

## A FRESHMAN CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT AFTER ALL, SAYS DR. BURTON

### ANSWERS QUESTION RAISED BY FROSH IN EVERY COLLEGE

Talk By Former Dean Burton  
Yesterday Is Attended  
By 250 Students

### TELLS OF THE OLD DAYS

A freshman can't do much about it after all, was the answer which former Dean Alfred E. Burton made to the question, "What can a freshman do about it anyway?" He discussed this matter fully in his talk to about 250 members of the undergraduate body yesterday afternoon in Room 10-250.

Dr. Burton then went on to tell the students about the Student Government at the Institute. "The Institute has the best undergraduate control of activities of any American college. All the students should do all they can to promote the welfare of the student government, and to uphold all the decrees and laws as emphasized by the student officers," he remarked. Continuing, he then talked about the traditions of the Institute. He was associated with Technology for 40 years, and during that period of time many traditions were established. "Some of these traditions," he remarked, "will serve as a warning, others as an example. Worth-while traditions should be observed and upheld."

### No Student Life in Early Days

When Dr. Burton first came to the Institute, the school was held entirely in the Rogers Building in Boston. It was a very small college and for many years there was no student life at the school. After a long period of time the students began to form the various activities. THE TECH was the first, soon followed by minstrel shows and Class Day programs. Finally sports were started: football, track, and tug-of-war teams were formed, and the students entered wholeheartedly into all the activities. Then the student governing bodies were formed and the Institute expanded.

Much of the social life at a college is due to the fraternities and dormitories. Fraternities were organized with the idea that they should contain all classes, and so were the dormitories, which were built at the Institute with the upperclassmen in charge. The fraternities and dormitories are not ruled by the faculty but are governed by the students themselves.

"I believe it would be a great mistake to have any one class in a building ruled by the faculty," said Dr. Burton. "I believe that it is a greater benefit for members of all classes to be together, and to be governing themselves. Self-responsibility is developed in the student and every student should consider it an honor to belong to a committee elected by the student body. The experience gained in activities is as important as any other thing gained at the Institute. I want the Institute to always stand at the head of student government colleges, and I want every student to try to be a part, a real helping part of the undergraduate life of Technology."

### T. C. A. STILL SHORT \$600—ASKS PAYMENT

Requests for payment of subscriptions pledged to the Technology Christian Association are being made by mail. In the drive for \$3100 conducted some eight weeks ago pledges were secured amounting to over \$2000, and of that amount less than \$1500 has been paid.

It is necessary that the remaining pledges be paid very shortly in order that the T. C. A. may continue its work. The Association announces that 154 subscriptions have yet to be met, and is soliciting prompt payment.

Students wishing to make payment of their pledges may do so at either office in Walker at any time and on any day.

### Technique Calls For Informal Snapshots

A call for informal photographs has been sounded by the 1928 "Technique" for its usual "Informals" section in the year book. Pictures are wanted of faculty, student body, and personages well known around the Institute in unofficial poses. Although the management would like to have them as soon as possible, they will be accepted up until the Christmas vacation.

There are still a large number of Seniors who have not made appointments for sittings for having their pictures taken, and it is very possible that many of these will be left out of the Senior Portfolio Section. The management also states that Seniors should send back the proofs of their pictures to the photographer as soon as possible.

## HIMOE HAS CLOSE SHAVE IN ARCTIC

Institute Student Who Went  
With McMillan Is Almost  
Frozen to Death

Clifford E. Himoe '30, who is in the Arctic Circle as radio operator of the Bowdoin, Donald MacMillan's arctic schooner, was barely saved from being frozen to death on Monday. Himoe and an associate, Frank Henderson, of Provincetown, were stranded on a desert island when attempting to get to the party's radio station in order to communicate between their isolated shacks and the outside world.

MacMillan's expedition is wintering at Anatalok Bay in northern Labrador. The Bowdoin, which carries the radio equipment, has been deserted for three shacks which have been built ashore. The ship lies at anchor in the Bay more than a mile from shore, and daily, Himoe, the radio operator, must traverse the icy bay in a dory to maintain scheduled communication with the outside world.

Monday there was a fierce northeast gale lashing the water of the bay. Himoe as usual, accompanied by Henderson, set out for the schooner in a dory. The small boat was thrown about by the heavy sea and battered by the ice floes. Despite their efforts, Himoe and Henderson were unable to maintain control of it.

The wind caught the dory and swept it past the Bowdoin in the direction of the open sea. The only hope for the men to save themselves was Dog Island, a small wave-swept island which stood between them and the outer sea. By a final desperate effort they managed to head the dory onto the rocks. As the boat crashed and broke to splinters the two men jumped ashore.

With no shelter the two remained on the island all day, their clothing frozen, and the rain drenching them continually. Toward evening the storm subsided and they were rescued, exhausted, and almost frozen. Commander MacMillan had missed the men and had searched the bay for some time before locating them.

Himoe was on duty again today. He reported that ice was fast forming on the surface of the bay and that he might be prevented from reaching the radio station on board the Bowdoin for several days. He is a member of Course VI at the Institute and has been in the arctic with MacMillan's expedition since June.

### FRESHMAN LEADERS PLAN CLASS SMOKER

Further arrangements were made for the freshman smoker to be held within the next two or three weeks at a meeting of the officers and section-leaders of the freshman class held on Wednesday afternoon. Robert B. Freeman, newly-elected freshman class president, appointed the Smoker Committee of which Tinsby Rucker had previously been chairman. The Committee is now working on the formation of a program for the smoker.

## H. B. DEAN RESIGNS GOVERNING BODY'S VICE - PRESIDENCY

E. F. Cellette Succeeds Dean as  
Elections Committee  
Chairman

### ILL HEALTH FORCED MOVE

Henry B. Dean '28, has resigned from his office of Vice-President of the Institute Committee because of ill health. His resignation was tendered at the regular meeting of the Institute Committee last night, and was accepted with regrets. Dean has been forced to drop out of all other undergraduate activities as well as the Institute governing body.

As a consequence of his resignation, Dean gives up his post as chairman of the Freshman Rules Committee, and also as chairman of the Elections Committee. Following his recommendation, the Institute Committee appointed Edwin F. Cellette '28, to succeed Dean as chairman of the Elections Committee.

Ever since his entrance into the Institute in 1924, Dean has been prominent in student affairs. During his first two years he was president of his class, and played on class football teams in the Field Day encounters. Last year he served on the Institute Committee, and again played football with his class, in a team known as the "Beavers." In addition he was a member of the Junior Prom Committee, and was a member of the Walker Club and the Beaver Club, of which he had been president.

Cellette's undergraduate activities have been varied between sports and the management of the financial affairs of the Combined Musical Clubs. He was treasurer of the Musical Clubs last year and was a member of the freshman track team in his initial year at the Institute. He is a member of Beaver and Baton.

## COURSE VI WILL HOLD COLLOQUIA

Discussions Open to Seniors,  
Graduates, and Junior  
Honor Students

A series of three colloquia by members of the technical staff of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company on "Scientific Aspects of Design Problems in Large Electric Power Apparatus," has just been announced by the Electrical Engineering Department. The first will be held in Room 10-275 from 3 until 5 o'clock on Monday and Tuesday, by Mr. C. Richard Soderberg, when the discussion will be on, "Mechanical Problems."

These colloquia are open to all Seniors, graduate students, and members of the Junior honor group. The discussions will last two days, and students are urged to attend both sessions. The colloquium leaders desire that students interrupt their talk at any time with any questions they may have, and it is expected that several lively discussions will occur during the talks.

Two other lectures will be held at (Continued on page 4)

## ALDRED LECTURES START ON DECEMBER 16; CHARLES M. SCHWAB ONE OF SPEAKERS

Will Deliver Lecture  
In New Aldred Series



Charles M. Schwab

## RESUME WORK ON TECH SONG BOOK

Will Contain Only Technology  
Songs, Rules Institute  
Committee

Work on the Technology song book will be resumed again as soon as possible by a committee consisting of John A. Russell '28, Leonard C. Peskin '29 and Robert G. Parker '28, appointed by the Institute Committee yesterday afternoon. It is hoped that the book will be completely planned before the beginning of the second term.

Contrary to the original plan of the book, the Institute Committee has decided that it shall contain nothing but songs relating to M. I. T., including pieces written in the prize song competition, and some of the more popular this of the recent Tech Shows. Formerly the book was planned to contain in addition several of the best known college songs. These have had to be omitted due to the large expense they would incur.

According to the present plans, it will be possible to sell the book to the students at a rate sufficiently low to make it popular. This song book is expected to be a valuable asset in assuring the success of the various smokers and other social affairs at the Institute.

The appointment of the following men to the Walker Memorial Committee was approved: Eric A. Bianchi '29 and Herman P. Meissner '29, reappointed; Robert P. Crowell '30, J. A. Dixon Rapp '30, Thomas W. Rosborough '31 and Harrison A. Von Urf '30, newly appointed.

## 'FUTURE OF YOUNG ENGINEER' SUBJECT OF FIRST ADDRESS

John F. Stevens, President of  
American Society of Civil  
Engineers, Is Opener

### SERIES FOUNDED IN 1923

Many nationally-known men have definitely promised to speak in this year's series of Aldred Lectures, according to Professor Albion R. Wood '21, who has charge of the present series. Probably the best known of them all is Charles M. Schwab, formerly president of the United States Steel Corporation.

The series will start this year on December 16, when Mr. John F. Stevens of New York, will talk on "The Future of the Young Engineer." Mr. Stevens is president of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. William E. Nickerson '76, a director of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, will be the second speaker, delivering his address on January 6.

### The Other Speakers

On January 20, Charles M. Schwab will be the speaker, and Mr. Robert Ridgway, Chief Engineer of the Board of Transit of New York City, will be at the Institute on February 17. Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company will also speak during the series, but the date is still undecided. The last speaker will be Dr. Arthur D. Little '85, president of the A. D. Little Corporation, a chemical research concern.

All the lectures are on Friday at 3 o'clock, and are arranged especially for Seniors, graduate students, and members of the instructing staff. Classes which would be held at the (Continued on Page 4)

## STUDENTS MAY WIN MONEY AND MEDAL

James Means Prize Founded  
As Annual Award For  
Aero Essay

Technology undergraduates interested in aeronautics now have the opportunity of competing for a prize, known as the James Means Prize, which will be awarded annually to the student submitting the best original essay on aeronautical subjects.

The prize will consist of a sum of money which will partly defray the expenses of graduate study in aeronautical engineering, the amount of the award being varied at the discretion of the committee in charge of the prize. In addition, a medal will be given the winner.

Money for this prize will come from the income of the recently established James Means Prize Fund, which was founded by Dr. James H. Means in memory of his father, the late James Means of Boston, who was a pioneer in aeronautical investigation in New England.

Administration of the prize will be in charge of a committee of three, one member of which will be Dr. James H. Means or someone appointed by him. The other two members will be selected from the Aeronautical Engineering faculty by the President of Technology. Complete rules will be posted by the committee in the near future, subject to change at their discretion. The closing date for the first award will be between February 1 and April 1, the definite date to be announced later.

### CALENDAR

Friday, December 2  
6:00—Electrical Engineering Society Supper in Room 1-345.  
6:45—Electrical Engineering Society Meeting, Room 5-330.  
Saturday, December 3  
8:00—Technology vs. New Bedford Basketball Game in Hangar Gym.

## Corporation Arranges Musical Treat For Students; Whiting to Give Concert

First Recital Scheduled For  
Tuesday With Program  
Of Bach's Music

Technology men will be the recipients of a musical treat in the form of a concert given by Mr. Arthur Whiting in Room 10-250 on Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. This will be the first of the third series of Whiting Concerts which have been planned by the Corporation for the benefit of those who appreciate music and education along such lines, but who have had little or no technical training in music.

The selections which will be rendered at the recital have been chosen entirely from the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach, the famous composer of the early sixteenth century. In these numbers, Mr. Whiting will play the harpsichord, and will be as-

sisted by five other first class musicians. The accompanying artists are Mr. George Barrere, flutist, Mr. Michael de Stefano, first violinist, Mr. Walter Edelstein, second violinist, Mr. Mitja Stillman, who plays the viola, and Mr. Alberico Guidi, on the violoncello.

As was the custom in the last two years, Mr. Whiting will give a short informal talk explaining the music of the evening, and its appreciation. He has become widely recognized as an authority in the field of educational music owing to the fact that although this is only the third year of the series at Technology, his concerts are now in their twenty-first season at Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

All students at Technology, and in addition the members of the Corporation, the officers and staff and their families are invited to attend these concerts. The second of the series will be given on Tuesday, January 17, at the same hour of the evening.