

CIVILS VISIT SEWAGE PLANTS OF BOSTON

Will Make Trip by Autos so as to Inspect Plants at Squantum and Dorchester in Same Afternoon

TRIP A POPULAR ONE

The Sewage division of the Boston Public Works department has thrown open its two sewage disposal stations, one the Calf Pasture Station in Dorchester, the other the Moon Island Station in Squantum, to the members of the Civil Engineering Society for inspection Friday afternoon, December 3.

The Society will take advantage of the offer of the Boston division to make their first trip of the year. In order that the men may see both the stations in one afternoon it has been decided to make the trip by auto, leaving the Institute at 1:15 o'clock. A. A. Turner '21 of the executive committee of the Society is making arrangements for the trip.

Already he has had requests for reservations from men outside the Course I Society, demonstrating the worth of the contention that the trip will be a popular one. He is holding these requests from outsiders until the Course I men have had first opportunity to sign up with him for the trip.

Professor Dwight L. Porter, head of the hydraulic department in Course I recommended the trip to the Society in the course of a lecture in Hydraulics and the officers of the Society were quick to seize on his suggestion and act to clinch the arrangements.

Professor Porter pointed out that Boston's sewage disposal plants represent some of the finest bits of engineering along that line that can be seen anywhere. The station in Dorchester, known as the Calf Pasture Station has five centrifugal pumps, one of which is the largest in the country. Professor Porter said that many students in Course II, Mechanical Engineering would undoubtedly be anxious to take in the trip in order to get a glimpse of the working of this pump.

HEXALPHA BALLOTS

New Course VI-A Society Elects First Officers

"Hexalpha", the new Course VI-A society, has elected W. S. Ross '21 president, G. F. B. Owens '21 vice-president, P. H. Rutherford '21 secretary, and L. N. Brown '22 treasurer. The officers are busily making plans by which to fulfill the purpose of this organization which is "aiding those connected with the course in any way possible."

The peculiarity of Course VI-A in having part of the time at the Institute and part of the time at the Lynn plant of the General Electric Company, made opportunities for fellowship rare, and accordingly "Hexalpha" was formed.

The society is organized so as to permit the Lynn group to function independently of the Institute group. It was hoped by the men in Hexalpha that their intimate acquaintance with the General Electric plant in Lynn may be made advantageous for all those interested in Electrical Engineering at the Institute, by their acting as guides in the events of trips by any other societies of the Institute to the Lynn works.

Solves Rooming Question

Inasmuch as the course is more or less under development in the matters of some details, Hexalpha provides a means of supplying ideas and suggestions as called upon by those in charge of the course. The generous contribution by the Institute and the General Electric Co. of the house at 95 Newbury street, Boston, and at 32 South Common street, Lynn, is thoroughly appreciated by all those who are taking the course inasmuch as it has taken care of the very troublesome room question as well as providing for more intimate acquaintance and fellowship.

Correspondence should be addressed to the associate secretary, H. H. Cake, 95 Newbury street, Boston.

CHEM SOCIETY TO VISIT MERRIMAC CHEMICAL CO

The Chemical Engineering Society will visit the Merrimac Chemical Co. at Everett, Mass., next Tuesday afternoon. This plant is engaged in the production of acids and inorganic salts. A notice will be placed on the bulletin board by Dr. Talbot's office for sign-ups. It is requested that the men indicate their class so that the officers may determine the number of men from different classes on the trip. Course X-A men, at the plant, will act as guides.

SOPHS WILL DINE

Field Day Movies Will Be Shown at Victory Celebration

The victorious Sophomore class is planning a Victory banquet to be held in Walker Memorial on December 7 to commemorate the freshmen slaughter of November 5. Moving pictures of the massacre step by step will be shown.

Dean Alfred E. Burton and Coach Frank M. Kanaly will deliver speeches, to those fortunate ones who have secured the necessary pasteboards required for admission and distribute the class numerals to the 1923 warriors.

Five beautiful girls will provide a varied entertainment during the evening and Frank Gage's orchestra has been secured to assist the Sophomore band in producing the music.

Sign-ups for this event are already in the hands of the section representatives who will dispose of them for one dollar a piece. The remaining \$1.10 can be paid to the committee in the Main Lobby after December 2, from 12 to 6 o'clock, the total cost of the tickets being \$2.10.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

In answer to the communication published in your paper of November 16 and the editorial of that same date, also the editorial in the November 13 number, I wish to say in behalf of the M. I. T. A. A. that we have asked the Institute Committee to make an investigation of the M. I. T. A. A. and publish a report. Furthermore, it is not our policy to answer anonymous communications and no attention will be given to such publications in the future.

Wm. W. Russell,
President, M. I. T. A. A.

OPEN NOMINATIONS

Names for Prom Committee Must Be in by December 2

One of the most important committees of the Junior Class, namely, the Prom Committee, will be chosen on December 6, the Monday following the Junior Dance. Five men will be elected. Nominations for members of this body open today, and close Thursday, December 2, at 5 o'clock.

The names of the nominees will be announced at the dance next Friday evening.

Each candidate must have at least ten nominators and no man having over five points for other undergraduate activities will be eligible for this committee. It is particularly important that the headings of the nomination papers be typewritten or printed in such a manner that there can be no mistake as to the name of the nominees. These papers will be received at the Information Office.

Did You Lose a Soft, Green Hat?

Who wants a soft, green hat, or rather, who has lost one? The Office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Power has both a green one and a brown one awaiting owners. Moreover, word has been received that someone has already lost their winter gloves and a black overcoat. A lunch box and a Boston bag are among the other articles of use awaiting possessors in the salvage loft in room 3-005. A list of received books appears in this issue of THE TECH.

TECHNIQUE WILL SOON COMPLETE PORTFOLIO

Class of 1920 Men Asked to Return Proof to Notman's

It was announced at the Technique office yesterday that all proofs of Senior pictures are to be returned to the photographers immediately upon their receipt. The Portfolio Editor said, that while he wished the men to make their own selection this would be impossible unless immediate action was taken, due to the early date of Junior week. For the same reason no more appointments will be made for pictures as the time limit is naturally short and as the class this year is much larger than that of last.

Announcement was also made of the fact that due to precedent no men in the class of 1920 would again have their picture in this year's Technique. As several mistakes along this line have been made the men who are not eligible but have made appointments or filed cards are asked to notify the photographic editor at once.

TWO VACANCIES LEFT ON VOO DOO

Resignations of Advertising and Publicity Managers Leave Positions Open—Chances for New Men

"SLEEPY" ISSUE NEXT

With the resignation of three men from the board of the Voo Doo a good chance is given to new men who enter the competition at the present time. The position of Advertising Manager is left open by the resignation of Norman F. Patton '21, while G. S. McCue '22 has filled the vacancy left by Theo. Quiros '21 as Art Editor, leaving the position of Publicity Manager open. These vacancies will be filled by election on January 3. The board announces that a good chance is left for new competitors in all departments.

The December issue of the magazine known as the "Sleepy" number will be put on sale December 1. The January number is already on the press and will come out immediately after the holidays. As the "Edgar Allen Poe" number will be put on sale the first of February, covers for this issue are due December 15 and all other work must be in by January 10, and be relative to the subject.

M. I. T. RIFLE CLUB RANGE HERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Institute Committee Approves Plans For \$3,000 Gallery

Work on the new range for the Rifle Club has been started under the transmission wires at the side of the athletic field. It is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

After long consideration, the Athletic Association gave their approval to the plans submitted to them at the beginning of the year, and appropriated \$3,000 for the work. This money will not, however, be expected to cover anything but the cost of the range itself. The ammunition, which has already arrived, has been furnished free of charge by the War Department.

Trips to Wakefield will be arranged during the winter, for a sergeant is stationed there, and the range will be open. Ammunition is plentiful, now that army practice has stopped, and may be obtained very easily, for practice purposes.

POST WAR MEN CONVENE

At a meeting of the Post War Class of 1918, in room 10-267 Monday, November 22, at 1 o'clock, it was decided to send out notices to every member of the class now actively engaged in Institute work, requesting that he state at what times he would be free to attend a meeting. The object of this next meeting will be to get everyone in the class acquainted, and form some sort of organization. It has been a most difficult task to get the men together, for all are taking special courses, which conflict in such a way as to allow very few free periods. E. G. Betts '18 is in charge of the notification, and is now sending out the letters.

HIGH PRICE OF MEALS IN WALKER IS CAUSED BY WASTEFUL SYSTEM

CLOSE YALE COMMONS

Lack of Trade Forces Dining Hall to Close

The Yale dining hall, the largest and most elaborate college eating headquarters in the United States, was closed Tuesday night because not enough students have registered there to make it pay. The dining hall, or college-commons, accommodates about eleven hundred, but only seven hundred and fifty members of the university have been eating there during the term this fall. Unless nearly a thousand take meals there the institution cannot be made to meet expenses. The situation was presented to the undergraduates, who declined to come to the commons to dine, and the university authorities are unwilling to continue the financial loss incurred in keeping the institution open.

Never Paid Expenses

The future of the large structure is not certain. The hall is a part of the bi-centennial memorial given by the alumni in 1901. It consists of the Woolsey Hall auditorium, a memorial vestibule and dining hall. The cost was about two million.

Since the institution was opened in 1901 it has never paid expenses, but was managed on the co-operative plan and the loss divided proportionately among the undergraduates. When the university became a war college during the recent world war the hall was used as a large barracks. Since reopening, following the resumption of university activities, the loss incurred has been larger than ever before. Superintendent Frazier said that stores of food amounting to \$25,000 would be sold at auction now that the hall has closed.

AIR SERVICE UNIT MAY BE ORGANIZED

An air service unit, according to plans under consideration by the Department of Military Science, may soon be established at Technology. Students who take this advanced course in Military Science will be given reserve officers' commissions as second lieutenants, and after six months' active service with the pay of a second lieutenant may, if there are vacancies and they prove capable, receive regular commissions as second lieutenants in the air service.

Members of the Senior class who wish to receive reserve corps commissions in the signal corps may do so if they have had the regular two years' military training, and petition the faculty to permit them to take the advanced work in the signal corps unit. To do this a Senior must agree to take the Senior work of the Signal Corps Unit, and upon graduation to attend a summer camp for six weeks, with the understanding that he will not be granted his diploma until that work is completed. In the meantime he will receive commutation of rations, amounting to 53 cents per day.

ELECT CLUB OFFICERS

Chauncy Hall Men Hold First Meeting of Year

The Chauncy Hall Club held an enthusiastic meeting last Tuesday evening in the Faculty room of Walker Memorial. E. W. Booth '21 was elected president for the ensuing year and R. W. Haskell '21 was elected vice-president.

Franklin T. Kurt, Principal of the Chauncy Hall school spoke on the policy of the school and emphasized its mission as laying the foundations for the work at Technology.

Plans were formulated for a dinner to be held in conjunction with the students of the Chauncy Hall school. At the close of the smoker ginger ale and cookies were served.

Separate Halls, Breakfasts, Indefinite Volume of Trade, and Holidays Destroy Profits of Noonday Meals

CORRECTIONS ARE SUGGESTED

What's the matter with the Walker dining service? The question seems to pass from lip to lip in an undercurrent which will some day wreck the entire morale of the complete system if means are not taken to prevent such an action from setting in as a permanent influence. The dining service is for the students and it is their wishes that the management wants to carry out so far as is possible and compatible with the regulations laid down by the administrative committee.

One of the most pressing charges against the service is the price list. It is that sensitive "pocket book nerve" that is made to tingle under the schedule of prices. The men say that they average 60 cents to a meal and when they get up they feel as though they could eat another meal right over again without trying the taste in the least. The men will not eat there with the present schedule of prices and the present schedule of prices can't come down until a larger number of men eat there. It looks like a deadlock without a chance for either side but it is really very simple when one has the opportunity to see both sides of the situation.

Separate Halls Cause Losses

The prices in the main hall of Walker are higher than they really ought to be owing to the fact that the profits from this source must cover the losses on the smaller dining halls throughout the building. The management is compelled to keep the grill room, the Faculty dining room, and north hall open. It has no choice in the matter. Though it would deem the closing of some of the halls at certain times advisable, it cannot do so. Even with the profit from the main hall added to the total, right now the complete system is losing on an average of \$150 a day. "Too much," you say. Why?

Well, the small hall must have a complete set of people to attend to its needs. There are nearly as many people needed for each of the halls as are needed to run the main hall. Up goes the pay roll on the occasion. When you consider that 40 per cent of the daily expenses goes out on the pay roll, you may well consider that the prices are reasonable. Out of the remaining money, all the raw materials must be bought and the overhead charges paid.

Should Not Serve Breakfasts

If the hall were only open for lunches, it would not be so bad, but the main hall is open for breakfast. Not more than 40 men eat there but all of the kitchen force as well as the checker and the waitresses must be on hand. Then there are the evenings which put a crimp in the profits. Sometimes these are good crowds;

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CALENDAR

- Friday, November 26
 - 5:00—Technique Sophomore Art Competition, Technique Office, Walker.
- Sunday, November 28
 - 5:00—Orchestra practice, Building 30.
- Monday, November 29
 - 6:30—Alumni Council meeting, Faculty dining room, Walker.
 - 7:30—Mechanical Engineering Society smoker, north hall, Walker.
- Tuesday, November 30
 - 1:00—Chemical Society will visit Merrimac Chemical Co.
 - 7:30—Episcopal Society smoker, Faculty room, Walker.
 - 7:30—Aeronautical Engineering smoker and movies, main hall, Walker.
 - 7:30—Get-Together Club smoker, grill room, Walker.
 - 8:00—Cleofan Dance, north hall, Walker.
- Wednesday, December 1
 - 6:30—Federal board students' smoker and dinner, Faculty dining room, Walker.
 - 7:30—Dorms smoker, gymnasium, Walker.
- Thursday, December 2
 - 5:00—Junior Prom nominations close, Information Office.
- Friday, December 3
 - 1:00—Civil Engineering Society trip starts, 1st floor Building 1.
 - 6:00—New England Assn. of Colleges, dinner and meeting, Faculty dining room, Walker.
 - 7:30—Chess Club match, library, Walker.
 - 8:00—Class of 1922, dance, main hall, Walker.