

## FRESHMAN SOCIETY FIGHTS OLD IDEA

Academia, First Year Philosophic Society, Serves Purpose of Interesting Students in Non-Scientific Affairs

WILL CONTINUE NEXT YEAR

An attempt to break away from the idea that Technology men must interest themselves only in the exact sciences was made during the past year in the formation of Academia, a freshman society whose function is the consideration of matters philosophic and literary. A number of meetings have been held, at which short speeches by representative speakers on subjects appropriate to the purpose of the club have been given, followed by discussion among the members.

Shortly after the beginning of the Institute year this society was organized among a few sections of the freshman class. It was then limited to members of those sections, but with the start of the winter term it was considered that enough interest had been shown to warrant extending its scope to include the entire class. However, in order that the high standard of interest might be maintained it was required that all men be favorably passed on by a membership committee.

### Professor Croissant Latest Speaker

The officers first elected were A. N. Reed, president; H. P. Kurzman, vice-president; and D. E. Lovell, secretary and treasurer. However, the arduousness of his scholastic duties compelled President Reed to resign his position shortly after the beginning of the spring term. This gap was filled by Vice-president Kurzman who succeeded to the office.

During the fall and winter terms the society occupied itself with philosophical and political subjects, while in the spring the race question was the center of attack. Professor Croissant's discussion of the existing political system of the United States was the last and one of the best talks during the winter term.

### Discuss Philosophy and Science

The first of the talks in the spring term was given by A. J. Fassitt, Jr., on the "Negro Question" from the negro's point of view. This was of particular interest as it brought up a new side of that question which has occupied such attention in the public eye recently.

The next address was delivered by Professor R. P. Hoernle, head of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology at Harvard University. In expounding his subject, which was the "Relation of Philosophy to Science," he declared that philosophy can never be completely overrun by practical sciences.

### May Admit New Freshmen

M. R. Copithorne, a member of the instructing staff of the department of English and History at the Institute, addressed the club on a timely theme. "Anti-Semitism" was the speaker's subject, and he advanced the theory that the Jews are persecuted because they stand aloof.

F. F. Sears, also an English instructor at the Institute, interested the society with his talk on "Western Civilization in the Eyes of an Easterner."

The society intends to continue its work next year. Whether the membership will be still limited to the Class of 1923 is a question which the society intends to decide next year. There is a strong sentiment in favor of allowing members of next year's freshman class to become members of Academia. But as it was limited to one class this year there are those who desire not to break the precedent.

### MEN WANTED FOR STAFF

There is an excellent opportunity on THE TECH news staff for freshmen who will be at the Institute this summer. The paper will be published once a week during the vacation months and men who work at this time are in a way to make a good position in the fall. No previous newspaper experience is necessary. Candidates should call at the news office, room 3, Walker, any afternoon between 1 and 6 o'clock and see Ansley Newman, news editor, for information.

## FRANK KANALY AP. POINTED ARMY COACH

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the coaching staff which will accompany the United States stars abroad.

Coach Kanaly is not giving up his position as Technology Track Coach, but will be around again to tutor the varsity and freshman runners in the fall. His present task will occupy him only through the summer.



Captain Billy MacMahon will start work with his hill-and-dalers shortly in preparation for next year's cross-country season.

Jake Driscoll and Walter Downey have been recalled to the navy and will be sent south to train for the Olympics.

The showing made by the freshman and varsity crews this year seems to demonstrate conclusively that Technology's trouble in sports is

not lack of material, but lack of proper training accessories and conditions.

The crews which have been put out before have received all their coaching from the coxswain's seat, while this year the oarsmen boasted of a launch. As a result the freshmen won every match, breaking the Choate School course record. The varsity defeated two fast Union Boat Club crews, and lost to the much vaunted Harvard first varsity by only a fraction of a length.

Frank Kanaly's appointment as coach of the Olympic contenders among the boys in khaki certainly meets with the approval of local sport fans. Frank's system of training is one that calls for more personal effort by the coach than perhaps any other, and the results obtained at the Institute in spite of discouraging conditions testifies to its value.

G. H. Butler Jr. '22 was elected captain of the wrestling team for the season of 1920-1921. Butler has been with the team for two years now and during that time he has lost but two matches. Last year and again this year he captured the New England A. A. U. championship in the 145

pound class. At the intercollegiate at Springfield this year he was runner-up in his class and was defeated by only the closest kind of competition. Before coming to the Institute, Butler went to Choate School where he was on the wrestling team.

Mr. James Fitzpatrick was host at a banquet given to the boxing team in Riverbank Court. In addition to the team there were present Nap Boutellier, Willie Corbett, Larry Conley, boxing coach at Harvard, Mr. Hunter, Dr. Rockwell, and Dr. Rowe. Plans for next season were discussed, and Dr. Rowe spoke about the National Intercollegiate Boxing Association.

Allen Addicks '21 was re-elected captain of the team, and Greenwalt '22 was elected manager. Announcement is made that summer classes in boxing will be started July 5. Boutellier will be here during the summer and will instruct the men. The price is 50 cents per lesson.

### LIBRARY REMAINS CLOSED

Quite a number of books have been returned to the Walker Memorial Library, but as these do not compose a large percentage of the 160 missing, it has been decided to keep the room

closed for some time longer. Mrs. King states that books can be returned to her table any time and no questions will be asked.

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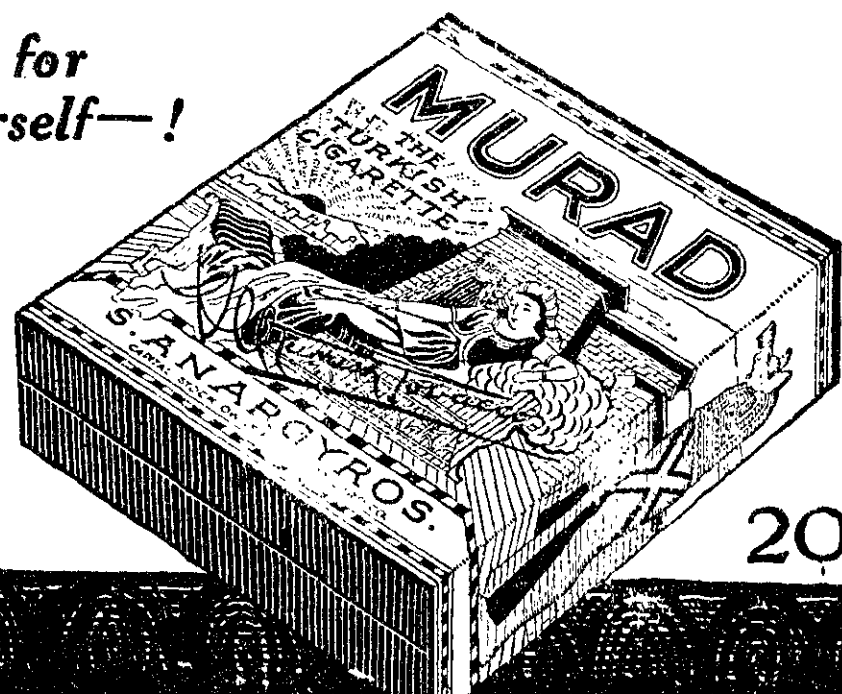
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