

ALUMNI LAUD RECENT MUSICAL CLUBS' TOUR

Dean Receives Congratulatory Letters—Winter Concert Plans Definite

SELL SIGNUPS TOMORROW

Close upon the heels of favorable newspaper criticisms, concerning the recent trip of the Combined Musical Clubs, come letters from the Alumni themselves lauding the attitude and appearance of the Clubs on the trip. Definite plans to make the Winter Concert of the Clubs at the Copley Plaza on Friday, January 27, the climax of the winter season of the Clubs have now been magnified by the receipt of these letters from the Western Alumni by Dean Talbot. It is now announced by the management of the Combined Clubs that the sign-ups which will be on sale in the main lobby at 12 o'clock tomorrow at a price of three dollars per couple, will be for a 3 o'clock party at the Copley with Bert Lowe's orchestra.

James H. Haste '96, chairman of the Concert committee of the Technology Alumni in Rochester who sponsored the concert of the Clubs there on December 27, wrote the following letter:

January 3, 1922

Professor H. P. Talbot,
Mass. Institute of Technology,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Professor Talbot:

I thought you would be interested to know that the Technology Musical Clubs gave a Concert in Rochester on December 27th and that the affair was a success from every point of view. The boys gave an excellent concert, the attendance reached the capacity of the hall and everybody enjoyed it. A luncheon for the boys was served at Kodak Park at noon, after which they spent two or more hours visiting the Works. Everyone that I have talked with was very well impressed with the boys
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SOCIETY HEARS GENERAL RADIO COMPANY EXPERT

Third Annual A. R. R. L. Banquet Will Be Held
Here February 25

ANTENNA SUBJECT OF TALK

The Radio Society will hold its usual meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the grill room of Walker Memorial. Mr. Melville Eastham of the General Radio Company will address the society on wireless antenna. It is expected that this address will be of great interest to all wireless enthusiasts. Refreshments will be served during the meeting.

The third annual banquet of the American Radio Relay League, First District, will be held in Walker Memorial, February 25, under the auspices of the Technology Radio Society and the Boston Executive Radio Council.

LIST FRATERNITY STANDINGS AT END OF FALL TERM

Theta Chi and Sigma Chi Head
New List

The Registrar's Office has issued the following list of fraternity standings in scholarship at the end of the first term:

1. Theta Chi.
2. Sigma Chi.
3. Zeta Beta Tau.
4. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
5. Delta Psi.
6. Phi Beta Epsilon.
7. Tau Delta Phi.
8. Alpha Tau Omega.
9. Beta Theta Pi.
10. Delta Tau Delta.
11. Delta Upsilon.
12. Phi Kappa.
13. Phi Beta Delta.
14. Sigma Alpha Mu.
15. Phi Kappa Sigma.
16. Lambda Phi.
17. Theta Delta Chi.
18. Chi Phi.
19. Lambda Chi Alpha.
20. Theta Xi.
21. Kappa Sigma.
22. Phi Gamma Delta.
23. Phi Sigma Kappa.
24. Phi Sigma Delta.

TECHNIQUE SEEKING NAMES OF WANDERING GREEKS HERE

The Societies' editor of Technique 1923 has just posted a notice in the main lobby asking men who are members of fraternities not having chapters at the Institute to sign up in the space provided on the notice. In order that the list may be complete each man is asked to sign his name, then the name of the fraternity, and lastly the name of the college where he became a member. This list is required so that the Societies' department of Technique may have a full fraternity list.

LABORATORY FIRE IS CAUSED BY OVEN

Sprinklers Quench Flames in
Building 8

EXPLOSION YESTERDAY NOON

During the noon hour yesterday, fire broke out on the top floor of Building 8, in the room next to the Organic Chemistry Laboratory. An explosion occurred and flames sprung up, starting the automatic sprinklers and flooding that part of the building. Quick action on the part of Major Smith, Superintendent of Buildings and Power, together with assistants, prevented serious damage.

Some nitro-cotton which was drying in an electric drying oven had become overheated and exploded. A number of inflammable chemicals near the furnace took fire from the explosion and ran over the floor of the room. The automatic sprinkler directly over the furnace started almost immediately. Others in the room soon followed. The room itself, the adjoining laboratories, the hall, and the laboratory of Mining Engineering on the floor below were flooded, and the whole end of the building was filled with fumes from the burning chemicals.

Bring up Extinguishers

The assistants in the laboratory of Organic Chemistry returned to the office with sand and carbon tetrachloride, and extinguished the flames, which were still active in spite of the sprinklers. Major Smith had a sixty-gallon chemical fire extinguisher brought up, and a janitor in the basement turned off the sprinklers.

Meanwhile an alarm had been turned in to the Cambridge Fire Department, which arrived practically en masse at 1:15 o'clock. There was nothing to do, however, except clean up, and Major Smith had already turned his attention from fire to flood, and a second wave of janitors, armed with mops and buckets, was rushed to the front.

During the first part of the fire, the flames had for a short time completely filled the room. Some clothing belonging to the assistants was in lockers near the oven. The clothing was burned and the paint was scorched from the lockers. The room was thoroughly smoked. A number of books and papers were damaged, and the furnace itself injured.

The work of rehabilitation was begun at once, and by 4 o'clock laboratory work was going on as usual. The office will require some time to be repaired.

Sporting Pictorial Out Friday

A pictorial section will accompany the Friday issue of THE TECH and will feature the winter sport teams of the Institute. There will be a picture of the basketball team which engages in its first home game Saturday and individual pictures of some of the prominent players on the team.

As usual, the price of the issue will be five cents, but subscribers will be requested to show their cards. The issue will contain many distinct and novel features and it is expected that the student body will be glad of the opportunity to see the Institute's teams.

CHORAL SOCIETY COMMENCES WORK OF YEAR IN EARNEST

Hold First Rehearsal Under Coach Townsend on
Friday

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

The Institute Choral Society, which was inaugurated under the direction of Mr. Stephen Townsend, the noted choral director, late last term, will hold its first rehearsal of the new year next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in room 5-330. Undergraduate leader, J. W. Church '22, has invited any man who can carry a tune to be present, whether or not he attended any of the meetings of the society last term. It is Mr. Townsend's purpose to train voices as well as to organize the voices which have had previous training, so that there is a large field for new men.

At the first meeting practice will be begun in earnest for the concert which is to be given in Symphony Hall later in the spring, when the Choral Society will make its first public appearance. It is planned to present the program in three parts: 1. A Stein Song; 2. the rendition of numbers by an accompanying artist of national repute; 3. a serious choral selection. Mr. Townsend hopes in this way to appeal to the true Boston music lovers, rather than to the superficial followers of lighter music.

INTERFRATERNITY COMMITTEE PLANS TO HOLD FORMAL DANCE

H. M. Shirey '22, chairman of the Walker Memorial Committee, announces a formal inter-fraternity dance to be held in the main hall of Walker on Friday night between the hours of 8:30 and 2. The committee in charge of the dance, consisting of S. Hazard '23, chairman, W. T. Ferguson '22, H. E. Rockett '22, E. H. Schmitz '23, and K. C. Kingsley '23, has arranged for 12 dances and 2 extras with Bert Lowe's 10-piece orchestra. Chairman Hazard has planned to have supper served in the balconies and the north hall during the intermission between the sixth and seventh dances.

Should the Student Tax Be Raised?

THE CONTINGENCY FUND

In addition to the five specified needs which the Student Tax is designed to cover there must be provided a certain sum of money for contingencies. A definite amount is allotted to each of the known activities of the school. There are, however, a number of things that arise during the year for which there is no allotment, such as convocations. For this reason a reserve fund must be maintained on which the Institute Committee may draw to cover these contingencies as they come up. The source of this reserve fund is, of course, the Student Tax.

Because of insufficient funds the Institute Committee was forced to pay for the 1920 All-Technology Smoker out of the emergency fund. Thus the fund was broken at the very beginning of the year and the purpose for which it was created was practically destroyed for the year.

The need for having this contingency fund to use in emergencies is too apparent to necessitate discussion. To maintain the fund properly the regular activities should be provided for, so as to eliminate the need of drawing on the fund at an improper time. The proposed raise in the Tax will allow a larger amount to the Institute Committee and the emergency fund can be held intact and thus serve its purpose in due order.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

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START CIRCULATION DEPT. COMPETITION

Freshmen and Sophomores interested in live circulation and publicity work will report in THE TECH office, room 302 Walker Memorial, between 4 and 5 o'clock today.

M. I. T. A. A. BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH GREEN

Pres. Taylor Gives Breach of Faith as Reason of
Rupture

PUBLISH CORRESPONDENCE

T. M. Taylor '23, president of the M. I. T. A. A., made public copies of the correspondence concerning the break in athletic relationships with Dartmouth.

His letter to Horace G. Pender, graduate manager of athletics at Dartmouth, follows:

"The cancellation of the cross-country meet with Dartmouth this fall and the subsequent failure of Dartmouth to keep the agreement for a reciprocal track and field meet, the second of which was to be held in Hanover this spring, was brought before the advisory council on athletics in the fall. Dr. Rowe, graduate secretary-treasurer, has had correspondence with you concerning the matter, and at the last advisory council meeting the entire situation was discussed thoroughly.

"From the conversations as reported between our manager and the Dartmouth manager last spring and supplementary conversations this fall, the advisory council and the undergraduate body feel that there has been a distinct breach of faith in regard to the proposed track meet. We realize at Technology that with a break in managerial continuity there always is the possibility of misunderstanding. We realize further that we are ourselves to blame in not having confirmed the verbal agreement made last spring by subsequent letter so that record would be had in your files of the arrangement as entered into.

"Even making due allowance for both of these factors, it is the feeling of the athletic association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that we do not care to continue athletic relationships with Dartmouth, and a formal vote to this effect has been passed by the executive committee. This action on the part of the undergraduate body has received the formal approval of the advisory council on athletics, and I am writing to you officially to terminate all outstanding dual agreements between the teams representing
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OPEN CIRCULATION DEPT. COMPETITION

To Fill THE TECH Positions
After Eight Weeks
Competition

NEED PUBLICITY MEN TOO

The Circulation Department of THE TECH is opening its midyear competition today. Any men in the two lower classes are eligible to compete. Elections to the staff will be held in eight weeks. Members of the staff are in line for the positions of Sophomore assistants, who in turn compete for the position of Circulation Manager. Men interested will meet in the Managing Board office of THE TECH today between 4 and 5 P. M.

An excellent opportunity is offered on this department to students who wish to gain some practical business experience to supplement their technical training at the Institute. Men competing will have a chance to write and dictate business letters as well as to study modern office methods.

Men who had a little experience in drawing and lettering are urged to try out for the Publicity Department which is at present being managed as a part of the Circulation Department. Those competing will find that this publicity work will increase their ability to draw to a marked degree. No extensive knowledge of drawing is essential to promotion.

INSTITUTE SKATERS OPPOSE DALHOUSIE

Play Second Canadian Team
on This Year's List at
Arena Friday

VISITORS FAVORED TO WIN

Dalhousie's hockey team is expected to lead the Technology sextet a merry chase in the Arena, Friday night. The Canadian outfit, champion of the Maritime Provinces, hails from Halifax and brings a big reputation and a veteran team to Boston. The Institute skaters showed their mettle out-fighting Yale 1-0, last Saturday, and are thoroughly familiar with the Canadian style of hockey. A fast battle is certain.

The Institute team as a whole is showing improved form and team work, the defense is still strong, and the forward line is increasing in strength. Team work is beginning to show in place of individual puck handling.

Dalhousie Showed Strength

Last year out of 22 games played, Dalhousie won 18 of them, and tied two. Her showing this year has been equally good, and she still retains five of last year's veterans. The new man, Rowe MacKinnon, is a star of prep school days, and is a strong link in the Halifax chain.

Monty Haslam, center, played for St. Paul's, of New Hampshire, in 1919. This was the team that defeated both Yale and Dartmouth, and bowed to Harvard by the small margin of one goal. This skater is one of the bulwarks of the Canadian line. His game is both expert and aggressive, and it requires agile work on the part of any defense to keep a puck in his care out of the net.

Team Unusually Heavy

The average weight of Technology's opponents in this conflict is 175 pounds, a poundage considerably in excess of that usually met with in club and college teams. Weight isn't any
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R. O. T. C. AND C. E. SOCIETY PREPARE JOINT SMOKER

Col. W. Willing to Talk on Government Work on
Mississippi

OFFER NEW ENTERTAINMENT

What the men in charge have termed the first and largest affair of its kind that has ever been held in Walker, will be the joint meeting and smoker of the Engineering Unit of the R. O. T. C. and the Civil Engineering Society which will take place in North Hall tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Colonel Willard Willing, chief representative of the Corps of Engineers of the first corps area, comprising all of New England, will be the special speaker of the evening. He has charge of all matters concerning the rivers and harbors of this section of the country.

Dean H. P. Talbot, Professors C. M. Spofford and D. Porter and Captain Clark are expected to be present to receive Colonel Willing.

For several years Colonel Willing was detailed to the government work on the Mississippi River, which consisted chiefly in the improvement of navigation facilities, as dredging the river bed, building levees and filling swamps.

Illustrates Talk With Slides

While engaged in this project he made a varied collection of photographs depicting numerous features of the work. The improvements are yet incomplete for there are 1700 miles
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CALENDAR

- Thursday, January 12
6:30—British Empire Club dinner, faculty dining room, Walker.
7:30—Combined R. O. T. C. Engineering Unit and C. E. Society smoker, north hall, Walker.
Friday, January 13
8:00—Interfraternity dance, main hall, Walker.
8:00—Varsity Hockey, Dalhousie, Boston Arena.
Saturday, January 14
7:00—Varsity basketball, Boston University, Walker gym. Dance follows game.
Thursday, January 19
8:00—Dorm dance, main hall, Walker.
Friday, January 20
8:00—Catholic Club dance, main hall, Walker.