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INTER-COLLEGIATE BOXING

TODAY, in Philadelphia, representatives of the principal colleges of the country will meet to place boxing on a national collegiate basis. The sport has proved itself worthy of such universal recognition, and with the close of the season, Technology is to be congratulated on being one of the pioneers in the movement. It is noteworthy that three hundred men here are actively interested in boxing, and that five hundred dollars worth of equipment has been obtained. In promoting this interest, much credit is due Manager Crosby '21, through whose untiring efforts the sport was successfully organized, and Mr. James H. Fitzpatrick, who has done much to help Institute athletics.

"SNAP OUT OF IT"

AS the term ends there is the usual hue and cry for schedules of courses to be given during the summer. In response to this hue and cry we hear the same old story, "not out yet." This is a repetition of what occurs preceding each new term, and we see no excuse for it. The delay causes a number of men, especially those from a distance, great inconvenience. Some definite steps should be taken as we are sure neither the registrar's office nor the students enjoy the customary last minute rush.

ARE WE REPRESENTED?

THE Annual Conference for the colleges of the middle Atlantic and New England States is to be held at Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, from June 25 to July 5. Harvard, Cornell, Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, and many other colleges are attending in large numbers.

Will Technology be there to take her proper place among these colleges?

We will all gain much by being represented at this affair. The time is inopportune for the Institute, but, because of this, all the more credit will be due us if we send a delegation.

THE MILITARY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

THE TECH wishes to take this opportunity to compliment the military science department for the efficient manner in which they have conducted their work this year. The parade held Tuesday afternoon gave creditable evidence of the work done by the freshmen. We are sorry that those who oppose military training were not present to see what freshmen drill has accomplished. We heartily approve of the demerit system which stimulates the freshmen to keep a military appearance. The Sophomore lectures have covered various arms of the service, and with a few exceptions have proved interesting to the majority of the class.

SENIORS WILL GATHER AT MASS MEETING ON FRIDAY

Plans and Time of Various Events Definitely Stated

The decision to hold a mass meeting on next Friday was one of the important transactions which were carried out at the last meeting of the Senior Class Day Committee. The gathering will take place at 1 o'clock in room 10-250 and the committee hopes to have every Senior present, as the program for Senior Week will be definitely given with the time of the various events inserted.

It was also decided to try to arrange for the Baccalaureate Sermon in new Old South Church instead of in Trinity Church as formerly planned. The change is due, it is believed, to the close connection between the late Dr. MacLaurin and Dr. Gordon who will preside.

The Senior picnic will start from Rowe's Wharf at 10:15 o'clock and will be carried out rain or shine. This was definitely announced by the committee.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARMY SUMMER CAMPS COMPLETED

All plans for the Military Science Camps this summer have been completed. There is a total of 111 men going to both the basic and advanced camps, 46 men going to the Coast Artillery Camp at Fort Monroe, 39 men in the Engineers' Camp at Camp Humphreys, 2 men in the Signal Corps at Camp Vail and 24 men in the Ordnance Department at Aberdeen, Md.

There will be available at the Engineers' Camp 132 hours for instruction in bridge construction, light railway construction, fortifications, use of explosives and map making. Men going to the Engineers' Camp will be allowed to bring with them small cameras, giving an opportunity to take pictures of the fortifications which was previously denied. All of these Camps are to commence on June 17 with the exception of the Signal Corps Camp which is to commence on June 21.

SOPHOMORE PICKED FOR D. S. C. AND CITATION

L. F. Acker '22 Receives Unofficial Notice of Honor

Unofficial notice has been received by L. F. Acker '22 that he will receive a Distinguished Service Cross for service during the capture of Fismes on August 6, 1918. Sergeant Acker was formerly with the machine gun company of the 28th Division, 112th regiment, and during the attack on the town of Fismes, on the Vesle River, on the night of August 6, 1918, was placed in command of an isolated platoon. Even though wounded and gassed during the affray, Sgt. Acker retained command of his men, later becoming temporarily blind from continued exposure to the enemy gas.

Recommendation Being Acted On

He was in the hospital until November, 1918, having to return soon after being released because of trouble with the burns received from the gas. He was honorably discharged from the service on April 29, 1919.

Sergeant Acker, whose home is in Meadville, Pennsylvania, received his B. S. degree from Allegheny College, Pennsylvania, with the class of 1917, and is now taking Courses V and X at the Institute.

The notice of his recommendation came from his former company commander and although no citation has yet been made nor medal received, the recommendation is being acted on.

WAR CLASS HOLDS DINNER

Forty members of the War Class of 1918 assembled at a dinner held last Tuesday night. This was the last informal gathering of the class before graduation. Secretary Merrill in a short address stated that these men would receive their diplomas separately from the Class of 1920 and would hereafter be considered as a part of the regular class of 1918. Professor Pearson was also present and gave a short talk.



When an all-wise Providence, with divine farsightedness, created the universe, there were many things brought into being which have since taxed human ingenuity to find a justification of their existence. The most outstanding, the non plus ultra example of such is Nerve. Do not be misled by the spelling. There are nerves, which serve to operate the vital functions of the body; there is nerve, which will sustain a man in a bayonet charge over the top; and there is Nerve, with a capital 'N', which will sustain a man in almost anything.

A story of Nerve has just reached the Lounger which dwarfs all human efforts to designate its colossalness, its appalling grandeur, by simple devices of the typographic art. Were the word to be printed in boldface red, it would still be a puny symbol to designate the effort which would lead a man to do what one Sophomore has done. But hark to the tale.

The individual in question, name-sake of the head of a famous mediaeval religious institution, wrote to a damsel studying at the institution founded on cough-drops at Northampton, with the bland, ingenuous, suggestion that he would accept an invitation to the Smith prom. Well, what could the poor girl do? She did, and wrote him telling him so. And then, O Tempora, O Mores, he wrote back, merely to say that he had a friend who might be persuaded to accept a similar invitation—if the other girl was sufficiently good looking.

When the young lady from Smith awoke from her daze she discovered that she had involved another girl in the deal; his friend had also been invited. In spite of the vague mutterings regarding lynch law and hanging, the Lounger will go on with the story.

The individual of the stupendous nerve then went to the residence of the Smith young lady, informed the girl's parents (much as he had informed her) that he was to be her guest at the prom, and after seeing that the girl's car had plenty of gasoline, borrowed it, that he might go up with his friend instead. God!.....

There should be some moral in all this, and yet when the Lounger attempts to draw one his faculties fail—his pen falters—in his hand, he sees red. Therefore, draw your own moral, but the Lounger prays that the moral will be, "Let the punishment fit the crime."

SUMMER CAMP HAS RECORD ENROLMENT

New Two-Story Building Added To Equipment—Will Contain Instrument Room and Several Offices

SOME WILL LIVE IN TENTS

The Summer Course in Surveying which is given at Camp Technology on the shores of Gardner's Lake at East Machias, Maine, will begin on August 3 and last for about eight weeks. The attendance this year will be much larger than ever before. One hundred and forty-six men have already registered, whereas last year's camp with ninety-eight students had the largest previous attendance, exclusive of the military camp of 1917 when a large proportion of the men at the camp were not taking the surveying courses.

Will Make Changes

The Civil Engineering Department has planned several changes to meet the needs of this large attendance. Of greatest importance will be the construction of a new two-story addition to the present group of buildings. The lower floor of this will contain a large, well-arranged instrument room and the upper floor a new class-room and several offices. This addition has been found necessary on account of the present instrument room being of insufficient size to accommodate the large number of instruments needed to provide for the increased number of students. It is planned to convert all the front offices of Bemis Hall into alcoves to be used by the students as reading rooms and card rooms in connection with the present lounging room which was found to be inadequate in size to accommodate the number of students in residence last year. The space now occupied by the instrument room will be utilized for additional wash-room and toilet facilities, connecting directly with the present wash-room.

Increase Instructing Staff

Plans for housing the students are not complete but the use of the Cunningham Barracks and the possible housing, for this season only, of three men in some of the tents, is considered as a possible emergency measure, which may be justified by the fact that the attendance during the present session will be 20 percent greater than will probably occur for several years following and as additional tent equipment is difficult to obtain at this time.

There will be an increase in the size of the instructing staff but the personnel in charge of the camp and courses will be practically the same as last year. Professor Robbins will have charge of instruction and Professor Luther will be executive head of the camp. Mr. R. J. Shaw, who gave excellent service as steward last year and who was very popular with the students, has been engaged again and has already made many of his plans for the season.

NOTICES

For Undergraduates

Tech Show Scenarios—Are due at the Tech Show office by 3 o'clock Saturday.

New Walker Memorial Committee—Meets in Walker Memorial Committee office at 4 o'clock today.

Main Dining Hall—Closes tomorrow for the summer. Luncheons will be served in north hall during summer.

Technique 1922—Wants photographs of the freshman parade held last Tuesday. Contributors are asked to leave the pictures at the Technique office.

Former Members of the Second Division, A. E. F.—Are invited to a reunion and smoker in the Gun room of the Armory, 130 Columbus Ave., next Thursday at 7:45 o'clock.

Advisory Council on Athletics—Will hold a meeting Friday, June 4, at 7:30 o'clock in the Engineers Club, 2 Commonwealth Ave. It is urged that all next year's managers attend.

E-52—Men, who took E-52, Contemporary Literature, in the second term with Professor Rogers may now secure their themes at his office or from the secretary of the English Department.

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