

No Definite Regulations Regarding Unexcused Absence in Use at M.I.T.

Institute Assumed To Be Place For Men To Work; Not For Boys To Play

Quite different from the schools which have strict regulations regarding the number of cuts that can be taken during a term, the Institute has no rules at all on this matter. After interviewing representatives of the administration and of several departments, a reporter of THE TECH summarizes conditions regarding cuts in this manner:

The Institute as a whole has absolutely no definitely stated regulations regarding the number of classes that a student must attend. Different departments handle the matter in various ways, and in most instances it is left entirely up to the instructor.

One faculty member with whom the reporter talked gave the consensus of opinion by quoting a statement that President Walker frequently used in replying to those who criticized the lack of definite rules at the Institute, "The Institute is a place for men to work, and not for boys to play."

Some of those interviewed thought that the present system of leaving the question of class attendance entirely to the student was working satisfactorily, but others thought that some definite statement of what was expected in the matter of attendance at classes would improve conditions by giving the new men at the Institute an idea of how serious or how slight an offense was committed by cutting classes.

Freshman and Sophomore Attendance Required

In practically every department visited it was found that attendance at freshman and sophomore classes is taken regularly; some departments reported that instructors recorded attendance at Junior classes, but attendance is not required at Senior and Graduate classes. However, every representative seen said that although attendance is not required of them, Senior and Graduate students realize their responsibility and attend very regularly.

Practically every department reported that it had adopted the policy of considering students as young men who are able to realize the responsibility placed on them and will attend classes without being driven to them. Two heads of departments and a representative of the administration said that the students are at the Institute to get an education and are paying for the privilege; if they do not want to attend the classes for which they are paying a fairly heavy fee, the Institute considers it the fault of the student and not something in which it should try to play a part.

Two Departments Have Rules

Of the departments visited, only two said that they used a regular system in regard to non-attendance at classes. The Department of Military Science uses a demerit system during the

freshman year and one by which points are deducted from the final grade during the Sophomore year. The Department of Modern Languages also uses a system by which points are deducted from the final grade of those who miss an excessive number of class periods.

The honors group of the Department of Electrical Engineering is subject to special rules in regard to attendance. The twenty-two men, all Juniors and Seniors, who have been selected as members of the honors group because of their high scholarship rating and personal characteristics, are not required to attend regular classes, although they must take all announced or scheduled quizzes and also the final examination.

One of the advisers of this group states that the men in the honors group attend about 40 per cent of the regular lectures.

The Physics Department, which gives instruction to all freshmen and Sophomores, requires attendance from both classes. Both members of the staff of this department whom the reporter interviewed stated that a single absence from class was not a serious offense, but that too frequent absences usually called for an investigation.

No Travelling Time Allowed

Technology has never made exceptions in regard to the time allowed for holidays. Every student, whether he live in Brookline or Seattle, has exactly the same time for holidays; travelling time is not allowed.

The representative of the administration with whom the reporter talked, said that the system used at the Institute was not one founded on inflexible rules but upon common sense and judgment. If a student is absent because of illness he is excused by presenting a card from the Medical Department.

To obtain such a medical card, the student must report to the Infirmary on the day he is absent, either in person, by telephone or by messenger, and then go to the Infirmary office before he returns to classes. Excuses for absence caused by accident, sickness in the family or other unusual causes are issued through the office of the dean.

CONSTRUCTS YACHT FOR OCEAN RACE

Vessel Planned for Graduate Has Unusual Features

Construction of a 45-ft. offshore cruising schooner, a possible competitor in the 1931 ocean race, is being carried on at Neponset for Frederick S. Dellenbaugh Jr., 21, formerly Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at the Institute.

The schooner was designed by the Boston Yacht Sales Inc., which is headed by Ashley Adams, and embodies several of his theories. The mainmast is Marconi-rigged, the foremast gaff rigged, and the jibs are double-headed.

An unusual feature is the decided rake aft of the foremast, which gives the sail plan approximately the form of an equilateral triangle, and is designed to give the foresail a greater drive forward, especially in a seaway. The greatest body of the vessel is well forward of amidships, according to Mr. Adams' theory; this makes it possible for her to maintain headway steadily through a sea. Like most modern fisherman, she has a rather high spoon bow, to prevent her from burying her nose in a heavy seaway.

Sleeping accommodations provide for five in the owner's party and one hired hand forward. The owner's stateroom is aft; the main cabin contains a small open fireplace stove, and a large galley is provided. The overall length of the schooner is a few inches above the required 45' minimum for entry in the open race; if she competes, she will probably be the smallest entry.

Benny Leonard, retired champion of the prize ring, after having tried his hand at almost anything, including acting for the movies and writing articles, is now the boxing instructor at the City College of New York.

The United States Government has lost more than a quarter of a million dollars within the last ten years through students who have flunked out of West Point.

Basketball Coach At Institute Was Versatile Athlete

"PT" McCarthy Became Head Of Physical Training Here In 1922

When Coach "PT" McCarthy first came to the Institute in 1922, he was, as his nickname indicates, only Director of Physical Training. At that time the basketball team was without a coach, and it so remained until 1924 when "PT" took up his duties as mentor of the same. During the two years between 1922 and 1924, Technology had been searching high and low for a coach and it was only by accident that it was discovered that McCarthy was an experienced basketball player.

One of the boys in his physical training classes became manager of the basketball team in his second year. At that time the morale of the basketball squad was at a very low ebb. During the entire season in 1923, they won one game. Knowing that "PT" was familiar with the game, the manager asked him to come over one evening and give the team a little advice. In that way his ability as a coach was discovered.

McCarthy was a versatile athlete during his school career. In addition to basketball which was his specialty, he played baseball, football, and was a member of the track team. In track, "PT" was mostly interested in the field events and could do 6 feet in the high jump. His all round ability won him third place in the 1910 New England All Round Championship meet. After graduating from school, McCarthy continued to play basketball on professional teams. Among the teams he played with was Company G of Gloucester who were the champions of the Massachusetts professional league.

As a coach, McCarthy has held positions all over the United States. While coach of Revere High School, his team was State Champion for a couple of years. He also coached at Winthrop High School, from which he had graduated. Then at Gary, Indiana, as well as being Physical Director, he was coach of baseball, basketball, and track. Going still farther west, he became Director of Physical Training in the Public Schools of Salt Lake City.

Among the boys whom he has trained are Snow and Margeson, who after graduating from high school played at Dartmouth, and Evans, who coached the Brown Varsity, and is now freshman coach at Dartmouth.

With the stimulus of Coach McCarthy, the basketball team has shown marked improvement. The year before he took charge of affairs, the team won only one game. The next year it won two, then four, and in 1926, won nine out of eleven games. One of the outstanding feats of the team while under his direction was the defeat of Dartmouth the year that she won the Intercollegiate Championship. The games with Harvard have also all been close.

DORM RUMOR MAPS INSTITUTE GROUNDS

Dormitory men have a publication of their own, the Dorm Rumor, which divulges the happenings of the Dormitories that otherwise would not be found in print. The latest issue that came out last week contained a map of the Institute grounds which included all the valuable information necessary to the undergraduate student body.

Hazeltine, Hall And Ford Begin Their Last Year

Harvard Mentor Desires 12 Man Ruling Be Changed For His Squad

(Continued from Page One) nel of Capt. Robert Saltonstall, a wing; Henri David, defense, and Clarence Peil, center. Men from last year's subs that may see action tomorrow night are Bartol, goal; Baldwin, center; Malcolm Stone, John Putnam, and John Woodward, wings. On account of the large number of men Stubbs has on his squad, he has asked Stewart to do away with the maximum of twelve restriction of the N. C. A. A. This would allow him to give his second lines practice in an actual game.

The line up for the Technology squad previously announced is still unchanged. Captain Ben Hazeltine and Otto Peterson will have left and right defense positions. The line has Horace Ford at left wing, Penn Hall at center, and Hors Orbanowski at right. The position of goal tender is still a toss up between Don Whiston and Phil Coleman.

Hazeltine Starts Fourth Year

Captain Hazeltine is in his fourth year of first string hockey competition. Starring on the freshman squad of three years ago, he has continued that same practice through the past years. He is a sure shot and is able to execute the necessary intricacies that are needed to put the puck in the net. Witness to this is the fact that he scored the single goal for the Beaver team in last year's Harvard game. His main weakness is that he is a bit slow on skates.

Hall holding down the position of center, is a transfer from the position of right wing on last year's squad. He too, is a veteran on the hockey squad, having played on it ever since his freshman year. He was the most dangerous threat against the Crimson squad last year, although none of his efforts were successful from the point of view of the score. Hall is probably the fastest man on the Institute team. In addition he is one of the best shots on the squad and should account for a good many points before the season is far advanced.

Ford is also an old hand at the game, for he has been out for the team for several years past. With Hors Orbanowski, a transfer last year, the line should be one with definite scoring possibilities. Orbanowski is by no means out of practice for he was with the team all last year, but was not allowed to play on account of local eligibility rules.

Goalie Undecided

Of the two candidates for the goalie position Whiston has a bit of advantage from the standpoint of experience. Last year he subbed at the position in the Harvard game and several other of the season's frays. Although Coleman has had no game playing on his record, he has been showing up very well in the practices this fall and has just about as good a chance for the place as Whiston.

Regan, Cochrane, and Fahey, comprising the second Engineer line, all saw service in the games last year. They should give Coach Stewart a good set of extras on which to fall back. Several others on the squad have seen service, either in last year's games or in the freshmen contests.

The practices this season have been for the most part scrimmages. Playing together in the mornings they have been developing their skating and shooting. There has been little combination work to date, but Coach Stewart will probably begin to concentrate on that soon after the first game.

Passing the puck is one of the main weaknesses of the Beaver game.

Veteran Crimson Team
Lack of ice has caused a tall in hockey prospects for the game Thursday. After going over to the Arena, their place of practice, on last Monday morning, Coach Stewart banged in vain on the entrance to the rink. Finally in answer to his poundings he was finally told that there was no ice. Probing deeper it developed that one of the ammonia pipes had broken and that it would take quite a while to repair the leak. As a consequence there was no practice Monday or this morning and the scheduled scrimmage with the Boston Hockey club had to be called off. This disadvantage will be offset by the fact that the Crimson squad has not been working out as long as the Engineer squad.

Tickets in T. C. A.
Tickets for the Tech-Harvard game are on sale at the T. C. A. office. Most of the seats are 50 cents and one dollar. Other seats may be obtained at a higher figure. A good crowd is expected to be out for the game scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

Last year Tech came out on the wrong end of an 8-1 score. The game was the second one for the Institute squad, it having downed Boston University 3-1 in their first game of the season. It was the third or fourth game for the Harvard squad. This year there will be no such difference in the previous experience of the squads for this is the opener for each.

A ban against tobacco is sought in Oregon. The state will vote on amendment prohibiting smoking of cigarettes, although its defeat is forecast.

The crew of the University of California learn the art of pulling an oar from lectures and weekly examinations.

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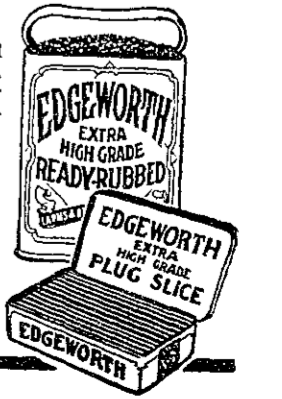
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The Lounger

(Continued from Page Two) who, alla-jitter with the craving for hows and whys, made a strong line plunge for the innermost pages of—"The Life of Christ"? No. "Creative Chemistry"? Not exactly—'twas just another Back Bay manual. "Sex and the Love Life."

Yes, in these days it's a lot easier to get information than when the Lounger got educated; but he still holds that the trial and error method is more fun.

The Lounger prefers dirt to morals and gossip to sermonizing, but on this one occasion he cannot resist doing a Bishop Manning. Tomorrow Tech plays Harvard at the Boston Garden and the team deserves support. Getting up in the morning before daylight to practice is no snap in any language. So rally around, men, and meet the Lounger at the hockey game.

There is plenty of consternation cast into the ranks of the Musical Club management. It seems the Christmas Concerts in the past have been noted for the prestige of the gentlemen and the delightful slim ladies. Now that Smith College announces that the girls are getting fat and fatter, an embargo is being enforced against all men who show up with fat women.



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