

RESULT OF COMPETITION FOR TECH SHOW CAST ANNOUNCED (Continued from Page 1.)

the Tech Show 1920, has been chosen this year to play Mrs. Sam K. Surtax, who was once a music hall girl. The part of Votus X, his Imperial Highness the emperor of Ptomania, will be taken by P. Woodling '23. J. G. Walker '25, will be the Court Physician.

Chorus Tryouts Today

Tryouts for the chorus of this year's show will be held this afternoon in the lounge of building 2 at 5 o'clock. As previously announced Miss Virginia Tanner will be in charge of the chorus this year and under her excellent supervision very good results are being looked forward to. All candidates who wish to try out for the chorus should present themselves this afternoon. Judging from the previous popularity of the chorus, it is expected that over fifty men will be in the tryouts. The stage department will attempt to conclude the tryouts as soon as possible so as to offer to the successful candidates a good deal of time for rehearsals.

Music and Lyrics Competition Closes

The music and lyrics competition will close formally at 5 o'clock on Tuesday, January 10th, and no contributions will be accepted after that time. The music for the previous shows has been of a calibre that attracted the attention of many Broadway show producers and from the material at hand the reputation will be maintained by this year's production. The committee on music and lyrics further announces that there will be a meeting of all music and lyrics writers in the East Lounge of Walker Memorial at 5 o'clock on Tuesday, January 10.

The Rogers building has been the scene of considerable work done on the scenery for this year. Tech Show is one of the few college productions in which the scenery is designed by the students. Scenery is submitted in the form of models on a smaller scale, and the actual property is made by a scenery studio.

GREATER BOSTON CHINESE CLUBS HOLD SOCIAL MEETING

The Chinese Clubs of Greater Boston had a social gathering in the Phillips Brooks House on December 30. The meeting was similar to the one held a year ago, but followed Christmas instead of coming before. Lack of time made the change of date necessary this year.

Y. R. Chao, professor of Chinese at Harvard, prepared the program for the evening. The program included music and playing of games. New Year gifts were exchanged among the students.

CORPORATION XV BOARD MEETS AND PLANS TERM'S ACTIVITIES

Determines Movie Schedule for Friday Afternoons

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Corporation XV, held last Friday noon, the plans for the activities of the Corporation during the next term were outlined. These include two trips as well as the regular weekly movies on Friday afternoons.

Some departures from the usual type of professional society type of smoker is being arranged and plans are to be announced soon. It is hoped that some change, together with the introduction of novelties, will obtain an even larger attendance at smokers.

The movies this term will include pictures of the Packard Car Co., Burroughs labor-saving devices, Sears, Roebuck and Co. routing methods, and other features that are felt to be of particular interest to prospective administrators.

LECTURES AT WOBURN CHURCH

H. Y. Tsui '22, a member of the Institute Chinese Club, has been invited to give a talk before the Men's Club at Woburn. The subject of his speech is the Far East problem. It will be delivered Monday evening in the Mont Vale Church, Woburn.

NEWS COMPETITION OF THE TECH OPENS

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make it. Some of the men cover assignments by phone from the office in a few minutes. They do not get much out of the paper. Others interview the prominent men of the Institute, get to know the captains of the various Beaver teams, receive free theater tickets on dramatic assignments, are welcomed at dinners, dances and committee meetings. In other words, the freshman reporter, if he is ambitious enough, is in a position to place himself in the inner ring of Technology's life. Many of them do this.

A casual inspection of the staff of THE TECH today and THE TECH a year ago shows some interesting facts. Practically every man who was with the department a year ago and has seen the work through for three terms is a department head, night editor or assistant night editor. Several are on the managing board. Several have left the paper to take positions in other activities, well prepared for the new work, by experience gained while on THE TECH.

Originality Encouraged

Assignments are made according to the abilities and, as far as possible, according to the wants of each man. Opportunity is offered for anyone to develop any original ideas they may have, and a watch is kept on the reporter's standing, with a view to lightening his assignments as soon as his marks fall at all below standard.

SET 1924 POLITICAL MACHINE ROLLING

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out the day, from 9 until 5 o'clock, and will be conducted under the Hare-Spence system of preferential voting.

The nominations must be in the ballot box, provided for the purpose, in the information office, room 10-100, by noon Tuesday, January 17. The nominations shall be on the regular form, with the signatures of five sponsors and with the signature of the nominee showing his willingness to accept. These forms must be typewritten and must also conform in every respect with Article XIII, section 4, paragraph 5, of the Undergraduate Constitution.

The Technique Electoral Committee consists of 25 men who choose the board and staff of the 1924 Technique. To be a member of this committee is one of the highest honors of the Sophomore class.

DISCUSS SUCCESSOR TO DR. E. F. NICHOLS

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the Institute to make his name known to the executive committee.

Dr. Ellwood Hendrick, former president of the Chemists' Club of New York, who was introduced by Dr. Little as the "Abou Ben Adhem of Chemists" gave a humorous dissertation on the engineer's approach to a millionaire.

Dr. Yang Siang Tsoa, assistant Secretary-General of the Chinese Delegation, whom Dr. Little introduced as one who knows America from the American point of view, a graduate of Yale, and the son of a father who fought for the Union in our Civil War, pleaded for the cause of China, and thanked America for the opportunity extended to her to state her case at the Arms Conference in Washington.

In an effort to express to Dr. Nichols the deep feeling of the alumni, Dr. Little read the following letter in behalf of the alumni association.

Dear Mr. Nichols:
The Alumni of the Institute, who have looked forward with the happiest anticipations to many years of cordial cooperation with you in the furtherance of its interests, have learned with profound regret that these satis-

factions must be denied them. In the brief official contact with you, which they have been permitted to enjoy, you have established yourself in their affection and their high respect, and you may be sure that the regard and friendship so securely grounded will follow you and remain with you in whatever environment you may elect to serve the cause of science.

We hope and confidently expect that in the prosecution of research, for which you are so eminently qualified, you may find compensation for the disappointment which now weighs so heavily upon us all.

I beg you to accept through me the integrated affection and cordial good wishes of the whole Alumni body.

(signed) ARTHUR D. LITTLE,
President.

Dr. Nichols replied as follows:

Dear Mr. Little:
I am very deeply touched by your kind letter of November 23 in behalf of the Technology Alumni. Brief as my official connection has been I know them to be a body of able, generous and high minded men. As I had fondly looked forward to working shoulder to shoulder with them in a high enterprise I felt there was nothing worthy which was beyond their power of achievement. It has been thoughts like these that have made my own disappointment hard to bear and there is no man whom it will require greater virtue in me not to envy than my successor in the presidency.

(Signed) ERNEST FOX NICHOLS.

Dr. Little's speech follows:

We should bear in mind that the Institute is, very properly, not conducted in the interest of the alumni. It exists only for the good it can confer upon its students and transmit through them to the community. As alumni we serve the Institute best in our works and by upholding its traditions before the world. Our interest in its welfare is, nevertheless, so keen, our sense of obligation so developed, our desire to be helpful so genuine and deep-seated, and our perspective upon its activities so peculiarly advantageous that we claim and have secured the right to participate in the direction of its affairs. This interest and loyalty of the great and constantly expanding body of the alumni constitutes one of the chief endowments of the school and is, we may confidently believe, recognized as such by its executives. It is, there-

fore, not out of place for us to say that there are some things which the alumni want. We want a president as soon as a man fitted and qualified to carry the heavy burden of that high office can be found. We may assume without question that our desire is shared by the Executive Committee and the Corporation, by the Administrative Committee and the Faculty. In the face of such unanimity of aspiration I trust that if any of you know the man you will not hesitate to name him. Unless you do, we must await with patience the outcome of the earnest and conscientious endeavor of those upon whom the responsibility of his appointment rests.

It has also been made clear to me that we want an Alumni Director. It is equally clear in my own mind that before selecting him we should distinctly visualize his functions and sharply define his qualifications. It may aid in your consideration of the matter if I draft the outline of a specification. He should be, as it seems to me, a man young enough to remember the long thoughts of youth for the vast majority of our Alumni are still young men. He should know "when a feeler needs a friend" and how to be one. He should have temperament and enthusiasm and imagination and the power to arouse an enthusiasm in others that persists beyond the cheers. He should be old enough to have acquired experience through broad and varied human contacts and with experience the ability to organize and to persuade. He must know the mental habits of men of affairs and be sensitive to the predilections of rich old ladies.

If he is to work at high efficiency in the mutual interest of the Alumni and the school, such a man, if we can find him, must, I believe, stand before the community as the joint representative of the Alumni and the Corporation of the Institute. He must work in understanding sympathy with its president and in furtherance of his general policies. His activities will be directed not only toward securing the solidarity of the alumni, but to the enhancement of the prestige and the recognition of the needs of the Institute in all the widely separated communities in which our Alumni gather. If you believe with me that this is the type of man we need and if you sense, as I do, the opportunity before him, you will not be precipitate in your selection.

I was walking across the Harvard

Bridge the other morning when I came across three workmen near the draw. Their activities were at a standstill, but I thought I detected a revival of interest at my approach. When I came up with them one stepped forward and with an accent of hope in his voice said: "Say, Mister, have you got a piece of string? We want to fix this bridge."

Now we can't go on indefinitely supplying string to fix up Harvard Bridge. We want, as I have said on another occasion, a new bridge with no string to it, and we want it called "Technology Bridge."

How happily dignity, beauty, and utility may be combined in a structure worthy of this name and setting the distinguished architect and Institute alumnus, Andrews '78, has demonstrated in the drawings which many of us were privileged to see at the last meeting of the Alumni Council.

With an enrolment, which reached this year a maximum of over 3500 students, we do not hesitate to say that we want new dormitories. Nothing could be more grateful to the eye than the beautiful buildings in which we now house 170 students. They are an admirable evidence of good intention. They serve to inspire hope in the optimistic that some day he may enjoy their comforts and have the benefit of the environment which they supply. But after four years of migratory residence in the South End he realizes as a senior that hope is a good breakfast but a poor supper. It has, to put it squarely, become obvious that nothing short of a development comparable to the Harvard Freshman Dormitories can be in any way adequate to the immediate demands of the pressing situation.

Dr. Johnson once said in his characteristically dogmatic fashion that "four good wants ought to last a man a year." A president, a bridge, an alumni director, and new dormitories is perhaps a reasonable allowance, but some of us want still more. Professor Rogers wants distinguished guests and lots of 'em. He points out that we missed a chance when General Foch came to town to have him stop at Technology and teach the young idea how to shoot. Dr. Rowe wants a choral society, in which alumni and undergraduates may fraternize and sing. He ought to have it. Others of us feel the need of some stimulating and co-ordinating agency to encourage and bring into harmonious accord the efforts to beautify the Institute and its surroundings.

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