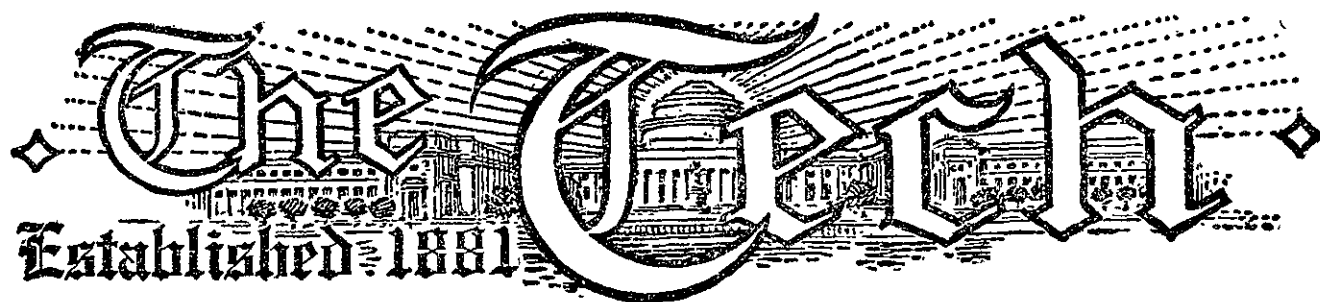




HEARTY APPROVAL GIVEN ACTIVITY COMPETITIONS

**Dean H. P. Talbot, '85 Approves
Competition as Work Time
and Energy**

**FACULTY LEADERS IN
HEARTIEST SYMPATHY**

**Corporation of Institute Always
An Ardent Supporter
of Activities**

"I should be proud to have any member of my family in a position of responsibility on any of the major activities, and I should give him every encouragement." At the end of a day crammed with official meetings, and conferences with students, Dean H. P. Talbot '85 could still find time to talk enthusiastically of undergraduate activities and their value.

A man who has held some of the highest administrative and scholastic offices at the Institute, and who has made student problems his study, stood ready to personally urge new men to choose extra-curricular work of some sort. The Dean of students approves of activities and is perfectly willing to say so.

Advices All to Participate
Continuing, Dean Talbot said, "I am very glad to be able to advise every freshman to immediately enter competition for some activity, at least moderately. Of course men who are seriously encumbered might wisely be cautious, but it seems to me that some work of this sort is most desirable."

"Needless to say, discretion should be used, for the scholastic requirements are not made any easier for the activity man than for others. As to the value derived in later years, the records of the men high up in activity life after they have left the Institute speak for themselves. Many of the largest and best companies are anxious to obtain the type of man who can show a record of achievement during his undergraduate days."

Stresses Material Benefits
"Certainly the man who works on any of the numerous activities gains hosts of friends he would not otherwise have, and in addition he has the chance to have valuable business experience, or to develop physically, depending upon whether he chooses the indoor or the outdoor activity. Besides, there is sure to come a better appreciation of the Institute and a more lively interest in its past, present, and future."

"Yes, activity is worth while. The man who judiciously chooses this course will not regret it."

Faculty Leaders Agree
"I strongly advise going into activity life. It is a valuable part of the students' education, and beyond question has a broadening effect of benefit to any man. It will round off the rough edges and give a true polish to any fellow who takes it in the right spirit. What is more, it helps to make the participant a better citizen."

"The Corporation has always done its best to help activities in any way within its power."—J. P. Munroe, '82, Secretary of the Corporation.

"Usually a man is prompted to enter into competition for an activity or team in order to win distinction in the eyes of his classmates. That the value of such extra-curricular work is probably most appreciated because of its aid to him after leaving the Institute is often overlooked. It is hard to measure the loss of a man who doesn't get into competition right at the start of his freshman year."

"The man who matriculates with the preconceived notion that he must devote all his time to scholastic work must revise his plans or run the almost certain risk of becoming a one-sided automaton."—H. E. Lobdell, '17, Assistant Dean of Students.

For the benefit of new men at the Institute this issue is devoted to the activity world of Technology. Complete summaries, from which a man may learn the advantages offered by each activity and from this decide on which one to specialize, may be found on pages 3 and 4.

FROSH HOPE TO DRAW BLOOD IN CLASS BATTLE

**Meeting of Frosh Candidates In
Hangar Gym On
Tuesday**

**JUNIORS PLAN TO AID
FRESHMEN IN BATTLE**

Twenty years ago a Tech man was killed by his classmates. The disaster occurred in a Sophomore-freshman cane rush, and inspired the creation of the Field Day tradition. This tradition, to the establishment of which this man sacrificed his life, is unique to Technology, for at no other institution do the Sophomore and freshman classes strive for supremacy in athletic contests, guided by ideas of sportsmanship and fairplay.

In the past freshman classes have usually been forced to yield to the older and more experienced Sophomores, in most cases spurred to greater efforts by the thought that this is their last chance to get their numerals engraved on the cup.

Few Frosh Conquer
But the feat is not impossible for the freshmen, for two or three classes have managed to overthrow their Sophomore opponents and cover themselves with glory by having their year engraved twice on the cup, winning the day in their second year also.

Officers of the Junior class, who oversee and direct the first efforts of the freshmen, are determined that '27 be one of the illustrious few, and earnestly exhort all lusty freshmen to report at the meeting of crew, relay, football, and tug-of-war team candidates, which will be held in the hangar gymnasium, behind building 10 at 5 o'clock tomorrow.

DORMS REGULATE INCOMING CLASS

**Freshmen Obligated to Observe
Rules for First Time
in History**

This year's incoming freshman class will be the first to be subjected to the set of "Freshmen Rules" which were adopted in the dormitories last spring. According to the plans last year it was intended to have a specially appointed committee to take charge of the enforcement of the rules. This committee has not been appointed as yet, but will probably be named at the first meeting of the Dormitory Committee.

The rules are:
1. Freshmen shall treat all upperclassmen with due respect at all times.
2. No freshmen shall wear preparatory school insignia at any time.
3. Freshmen shall know the following songs and cheers by the end of the first week:

- Stein Song.
- Take Me Back to Tech.
- Regular M. I. T.
- We Are Happy.

4. Freshmen shall be responsible for their conduct to a special committee.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT OFFERS SOPHS OPTION

The department of English and History will offer this year in the required Sophomore course in English (EH21) an option in Literature. This option will be restricted to four sections of 30 men each, one section for each of the four large groups. In order to register for this option it is absolutely necessary to attend the first meeting of your group on Tuesday or Wednesday. The sections in each group will be combined for the first meeting only as follows:—
Tuesday at 10 o'clock in 2-190.
Tuesday at 12 o'clock in 4-270.
Tuesday at 3 o'clock in 2-190.
Wednesday at 3 o'clock in 2-190.
The Department states that men not attending the first meeting will not be considered for the option.

FORMER LEHIGH MENTOR SECURED FOR TECHNOLOGY

**Dr. T. J. Connor and F. C. Warren
To Fill Vacancy Left
By Kanaly**

**PLAN TO COACH TRACK
AND FIELD EVENTS ONLY**

**H. B. McCarthy, Former Assistant
to Kanaly, in Charge
of Gymnasium**

Dr. Thomas J. Connor, former track coach at Lehigh and later Director of Physical Education at Tufts, and F. C. Warren, Bowdoin '20 varsity track man, have been selected to coach Technology's track and field teams. They will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Coach Frank Kanaly last spring when he left to enter the services of the University of Maine. Both men will take up their work at the Institute immediately.

For the present, both will coach track and field sports, dividing the work between them so that each will have charge of the events in which he is the best fitted to give instruction. They will take up the coaching under the new plan of the Advisory Council on Athletics for the management of the Institute sports. Under the new plan the handling of all gymnasium work and the coaching of various teams, notably track and field, will be divided among a number of men. Instead of having one man in charge of both gymnasium and track, as was formerly the case, each of these activities will be put in the hands of different men.

McCarthy Directs Gym
Dr. Connor and Mr. Warren will have sole charge of the track events while H. B. McCarthy who assisted Coach Kanaly in the gymnasium last year will direct both the regular and corrective gymnastics. Other sports such as hockey, wrestling, and boxing, the so-called seasonal sports, will probably continue to have the same coaches. When the basketball season begins, Warren will undoubtedly coach the team, leaving the track work in the hands of Dr. Connor.

As the life at Technology necessitates a good physical development, it is the aim of the Athletic authorities at the Institute to more fully give all students an opportunity to take part in some branch of sport by means of the new plan. With this idea in mind, it is planned to further develop intramural athletics and so create an increased interest in competitive sports. As some form of athletic participation is required of all first year men, either in the gym or on some team, it is hoped that once interest is aroused, the men will continue to participate in some sport throughout their Technology career.

Dr. Connor Experienced
Dr. Connor is a heart specialist besides being a veteran track coach. He learned the first things about track at Boston Latin where he was considered a good middle distance runner. As he worked his way through college he did not have a chance to compete in sports much, but he did some coaching in track.

While coaching track at Lehigh from

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A COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE

This complimentary issue of THE TECH is given so that every student may have an opportunity to "look over" the paper. Sports' and activities' news, official notices, in fact, every item that goes to make up a live, necessary, and interesting sheet are crammed in each issue of THE TECH. By reading the paper you are informed of Technology's activities and what you and your friends are doing.

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REGISTRATION TO DATE DECREASED BY ONE HUNDRED

SOPHOMORES OUT TO WIN COMING CLASS STRUGGLE

**Frosh Hold Meeting Wednesday
Afternoon in 10-250
To Organize**

**SOPHS HAVE ADVANTAGE
OF LAST YEAR'S BATTLE**

**President Sophomore Class Feels
Confident Over Chances
Of Success**

Friday, November 2. That day has been set aside from the official activity of studying as the opportunity for Sophomores to battle freshman in an orderly and unique way. Unlike sister institutions, Technology eliminates the danger of pitched fights, of cane rushes and flag rushes and gives official sanction to but one means of deciding supremacy—Field Day.

Beginning at noon, with the suspension of classes, and continuing until the last snake dancer deserts Tremont street late last night there is action of every type.

Crew Starts Struggle
First of all comes the crew race, shortly after the "lunch" period so thoughtfully inserted in the Tabular view. In this event the Sophomores have a veteran aggregation, while the freshmen are as yet an unknown quantity. Last year 1926 lost by six lengths to the '25 eight, in a slow race, with the winning shell almost a minute behind the record. Practice, and the confidence inspired by knowing the ropes, has inspired hope in the breasts of the Sophomore leaders and already threats are being made that the old record is to fall this year.

Tug-of-War Old Standby
The crew race over, class by class the undergraduates parade to the athletic field and there settle themselves for an afternoon of competition. First on the program is scheduled the first pull by the tug-of-war teams.

Here again the Sophomores are optimistic. As freshmen their team won in two successive pulls, both lasting less than two minutes, and with the majority of the former members available once more, the points accruing to the winner are already counted on as credited to '26. That, of course, is what the wise ones say, but Juniors in touch with the freshman prospects seem far

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BUILDINGS REPAIRED DURING THE SUMMER

**Unique Concrete Wall Being
Built Around Coal Pile**

While Institute students have been taking a vacation, Major A. S. Smith, Superintendent of Buildings and Power, has been working to keep the buildings in good condition. Between 12 and 18 men have been painting walls all summer and about the same number have been washing paint. All of the latter were students.

The scaffolding which has adorned the outside of building 3 recently has supported workers who have repaired its temporary stucco ends. Frost had gotten in between the plaster and the tile and the former was hanging loose and in danger of falling. These repairs are now practically complete.

A new cement fence is being built around the coal pile. This fence is unique in that it has solid sections of cement which may be inserted or removed at will from between posts of the same material. An addition has also been made to the valve chamber, which was formerly not quite large enough.

The steam and electric conduits which are being laid to the new dormitory are also a part of the work in charge of Major Smith.

**Registrar's Office Scene of Great
Activity as Five Hundred
Enter Friday**

**SIXTY MEN ARRIVE LATE
AND MUST PAY \$5 FINE**

**Student Address Cards Will Be
On File By Next
Wednesday**

The general tendency toward decreased enrollments at engineering schools since the war has made itself felt at Technology. Registration Saturday was 2800 or 100 below the figure for that day last year, which itself fell considerably short of the previous year's. This is by no means the maximum enrollment for the year, for that is never reached until two or three weeks after registration day, and late registrations ordinarily come in to the amount of two or three hundred. Registrar J. C. MacKinnon expects the final figure to be in the neighborhood of 3,000.

Fines Collected
Work in the Registrar's office is continuing at top speed over the week-end, for all of the registration material which flooded in at the last minute must be sorted and filed and checked. Registration cards must be approved and, together with student address cards, made ready for return to the students today. At the Bursar's office, roll cards must be ready.

Friday was a record day for enrollments, over 500 students turning in their material. This rush surpasses by a hundred or so anything of the last few years. Already 60 men who weren't quite speedy enough have come in late, and 100 more late registrations usually arrive today. Although the purpose of the \$5 fine is simply to insure prompt registration and not to make money, still the amount taken in as fines runs into several thousand dollars a year.

The Student Address Cards will be filed and placed in the Information Office open to inspection by the student body by Wednesday or Thursday. The Registrar is anxious that students keep their addresses up to date, for he often encounters cases when it is very urgent that the office get in touch with a student. Very often the man has changed his address without leaving word at the Information Office, and he cannot be reached. Recently the mother- and father-in-law of a Tech man were killed in an automobile accident, but the man had gone off on a pleasure trip without leaving an address and could not be notified.

The Student Directory published each year by the Institute and distributed free of charge, will be ready about the first part of November.

PROF. DEWEY RETURNS

Professor D. R. Dewey, head of Course XV, returned August 29, after a fifteen weeks' absence in California. During the summer Professor Dewey taught at the University of California. Professor Dewey expressed himself as being "much refreshed" by his sojourn in Berkeley.

"The training obtained in the practical management of activities combined with the laboratory and the classroom form the foundation for all true educational policies."—Dr. J. A. Rockwell, Chairman of Advisory Council on Athletics.

WHAT TO DO TODAY

Secure Registration Card and Student Address Card from your Registration Officer before 4 o'clock. (Registration officer for freshmen is Professor Mueller, room 4-285.) Exhibit approved Registration Card and Exchange Address Card for Roll Cards at Bursar's office before 4:30 o'clock.