Sixteen
Dollars in Cash

At 6:30 o'clock last Thursday morn-
ing the branch of the Walton Lunch
Company at 78 Massachusetts Avenue,
directly opposite the Institute, was
entered and robbed by an armed rob-
ber of 16 dollars in cash. When the
night man refused to hand over the
money two shots were fired, one lodg-
ing in the ceiling and another passing
through the glass that surrounds the
cashier's booth.

The shots caused the counterman
and cook on duty to retreat to the
cellar where a coal pile afforded some
protection from stray bullets and the
band removed the cash from the
booth with no further opposition. He
then left the store and calmly boarded
a southbound street car.

The police, who were immediately
summoned, reached the lunchroom
about half-an-hour later and even
though the robber had but recently
made a get-away in a street car they
were unable to obtain any trace of him
whatsoever.

The day cashier, who went on duty
half-an-hour later, said there was
considerable excitement even at that
time. She explained the small sum
that was in the cash register at the
time of the robbery by the fact that
the night cashier had already removed
50 dollars from the register and placed
it in a cash box in the booth.

TAKE OPTIONS ON NEW LAND— UNVEIL PAINTING AT BANQUET

MURAL SHOWN AT ALUMNI DINNER HELD SATURDAY

Applause Greeted First Showing
of Symbolic Painting
by Blasfield

CARLSON TELLS PLANS
FOR MORE DECORATION

Complimentary Remarks About
Institute Made by New
Hampshire Senator

Before an audience of nearly 600
alumni the great mural painting in
Walker Memorial by E. H. Blasfield
'09, was unveiled Saturday evening at
the annual Alumni Banquet.

A deep silence of wonder and expecta-
tion fell upon the diners as H. J.
Carlson '92 led Collins Maclaurin, son
of the late President Maclaurin, through
the maze of tables to the cords
that held back the curtain covering the
mural. As the curtains slowly parted
and the guests were given their first
glimpse of the "Alma Mater" painting,
they broke into cheers and applause.

Mr. Carlson then was introduced by
Toastmaster G. L. Gilmore '90 to ex-
plain the mural. After going through
the interpretation of the figures on the
painting, he explained how the panels
on either side of the mural were to be
made into a continuation of the central
picture. Also he said that during the
summer the entire main hall would be
repainted and changed so that it would
provide a setting for the main paint-
ings. He also expressed the hope that
the other end of the hall might also be
decorated by murals in the future. He
announced that the money for the murals
had been given by "three unknown
donors."

The comedy of the banquet was sup-
plied by Franklin P. Collier the well
known cartoonist of The Boston Herald.

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INSTITUTE DEMOCRATS NOW ORGANIZING CLUB

Activities Commence Next Week
With Outside Speakers

Both the Republican and Democratic
parties are now represented at Technol-
ogy by student organizations. The
Republican Club, which was organized
last term, is at present conducting no
active campaign, according to a state-
ment made by its chairman, Austin
Cole, Jr., '25, yesterday. The Demo-
crats, headed by Henry Zeiger '24, are
on the contrary planning to begin their
activities next week, with organization
and affiliation with the Democratic
Party.

The Chairman of the club and several
members of the Democratic State
Committee will explain in detail the
structure and workings of the Demo-
cratic Party. Also a short instructive
talk will be given on methods of per-
forming such citizenship duties as reg-
istering for voting, how to become a
candidate for public office, the opera-
tion of the initiative and referendum,
and other political duties falling to the
lot of the average voter.

Following the first meeting the club
will assemble once every two weeks to
hear men prominent in the political
world speak upon topics of current in-
terest. Lectures on such subjects as
the Federal Reserve Act, the Bonus,
Prohibition, and others of like nature
will be presented. The schedule of
speakers is not yet available.

No dues will be collected from the
members of the Democratic Club. In
the Summer and Fall of this year when
the political campaign is on all over
the country, men will be selected from
the Democratic Club at Technology, ac-
cording to present plans, to travel
throughout the state as stump speak-
ers for the Democratic Party.

High Spots in Alumni Banquet Speeches

G. L. Gilmore '90—

"All that the Alumni have been called upon to do in past
years is to put their hands in their pockets for money. Now
the Alumni are called upon to give service."

President Stratton—

"One of the jobs of the Alumni is representing the Institute
as a prospective school to future students."

"Scholarships are one of the best means of publicity we
can have."

"I predict this action that has been taken in purchasing
land will be one of the greatest moves in Technology's career."

"In the future our most important need is more dormi-
tories."

"There is an impression that our students, rather technical
men as a whole, are trained to deal only with materials. My
experience is that technical training is the very best for develop-
ing leadership."

"I don't believe there is a student body that is better governed
by the students than Technology's. Questions that have arisen
in all cases have been satisfactorily settled by students."

"Activity experience is one of the greatest advantages that
the students have."

A. W. Rowe '01—

"The difference between our governments and the other
governments, is that we know we are right."

"With thirty teams expending a total budget of thirty thou-
sand dollars, Technology can surely not be accused of commer-
cialized athletics."

Senator Moses—

"First I want to extend to you my congratulations that the
Massachusetts Institute of Technology stands to me as a great
Institution of learning still holding the high tradition of a place
that is hard to enter, and easy to exit."

"As long as Congress is allowed to run riot with its appro-
priations, so long we will have this system of taxation. And
so long as we have this system of taxation, Congress will run
riot with its appropriations."

CLUBS WILL PLAY AT THE SOMERSET

Winter Debut Begins Within
Three Weeks—To Appear
At Simmons

Following their return from their
winter trip, the Combined Musical
Clubs are rounding up their forces for
the winter season. With the Winter
Concert at the Somerset only three
weeks off and a competition for treas-
urer under way at the present time,
the clubs have plenty of work on their
hands.

The clubs wish to lay emphasis on
the fact that all men who played with
the various organizations and who did
not go on the trip last week should re-
port for practice as soon as possible.
Any men who would like to try out
for one of the musical clubs are urged
to report at the earliest convenient re-
hearsal. In issuing this call for can-
didates the clubs are anxious for a
hearty response from the student body
since, as is always the case in Institute
activities, they find their ranks slightly
depleted following the results of the
first term and also desire to enlarge
the personnel of their organization.

Since the concert to be given in the
Allston Theatre on January 7 has been
postponed until a later date, the next
performance given by the club will be
at Simmons College on Friday, January
11. Although arrangements are still
indefinite with regard to several of the
concerts this season, the clubs have
quite a full schedule.

CONCERT DATES

Rogers Hall	January 19
Winter Concert	January 25
Fall River	February 1
Waltham	February 7 (tentative)
Sargent	February 15
Joint Concert with Dartmouth	February 21 (tentative)
Wellesley	March 1
Bradford	March 29 (tentative)

SOPHOMORES TAKE VOCABULARY TEST

Examination Prepared by Prof.
Alexander Inglis of
Harvard

The Inglis English Vocabulary Test
was given to the members of the Soph-
omore Class in their E.II.22 lecture
sections last Saturday. The test is
prepared by Professor Alexander In-
glis of the Educational School at Har-
vard University, and was designed to
determine the extent of the vocabulary
of the students at Technology.

The examination consists of 150 sen-
tences one word in each of which is
in italics. Directly after the sentence a
group of several words was printed
and the student was required to under-
line the word in this list which most
nearly corresponded in meaning to the
italicized word in the sentence.

A number of the words were of rather
common usage and it was therefore
easy to find the synonymous word. In
a number of cases, however, the words
were not so common and consequently
it was difficult to arrive at the correct
answer. In general, the test was con-
sidered to be fair by most of the stu-
dents.

Some Words Difficult

An example of the sentence which
was answered easily is, I attended an
Auction and the words which fol-
lowed were, card-game, town meeting,
public sale, trial, opera. Obviously
the synonymous word is public-
sale but even in this case one or two
of the men insisted that the word to
be underlined was card-game. Whether
this may be taken as an indication
that they are more familiar with the
gentle art of cards than with the Eng-
lish language has not yet been ascer-
tained.

Among the sentences that offered a
good deal of trouble were: *Agglomera-
tion* of roots, I ignored the *Animadver-
sion*, and His *Diurnal* duties. The words
which were placed after the sentence
threw some light upon the meaning of

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PREPARE TO BUY TWO PARCELS OF CAMBRIDGE LAND

All Unoccupied Space to West
of Institute Proposed
for Addition

MUST SECURE \$85,000
TO CONCLUDE PURCHASE

Coleman duPont Gives \$125,000
Toward Acquisition—One
Option Taken Up

Options on approximately 30 acres of
land have been secured by the corpora-
tion to the west of Massachusetts Ave-
nue. Already one of the options com-
prising about 14 acres of land has been
definitely taken up, and through the
gift of Coleman duPont '84 of \$125,000
towards the next option seems indica-
tive of it also becoming Institute prop-
erty.

These facts were given out Saturday
evening in the speech that President
Stratton made to the Alumni at their
annual banquet in Walker Memorial.

The first purchase of the tract of
land was authorized at the meeting of
the Corporation Wednesday, January
2. The money was obtained from un-
restricted funds of the Institute. This
land is bounded by Massachusetts Ave-
nue, Charles River Road, a line per-
pendicular to the river passing approx-
imately through the Phi Beta Epsilon
Fraternity house, and Vassar Street,
with the following exceptions, the land
containing building which face on
Massachusetts Avenue and the land
facing on Charles River Road from
Riverbank Court to the Charlesgate
Hospital, inclusive.

The second tract of land extends
westward over a quarter of a mile past
the Delta Psi house, Vassar Street is
its northern boundary but it does not
extend quite to Charles River Road
on the south, there being a narrow
strip along the road that is not includ-
ed in the option.

One option for 592,000 square feet of
land costing \$296,000 has been closed,
and another has been secured for 722,-
000 square feet of land for \$250,000.

At the Corporation meeting it was
announced that General Coleman du-
Pont '84 has offered \$125,000 toward
the purchase of this tract, if the re-
mainder is raised within 30 days. \$40,-
000 was subscribed at the meeting by
members of the corporation who were

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PREVENTION OF FIRE SUBJECT OF LECTURE

The second of the popular science
lectures offered under the auspices of
the Society of Arts will be given next
Sunday, January 13, at 4 o'clock. Pro-
fessor G. B. Wilkes '11 will speak on
"Fire and Fire Prevention." The lec-
ture will be illustrated by experiments.
Students may obtain tickets for them-
selves and friends free of charge at
the Information office.

These lectures are given on subjects
of popular interest, and are open to
the public without charge. The lec-
tures are always well attended and
therefore admission is by ticket only.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 8	7:30—Tech Show Ballet rehearsal, north hall, Walker.
Wednesday, January 9	5:00—Freshman class officers' meeting, room 2-30.
	7:30—Tech Show Chorus rehearsal, north hall, Walker.
Thursday, January 10	7:00—Masonic Club Smoker, north hall, Walker.
Friday, January 11	8:15—Dorm Dancer, Walker.
	8:15—Musical Clubs concert, Simmons College.
Saturday, January 12	5:30—American Chemical Society meeting, north hall, Walker.
Sunday, January 13	4:00—Popular Science lecture, room 10-250.