

ALUMNI WILL ASSEMBLE FOR 'OLD HOME WEEK' ON JUNE 21

Fourth Technology Reunion Will Give Opportunity to Inspect
New Institute Buildings and Intermingle
With Old Classmates

PLAN TO REVIEW HISTORY OF INSTITUTE

Old Home Week at the Institute will feature the Fourth Technology Reunion in Cambridge, June 21 to 23, and J. W. Rollins '78, chairman of the reunion committee, contemplates an intermingling of old classmates and friends in a more intimate and "get-together" way than ever before, to make the coming reunion distinctive among Technology gatherings. With the exception of class dinners and the Plymouth trip all of the functions will be held within the walls of the Institute, giving the first real opportunity for most of the Alumni to become acquainted with the new Technology.

Will Inspect Buildings

Although the regular sessions of the Institute will be over, the summer school will be in full operation. In every department it will be possible to observe the actual workings of the many machines and pieces of apparatus that have been added to the equipment in recent years and which some of the visitors have possibly never seen.

Mrs. Edward Cunningham will have charge of the program for the women, and visiting Alumni are expected to bring their families.

As the Harvard commencement occurs the same week, it is essential that hotel reservations be made before June 1. Professor G. W. Swett '03 has charge of arranging hotel accommodations and the local fraternities will use their houses for accommodating visitors as far as possible.

Headquarters will be in the gymnasium of Walker and will be open from Saturday noon, June 19, to Wednesday afternoon, June 23. All visitors will be requested to register at headquarters where files will be kept arranged by classes, courses and alphabetically, in order to facilitate locations of friends.

Memorial Meeting Monday

The first day of the reunion will be spent in inspecting the Institute plant. During the latter part of the morning a band concert will be held in the Great Court. Arrangements have been made for a buffet luncheon to be served in the main buildings and the fraternities will arrange to have their Alumni take luncheon at the various houses.

In the afternoon a memorial meeting will be held in the main hall of Walker when the historic past of the Institute, the achievements of the late Dr. MacLaurin, a review of the progress of Technology and a tribute to Institute war heroes will be discussed. The speakers will include acting president, Elihu Thomson and Professor C. E. A. Winslow '98, of Yale University, and Colonel H. M. Waite '90. Dinners Monday evening will be given by the various classes. The floating dance pavilion, S.S. "Jack O' Lantern" will be the scene of dancing in the evening when light refreshments will be served.

Discuss Technology Plan

Tuesday morning at 9.30 o'clock a meeting will be held in Walker. Dr. William H. Walker, Director of the Division of Industrial Co-operation and Research, will describe the actual operation of the Technology plan, and its present activities and possibilities. "The Future of the Alumni Association and What It Can Do for Technology," will be the general topic for discussion during the morning session. Representatives of Alumni organizations in Chicago, Cleveland, New York and other large cities will bring suggestions which are expected to be of enormous value, and there will be discussion on this subject from the floor.

In the evening a banquet will be held in the main hall of Walker, the program including speakers of national reputation.

Make Trip to Plymouth

The trip to Plymouth will be made Wednesday morning at 9.30 o'clock, the ships "Harry Tyler" and "Lester Gardner" leaving Rowe's Wharf. The sail will occupy about three hours, each boat being provided with a band and suitable song sheets to make the trip enjoyable. The return boats will leave for Boston at 3.30 o'clock.

ACADEMIA WILL HOLD LAST BUSINESS MEETING SOON

Academia will hold a business meeting some time next week at which new officers will be elected or the present ones reinstated. The regular meetings are over for the year, but plans are being made to increase the scope of the society and it will probably be decided whether or not to limit the membership to next year's Sophomore class.

CANVASS OF FACULTY REVEALS WAYS OF PASSING COMING EXAMINATION

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Professor Mueller scoffs at the very idea: Professor Robinson believes that the possibilities of the sliding triangle as a means of communication with the land of forgotten things, or with the spirit of a departed math shark, are unlimited; while Dr. Franklin stoutly maintains that the weejee is a means of securing unauthorized aid and declares that the user should be expelled.

May Call Special Faculty Meeting

Supporters of all three factions immediately sprang up among the distinguished disseminators of learning. One well known professor of English, whose views on a number of subjects are known to be pronounced, declared that the use of the galloping alphabet is no more heinous than the practice of mental telepathy which scores of students are said to use annually without rebuff. Another distinguished gentleman, whose feats are more widely known in the realm of mass and weight, claims that spirit messages are no whit different than corporeal ones, and that they should accordingly be banned. The scoffers are also well represented.

It is reported from authoritative sources that a special meeting of the Faculty may be called to consider the matter. If this action is taken the meeting is sure to be well worth attending.

Suggest Studying Instructor

Among the Faculty members interviewed regarding the best way to prepare for an examination in case the weejee is not allowed, there were many who expressed themselves in a serious vein, and some who were not so serious. A number when pressed for information regarding the system of passing used by them when in college admitted that they had passed a number of examinations but preferred to maintain a discreet silence regarding the method used to enable them to pass.

Professor Robinson was one of those who has no dark secrets of the past to hide. He was quite willing to share his system with the student body and allow them to profit by his experience. His system hinges on the knowledge of human nature and an acquaintance with the principles of the psychology of the human mind. He said that when he was a student it was his wont to study the instructor and endeavor to fathom the working of the professorial brain.

One System Not Always Success

He had discovered that when the custodian of the grade book had reached a subject which was considered important and therefore a fit one to give in the final, the subject was stressed repeatedly and returned to again and again. The question of passing was then simply a matter of making a list of a dozen or more such subjects and preparing those. Professor Robinson said his system was infallible.

Professor Croissant was another one who was equally frank but a little less confident. He said that his system had been to start work at the beginning of the term and to learn the subject as he went along. However, he naively added that his system had not always been a success. Professor Croissant refused to allow himself to be quoted on the subject of the weejee.

Professor Vogel Hints on Exams

Dr. Mueller, guider of the destinies of the freshmen chemists, has reduced passing an exact science exam to an exact science. There are, he says, in an exact science, a number of principles which are the foundation of the course. Passing an examination, then, is but a matter of discovering those principles, and on the day of the final applying the problem to the principle. Professor Mueller has batted 1000 in preparing his students for recent chemistry ordeals.

The system advanced by Professor Vogel will ont appeal to dorm dwellers. During his college days, Professor Vogel was accustomed to retire early and be up with the sun to do his studying. He also believes in applying psychology to study, and recommends that translation be read aloud first and then translated slowly, in order that not only the optic but the auditory brain centers may, be later called upon for aid in recollection. For the same reason, the writing out of other branches of the language is im-

portant. Professor Vogel adds that for the student who has not studied as well as he might have, the only salvation is to trust in the Lord.

Various Methods Suggested

Dean Burton, evidently a materialist, stresses lightly the study side and advises prospective recipients of C's to take a warm bath and shampoo immediately before the trial. The Dean scoffed at the weejee.

"Flunk the exam" is the advice given by Professor Passano for students who are not thoroughly conversant with the subject of their choice. He believes that to fail and repeat is better than to pass and not learn the subject. He advised against cramming and good-naturedly hoped that our efforts to obtain formula for passing exams would not be crowned with success.

The advice given to the students by Professor Moore is perhaps as sound as any. He warns the students to forget the "trick" problems and the kinks which they encountered, as the thing looked for in examinations is the principle, not the few deviations or twists of the principle. He adds that no exam was ever failed because a student did not know the hard problems, but rather because he could not do the easy ones. When Professor Moore was in college he was not accustomed to putting any more time into preparation for finals than into the ordinary class room exercise.

One Way Is Sure

Professor Franklin suggested going at a problem systematically and warned students against getting "stage freight." In common with a majority he praised the benefit of plenty of sleep directly before the day of the exam. A trip to a movie show the night before was the contribution of Professor Webster to the suggestions.

After a careful perusal of the statements of all, the one infallible formula which has been discovered for passing examinations is presented. It follows: The student must first find the shop where the papers are being printed, and then follow the messenger who is to bring them to the Institute. When the messenger has reached a dark, lonely spot, sprint quickly and run by him at full speed. If the messenger has them with him, you have passed the exams.

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