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COLLEGE FENCING PLANS.

Various Plans Proposed to Reduce Number of Bouts in Tournament.

The directors of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association are trying to come to some agreement whereby the number of bouts at the intercollegiate tournament can be cut down. Under the present system each university in the association sends three men to compete in the tournament. Each of these men meets every other man. As a result there have been in previous contests over one hundred and fifty bouts to be decided. The addition of Princeton to the association will add over fifty bouts to the tournament, making in all over two hundred. This, it is believed, is entirely too many.

In past years it has taken two days to complete the tournament. As a result it has become difficult to obtain amateur judges who are willing to sacrifice the time and energy necessary to pick so many winners. Besides this the tournament has become wearisome to the spectators, and more so to the men themselves, who have had to fight eighteen bouts apiece, with the greater part of them in one day.

There have been several solutions proposed to remedy the problem. One of them is to hold a series of elimination bouts, in which each man defeated shall drop out of the contest. This plan has a large number of opponents, who say it is unfair. A high class fencer may lose through accident or lack of form in one bout, and, if he is allowed to continue, may later distinguish himself.

Another solution of the question is to form two leagues from the present association, each to hold its own tournament to decide its champion. Then the winners of the two tournaments shall meet to decide the intercollegiate championship. This is the plan favored by many. Some believe that a logical division would be to form one league of Harvard, Cornell and Columbia, which recently withdrew from the association, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The three withdrawing colleges were later readmitted, upon their own application, to the older organization, but the new league still exists, and will hold a tournament this spring.

SOCIETY OF ARTS TO MEET.

The 619th meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in 22 Walker at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Prof. D. W. Johnson, Ph.D., will address the Society on "Causes and Effects of River Capture." The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon slides.

1908 WILL MEET TUFTS.

The Fencing Association will open its season this evening at the Gym with a meet between the Sophomores and Tufts College.

Y. M. C. A. HAS NEW ROOMS.

Association Will Hold Meetings in Parish House of Trinity Church.

Dr. Alexander Mann, Rector of Trinity Church, has very generously offered the use of the large upper room in the parish house to the Technology Christian Association for its weekly meetings from 1.30 to 2.00 p.m. Thursdays. It is planned to make these meetings fill the needs of Technology men, and at the same time make still closer and stronger the friendly ties which for many years have connected the parish and the Institute.

Dr. Mann will give an address of welcome to the students in the upper room of the parish house tomorrow at the usual time, 1.30 p.m. The entrance is on the Clarendon Street side. It is expected that the attendance at these meetings will be greatly increased because of the more central location, and greater attractiveness of the meeting place. An announcement of the following meetings will be made next week.

ALUMNI FUND GROWING.

After several months of necessary idleness, the Technology Fund Committee has resumed work and reports a very promising progress. The total amount subscribed up to January 22 was \$211,000, the number of subscribers being 1,100. The average subscription per man per year is nearly \$40, and individual subscriptions range from \$1 to \$1,000 annually. The subscriptions have been received from all classes; from all of the states and territories; and from Canada, Mexico, S. America, England, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, and S. Africa.

In the next five years the Institute will receive over \$211,000 to be used toward paying the current expenses. It is expected that at the end of that time the Endowment Fund, also being raised, will be available. It is known that several wills are now in existence, bequeathing to the Institute sums which, it is expected, will aggregate over \$2,000,000.

HARVARD-CORNELL BOAT RACE.

The Harvard and Cornell 'varsity crews will race on May 26 over the same one and seven-eighth mile course on the Charles River, which was the scene of the contest between these two crews last year. The race is the result of a mutual desire on the part of both Harvard and Cornell to make a dual 'varsity race an annual affair. Cornell proposed that the race be held this year over a two-mile course on Lake Cayuga, but Harvard claimed the race again this year on the the ground that for three successive years before the 'varsity race last year Harvard sent a second crew to Ithaca, while during that time no Cornell crew rowed on the Charles. In 1907 the race will probably take place on Lake Cayuga.

SHOW ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

"The Freshman," by Bryant, '07, to be Given at the Colonial.

Next week will see the beginning of active preparation, selection of candidates and rehearsals of Tech Show. The management has arranged all the minor details, and next Monday will hold a meeting at the Tech Union of all those interested in the Show. This year's production is a musical comedy in two acts and an interlude, by George H. Bryant, '07, entitled "The Freshman."

A considerable departure has been made from the shows of previous years. Heretofore we have presented a typical imaginative and fantastic production but this year we have an essentially modern up-to-date play, treating of college life and the college man. All vaudeville features are omitted and the result approaches more nearly a professional production.

The Show is a student activity peculiar to Tech, in that no other college has a theatrical production of similar character which is so essentially democratic and representative of the whole institution. All positions, including those on the management, are open to competition and are not filled from any special organization composed of a few men, as is true in most colleges. Neither are the earnings devoted to any object of minor importance, but support to a considerable extent the athletic interests at the Institute. It is under these conditions that we have been enabled to keep up our standard in this line.

The Boston performances will be given this year, instead of at the Hollis Street as in the past, at the Colonial Theatre, which will meet in a better manner the demands of the Show by its more central location and increased seating capacity. These performances are to come on the afternoons of April 26 and 27. In addition to these the management expects to be able to give performances in other cities.

The first meeting of candidates and those interested in the Show will be held at the Union on Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, at 4 o'clock. At that time a general idea of the Show will be given and the men who intend to compete for the various parts will be registered.

YALE STUDENTS INCREASE.

According to the Yale catalogue just issued the total registration of students in the university this year is 3,806, an increase of 668 over the final registration last year. This total includes 269 students in the summer school of arts and sciences, 18 in the summer school of forestry, and 348 taking the courses for teachers. In the academical department the total number of students is 1,521, and in the scientific school there are 1,144 students.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

8.00 P.M. Fencing Meet. 1908 vs. Tufts College, at the Gym.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

1.30 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall, Trinity Church.

4.00 P.M. Meeting of Class Day Committee in 11 Rogers.

4.15 P.M. Meeting of the Geological Journal Club in 14 Pierce.

8.00 P.M. Prof. D. W. Johnson addresses the Society of Arts in 22 Walker.

8.00 P.M. Fourth of Series of Lowell Institute Lectures on "The Literary Power of the English Bible," in Huntington Hall.

8.00 P.M. Chess Match, Technology vs. Jamaica Plain at the Boston Chess Club's rooms.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Military Science.—Drill for this term begins this afternoon as scheduled in the tabular view.

Dr. White's Hours.—Dr. White's office hours have been changed to Monday and Thursday, from 4 to 5, in 27 Pierce.

Spanish II.—Students (except Naval Constructors) intending to continue Spanish II will please meet Mr. Erhardt on Friday at 4 o'clock, in 21 Lowell.

Suspension of Exercises.—The exercises of the Institute will be suspended during the second term on February 22, April 19, April 26 (after 12 m.), April 27 and 28.

Tuition Fees.—Attention is called to the fact that tuition fees must be attended to *at once*. Registration cards must be signed by Bursar Rand before the tenth day of the term.

Second Year English.—Courses II, VIII, X³, will meet Tuesday at 12 and Saturday at 9, as follows: A-K with Mr. Seaver in 42 Rogers; L-Z with Prof. Bates in 16 Rogers. Courses III, IV, V, VII, IX, XI, Thursday and Monday at 9 as follows: A-K with Prof. Bates in 16 Rogers; L-Z with Prof. Pearson in 33 Rogers. Courses VI, XII, XIII, Friday at 9 and Monday at 12, as follows: A-K with Prof. Pearson in 26 Rogers; L-Z with Prof. Bates in 16 Rogers. Courses I and X², Friday at 12 and Tuesday at 9, as follows: A-K with Prof. Pearson in 36 Rogers; L to Z with Mr. Seaver in 21 Eng. A.

NOTICES.

Mandolin Club.—The first rehearsal of the Mandolin Club will be held Friday at 4 p.m.

"Technique" Art Work.—All art work for *Technique* '07 must be left at the Cage, for the Art Editor, as soon as possible.

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