

STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Freshmen Regain First Place
With Seniors Close Behind—
Sophomores and Juniors Fol-
low in Order

THE TECH IS 100% SUBSCRIBED

The increase of the Undergraduate Endowment Fund since the last issue of THE TECH is represented by 866 new subscribers and \$62,096.35. This makes the total number of Undergraduate subscribers 1584 or 51.5 per cent of the entire undergraduate body, with a total amount raised of \$1,713.35. The average subscription on last Friday was \$62 per man but it has now dropped to \$57.75. The freshmen have again regained their lead, being 64.5 per cent subscribed, with the Seniors close behind, having 59 per cent. The Sophomores, who were at the foot last Friday, now stand 47 per cent subscribed, forcing 1921 into the cellar position by three-tenths per cent. The highest average subscription which was held by the Junior class now belongs to the Seniors at \$73.75 per man, the junior average dropping \$6.80 per man over last Friday's figures. The Freshmen trail behind, the amount of their subscription being only \$45.50.

Chinese Club 100 Per Cent Subscribed

It was announced last Friday by Endowment Fund headquarters, room 3205, that the Chinese Club were 100 per cent subscribed, this being the first Technology club or society to obtain subscriptions from all of its members. President McChou turned over 43 subscriptions, totalling \$2860. No member of the Club subscribed less than \$50 and the average subscription was \$66.50 or \$8.75 higher than the average given by the entire undergraduate body. In Chinese money, at normal exchange, the total subscription of the Chinese Club amounts to 4400 taels. Each man's average amounts to a little over 102 taels. It was stated at the Endowment Fund office "that this was quite a tael."

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CLEOFAN AND WALKER CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN

Dance and Series of One Act
Plays to be Given Tonight in
Walker Memorial for the
Benefit of Endowment Fund

UNIQUE SURPRISES PLANNED

Tickets were placed on sale last Friday for the entertainment to be given under the joint auspices of the Walker Club and Cleofan in Walker Memorial this evening to aid the Endowment Fund. The tickets will be \$5.00 per couple.

Plans for the evening as announced by the committee in charge call for formal gathering, to be led off with one act plays. The plays will be followed by dancing and refreshments. The entire proceeds of the entertainment will be turned over to the Endowment Fund. The program will be carried out in the main dining hall of Walker Memorial.

In featuring dramatics, the Walker Club resumes temporarily a duty which it discharged before the establishment of Tech Show, that of supplying the Institute with shows. The club has been rehearsing for some time, and a series of surprises is promised those attending the affair. The plan of combining a chance to the Endowment Fund with an evening's jollification is expected to make an especial appeal to Technomaniacs.

Contrary to previous announcements the tickets are to sell for two dollars and a half and not two dol-

TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN LEFT \$5,025,000 BY RECENT WILLS

None of This Money to Count Towards the Endowment Fund—Mr. Frick and Mrs. Freeman Are Benefactors

Dr. MacLaurin's Statement to THE TECH

"I am being deluged with questions from newspapers from various parts of the country, connecting the name of 'Mr. Smith' with the late Mr. Frick. Formerly I had to decline to answer all questions regarding the identity of Technology's greatest benefactor but I can now say definitely that Mr. Frick was not 'Mr. Smith.' Happily, 'Mr. Smith' is still living and is watching with interest the progress of the campaign to meet the conditions of his very generous offer.

It will need the most strenuous efforts to meet those conditions within the few weeks that remain until the first of January—the time limit that 'Mr. Smith' has set. It would be unreasonable to expect continued support from great benefactors such as Mr. Frick and 'Mr. Smith' unless men of lesser means who see equally clearly the importance to the nation of the highest kind of technical training take the full share in helping forward the great cause. Nor can any one with any understanding of the needs of the present and any vision of the possibilities of the future, have the slightest doubt that all the endowment that may come to Technology from Mr. Frick's benefaction and as a result of 'Mr. Smith's' offer, will be most urgently needed.

Richard MacLaurin

THE TECH WINDS UP SEARCH FOR DONOR

With the Appearance in This
Issue of Straw Vote Ballot,
the Campaign for "Mr.
Smith" Comes to a Close

MANY MEN SUGGESTED

With this issue THE TECH is closing its campaign for the identification of the mysterious "Mr. Smith." For the past few weeks there have appeared in these columns several suggestions of various prominent men capable of fulfilling the well known requirements. In order to further acquaint the student body with other possible suspects and thus widen the range of choice the following revelations are offered as a conclusion to the campaign:

The Guggenheims Have Six Chances

There are six Guggenheims, none of whom is an Institute Alumnus, and none from Massachusetts. All of them are in industry, and all are able, which is more important, to

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1915 BOOSTS ENDOWMENT AT DINNER IN WALKER MEMORIAL

Plan Class Reunion in Early Part of Summer

About twenty members of the Class of 1915 met at the dinner held last Friday evening in the faculty dining room of Walker Memorial to discuss matters of vital importance to the Class. F. P. Scully '15 was toastmaster for the evening. There were no outside speakers. Dinner began at 6 o'clock and ended at 10 o'clock.

One of the matters discussed was the furthering of the Endowment Fund. Many members have pledged for one year only and an effort will be made to have them make similar pledges covering a period of four more years.

It is planned to hold a similar meeting about two months hence. This next meeting will also be in Walker and the date will be definitely announced later. A big class reunion is also being planned for sometime next June.

WHO PUT THE 'MIT' IN 'SMITH'?

Official The Tech Ballot

STRAW VOTE FOR "MR. SMITH"

I vote for
as the most probable "Mr. Smith" suspect.

Signed

Class

Fill in this ballot, tear it out, and drop it in the box on THE TECH'S table in the main lobby, or mail to the Managing Editor, THE TECH, 3 Walker Memorial, Charles River Road, Cambridge, Mass.

At last the ballot of the long expected straw vote which THE TECH is conducting in order to reveal the identity of "Mr. Smith," Technology's eleven-million-dollar benefactor, is printed in this issue for Faculty, Alumni, and undergraduates of the Institute, as well as all interested in Technology's welfare.

The rules governing the election the most probable "Mr. Smith" are few and far between. The ballot printed herewith is to be filled out by every reader of THE TECH and forwarded at once to insure an early publication of the results of the election. Readers may vote as often as they wish, but only one "Mr. Smith" may be voted for on a ballot. Ballots are to be signed by the voter, who will also insert his numerals if he is a Technology man.

For the convenience of members of the Faculty and undergraduates, a ballot box has been placed on THE TECH'S news stand in the main lobby; in addition, ballots may be returned to the News Room of THE TECH in Walker. THE TECH asks its Alumni readers to mail their ballots, addressing them to the Manag-

ing Editor, 3 Walker Memorial, Charles River Road, Cambridge, Mass.

THE TECH is publishing in another column of this issue the final instalment of the histories of prominent American financiers who have been suspected of hiding behind the thick veil of mystery which surrounds the Institute's munificent friend. The men who have been mentioned are: J. M. Longyear, Henry Ford, Arthur V. Davis, George Eastman, Theodore N. Vail, John D. Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Charles R. Crane, Charles M. Schwab, William C. Durant, the Guggenheims, Harry Sinclair, Henry Phipps, John N. Willys, James R. Mellon, Bernard M. Baruch, Bruce Dodson.

Now is the chance for every Institute man to show his interest in the Endowment Fund campaign by voting immediately for "Mr. Smith." Electioneering is not prohibited and a ballot box of sufficient size has been procured so that "stuffing" will be impossible. Vote early and as often as you like. The sooner you vote the earlier it will be possible to print the results of the election.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The most recent meeting of the Institute Committee which was held last Friday started with the roll call showing the following men absent: E. D. Ryder '20, G. Bawden '21, W. T. Ferguson '22, A. C. Atwater '20, M. E. Martinez '20, P. Bugbee '20, H. B. Deal '20.

The Walker Memorial Committee reported that a dance is to be held during the second week in January, and that the rifle range is now open to the entire student body. The Finance Committee stated that a meeting will take place Tuesday night in the Walker Memorial, and that all reports of finances are due Monday. The committee for investigating the cost of Technique 1921 recommended that the price be set at three and a half dollars, and this price was decided on. A report on the Endowment Fund to date was made. The committee for the investigation of Junior Week reported that a petition had been sent to the faculty and that the Alumni, Faculty, and Undergraduate Committees were then in joint session to decide the date for Junior Week. The Rifle Club petitioned for a seat on the Institute Committee, and the petition was tabled while a committee of three is investigating their rights of representation. The

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THE TECH ISSUES CALL

All Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen who are interested in trying out for the News Department of THE TECH report at room 3, Walker Memorial, Wednesday at 5.00.

DELEGATES DINE

Dance to be Given Friday to
Raise Funds for Trip

Of the thirty-four delegates to the Des Moines Student Volunteer Convention from Technology, thirty-one were present at a dinner held in the grill-room of Walker Memorial last Friday night at which N. G. Abbott '20 was elected to lead the delegation. E. G. Farrand '21 as chairman of the committee in charge of the trip, told about what the committee had been doing. F. C. Spooner '20 spoke on transportation and C. H. Reed '20 on finances.

The delegation is short some \$850 to pay the expenses of some men who could not otherwise go and a dance is to be held next Friday night at 8.15 o'clock in Walker Memorial to raise the requisite funds. Tickets for the dance will be one dollar and may

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SOPHOMORES WILL CELEBRATE WITH A DINNER IN WALKER

As a celebration of their defeat of the freshmen on Field Day, the Sophomores plan to dine together tomorrow, December 10, at 6.00 o'clock in Walker Memorial dining hall. The committee claims to have a good dinner, movies, speakers, and fun to last until 9.00 o'clock. The price is set at one dollar. All surplus will be given to the Endowment Fund. June.

The above communication was given to THE TECH yesterday by President MacLaurin, in order that the whole student body might be informed as to the true situation in regards to the generous gift that has been bequeathed the Institute under the provisions of the will of the late Henry Clay Frick, Pittsburgh. Coming as the endowment has at a time when so much interest is evinced in the personage of "Mr. Smith" it was not improper that the mysterious benefactor should set down as the steel king.

As has been seen there is no connection between the two men furthermore the gift of five millions does not fulfill the conditions of the offer of Mr. Smith, who is still alive and intensely interested in the progress of the Endowment Fund Drive.

The Frick gift does not stand alone as independent of the present Drive in addition a bequest of twenty-five thousand dollars was set aside in the will of Caroline S. Freeman of Weston. These two gifts have come at a very opportune moment in the history of Technology for the Institute is passing through one of the critical stages of its career, and these benefactions go a long way towards alleviating its financial distress.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 9

- 4.00—M. I. T. Orchestra meeting, building 3.
- 5.00—Finance Committee meeting, faculty room, Walker.
- 6.30—Class of 1917 dinner, faculty room, Walker.
- 6.30—Faculty Club dinner, grill room, Walker.
- 8.00—Walker Club plays, main hall, Walker.

Wednesday, December 10

- 5.00—New candidates for THE TECH meet in room 3, Walker Memorial.
- 6.15—Class of 1921 dinner, north hall, Walker.
- 6.15—Class of 1922 dinner, main hall, Walker.

Thursday, December 11

- 6.00—Dinner for Des Moines Conference Delegates, grill room, Walker.