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BOSTON COLLEGE AT GYM TONIGHT.

TECH LINEUP UNCERTAIN.

First Chance to Gauge Ability of Team.

The basket ball season starts today when the team will play Boston College at the Gym. At present it seems as if the game will be of considerable interest. Many rooters from Boston College are coming over to support their team and it is expected that a large number of Tech men will turn out to support their representatives.

Considerable interest attaches to the game as it will be the first opportunity to get a line on the ability of this year's team. A good many of last year's team are back at the Institute and there is much speculation as to whether their game has improved or not. Many good new men have showed up but on the other hand it seems that some of the men who were on the team last year have not been playing up to their usual standard this season. For this reason their places on the team are not as yet assured.

Captain Wentworth has been directing the work of the team so far this season, as up to the present time no regular coach has been engaged. In the past the team has had to work under considerable difficulties on account of the inability to secure the use of the floor for practice. In the Gym the regular classes are going on and the track team is also doing some indoor work, so there is little chance for basket ball scrimmages.

The lineup of the Tech team is uncertain on this account and a good many men will be tried out in the game this evening.

TRACK MEN PREPARE FOR WINTER MEETS.

Cross Country Men to Continue
Saturday Runs.

The winter track season is now under way, and the men are working at their different events.

There will be several meets in the Gym and the annual B. A. A. open meet at Mechanics Hall, Feb. 1. The meets in the Gym will be the indoor class championship and one or two dual meets. T. W. Orr, track captain and Mr. Kanaly want everybody out to try for some event. There is a chance for every one in the class championship meet. This meet comes off early in January, so it is necessary to begin training at once. The regular events will be run; namely, 40 yards dash, 35 yard hurdles, 1-4 mile run, 1000 yard run, 1 mile run, high jump, pole vault and shot put.

In order that men interested in cross country or distance running may keep in good shape, a short run in the open air will be held from the Gym every Saturday at 3 o'clock. This will be a fine chance for new men to begin distance work and the fresh air and light exercise will keep all in good condition and supplied with a hearty appetite. The advantage of running from the Gym is that a man can run as far as he likes and need not run himself out.

BRITISHERS PLAN FOR DINNER.

Also Elect Three New Officers.

At the meeting of the British Empire association held on Friday plans for the next dinner and the insertion in Technique 1909 were discussed. It was voted to hold the dinner on the evening of Dec. 20. The election of the following officers was announced:—chairman, B. L. Gimson 1908, vice-chairman, C. Wells 1909, committee member, R. Ellis 1909.

After considerable discussion over the insertion in Technique it was voted that the secretary make arrangements as to cost and style of seal most agreeable to the members.

TECH SHOW TO VISIT SMITH COLLEGE.

ANNOUNCED AT TECH SHOW DINNER.

PROVIDENCE TRIP GIVEN UP.

Dinner Was Great Success. Many Interesting Talks.
Old Timers Present. A Few Good Stunts.

Announcement was made at the Tech Show Dinner Saturday night that the show would visit Northampton this year instead of Providence as was expected. This announcement by Manager Dewey caused a great deal of excitement among those present, and was the occasion for many expressions of approval. It came as a surprise to nearly everyone present, as the matter has been kept secret. This will make the show more popular than ever this year and will bring out a large number of candidates.

The dinner was a great success right through although it differed somewhat from last year's. The program of stunts which was the important feature at the last dinner was much shorter this year, and many of those who were expected to take part did not. The speeches however were numerous and interesting and made up for all that was lacking in the way of singing and dancing.

Among the instructors and alumni who were present were Dean Burton, Bursar Rand, Joseph Blachstein, James R. Lambirth, Isaac W. Litchfield, Allen W. Rowe, and M. S. Emerson. Coach James Francis was also there and the management of the show. Most of last year's chorus and principals showed up besides members of previous shows.

The tables were set with Tech napkins upon which was printed "William, Willie and Bill—1907." In the middle of the dinner Manager Dewey asked all present to sing "Dear Old M. I. T." Everybody sang it standing, led by W. B. Jenkins of last year's show.

The first speaker of the evening was Allen W. Rowe 1901, general manager of the third show "The Grand Duke" and connected with the show from its beginning. He told briefly the history of the beginnings of the show, and dwelt upon the manner in which the men took hold. He explained that the show was originated, not only to make money for the athletic association, but also to give the men an opportunity to get together.

M. S. Emerson 1903, who was connected with the show throughout his course at Tech, spoke next. He related some interesting stories of incidents which occurred while he was at the Institute. Next Isaac W. Litchfield, a prominent alumnus, was introduced as one who had never been connected with the show. The latter denied this statement however, and claimed to have appeared in the first Tech Show. This was, he said, a minstrel show given about 1881 at the Young Men's Christian Union. It was given for the benefit of the athletic association and that body came out 37 dollars and 50 cents in debt.

After telling some humorous anecdotes in connection with this production, Mr. Litchfield closed with a discussion of the value of the show as a means of breaking up cliques and forwarding the spirit of Technology.

Mr. Joslin, the stage manager of this year's show spoke of the exceptionally good chance this year for show candidates. Most of those who were principals in last year's show have left and there are at least ten places open for new men. He added that although there was more glory in taking a principal part, the real fun was in belonging to the chorus. He ended with an appeal for everyone to come out and try.

The next speaker, Coach Francis, was received with great applause. He began his talk by explaining how he happened to be able to coach the show this year. He was engaged to coach the bank officers, and his wife asked him if he were going to handle the Tech Show again this year. It seems that he has made a contract with her

to devote all that he receives from Tech to sending his boy through the Institute.

Francis is always glad to work for Tech and has always done his best by the show. The book this year, he says, is better than last year's, and for that reason, and also because he is able to devote more time to it, this year's show ought to be better than ever before.

Bursar Rand next came forward with a new lot of his famous stories. He also had his usual number of hits on the Dean. He then went on in a more serious vein. He explained that the show was a great institution and a valuable one, and that all who have time should try for it, but it should not be allowed to interfere with studies. We are here to get our degrees, and they should always be kept first in mind.

Dean Burton then had his chance and used it to advantage, commenting on the fact that the Bursar had not been to many of the dinners this year, and giving as a reason that he had lost his joke book. The Dean told how much he liked the dinners on account of the noise, and the Tech Show dinner in particular because the noise there is a little more musical than at others. He said that he enjoyed this dinner better than the show itself.

The show is particularly valuable, he continued, as a democratic institution, and as such should be perpetuated. Each member should have a certain amount to do and no one should be required to do more than his share of work. A man ought to confine himself to one line of work and not try to enter into too many activities. Another point was that in anything he goes into a man should have the good of the Institute first in mind and not his own good. He should never try for personal fame, but like a good coach of a team, should work for the good of the college aside from any personal feelings.

Mr. Blachstein was next on deck with his usual bright discourse. He commented upon F. D. Apple's communication in the Friday issue of THE TECH, and told several stories which were received with enthusiasm.

After Mr. Blachstein's speech the assemblage gathered around the piano for the singing. Mr. Thode, who played for the rehearsals last year, playing the piano. A. Ellis sang his well known "Firelight" song from "The Freshman" but gave no encore although one was called for.

W. B. Jenkins sang "Cattle King" from "William, Willie and Bill," the members of the chorus yelling and clapping at the proper places and joining in the second chorus. Jenkins was called back to sing his old favorite, "Not Wisely but too Wellesley," and all who knew the song joined in the chorus.

W. E. Westervelt, the author of the show, was then called upon to speak. He explained that he was not prepared, having just found out that he was to speak upon reading it in THE TECH at ten o'clock that morning, and not having time to sleep over it. He first spoke of the show and said that someone had suggested that the title was too "mushy," but he thought that it would go. He told some good stories in line with the question in hand.

Hield and Ellis then sang "Hard Luck" from the last show with great success, and nearly everyone present joined in the chorus of the well known song. As a number of old show men who were expected failed to show up, there were no more stunts on the program, but Thode played several selections from the different shows.

HOCKEY TEAM SCHEDULE A GOOD ONE.

NEW YORK TRIP AGAIN TO BE TAKEN.

Eighteen Candidates Out At
First Meeting.

Eighteen men appeared at the first meeting in the interests of hockey. Manager Kelley spoke to the candidates outlining the plans for the coming season. The schedule, although not quite what might be desired is a good one. There will be a game with Dartmouth during the holidays, a trip to Andover, and it is almost certain that the between-trips in January will be repeated. Harvard is to be played Jan. 8. The men that go on to the January trip are the ones that will be awarded the insignia. About ten men will be taken. It is especially desired that men get in shape for the Harvard game. Last year Tech played Harvard on an even footing for about ten minutes, but after that the poor condition of the men destroyed all chance for further scoring.

The candidates are as follows:—forwards, W. D. Ford 1908, W. J. Kelley 1909, J. H. Scoville 1911, W. J. O'Hearn 1910, H. W. Paine 1909, E. L. Woodward 1911, L. S. Southwick 1910, A. A. Gould 1910, J. F. Davis 1909, R. H. Gould 1911, W. Eaton 1911. Points, F. C. Jewett 1911, X. Boddasarian 1911; cover points, D. V. Williamson 1910, C. J. Sittinger 1910, E. S. Anderson 1910; goals, H. D. Billings 1910, V. C. Warren 1910.

There will be shooting practise in the Gym evenings, until the ice is in good condition. By a week from last Saturday the team should be on skates.

EXAMS ARE NOT BEST TEST.

Civic Club Says Conditions Need
Improvement.

At the Union Friday evening the Civic Club discussed the present exam system, a vital subject to Tech. J. R. Ruckman 1910, and B. L. Gimson 1908, for the affirmative advanced a novel method of improving examination difficulties. They suggested that each student be allowed to use necessary books and formulae during an exam. "Such," they said, "would be fair to everyone, as no cribbing would be possible or advantageous. Also, it would be a test along lines like those met in actual practise."

The negative, represented by L. D. Nisbet 1909, and R. Ellis 1909, lost the debate by a vote of the non-debators. It was then decided to hold at the next meeting, in January, a mock town meeting.

TECH GRADS STAND HIGH.

Make Top Places in Civil Service Exams.

In a recent examination held by the New York State Civil Service Commission to fill the position of engineering examiner, four applicants successfully passed. Of these, numbers one and four in rating were graduates of Tech civil engineering department.

Waldo G. Wildes, who headed the list, graduated in 1901, and lately served as assistant engineer with the barge canal office of the state of New York. He has recently been offered a professorship in highway engineering at a Rhode Island college.

Ralph Whitmore, class of 1901, has lately received appointment by competition examination to the position of assistant civil engineer, U. S. A., and will be stationed at the League Island Yard, Philadelphia.

Henry J. J. Horn, class of 1888, formerly general manager of the Northern Pacific R. R., and a prominent figure today in the railroad world, lately spent a few days in this city before sailing for Europe on a few weeks' vacation.