

STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFER VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

MUSICAL CLUBS

By G. E. Parker, '24

The clubs have been established since 1890 and to continue to give music to Tech, they are urging all new men at Tech who are in any way musically inclined to come to Room 10-250 at 5 P. M., Wednesday, October 3.

There are three clubs, the Glee, Banjo, Mandolin, and the Jazz Band. Besides these there are also a number of specialty acts. This gives a wide field for the men to choose from.

The clubs hold an important standing in the social life at the Institute. This can be readily seen by the fact that three concerts are given annually. These are followed by dancing for the undergraduates. In addition there are about fifteen concerts in the vicinity of Boston. Many of these are given at nearby girl's schools. These concerts give to a new man a better opportunity to meet the better class of people in and around Boston, than any other activity at Tech.

The trip during Christmas vacation is made in a special car, the men staying at the best hotels or alumni clubs. The concerts are given in the larger cities away from Boston. Last year, for example, the trip included stops at Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Buffalo, and cities of similar size. The members of the clubs had a splendid time and a very close companionship sprang up from the close associations.

The following extracts from various newspapers show the attitude of the various critics:—

Boston Globe—A rare treat to lovers of music.

Boston Press—The M. I. T. Combined Musical Clubs is far superior to the average college musical and glee clubs. The Technology men are genuine showmen.

Schneectady N. Y. Press—A prominent Schneectadian, well acquainted with musical clubs work, after hearing these clubs said their performance was one of the best he had ever heard.

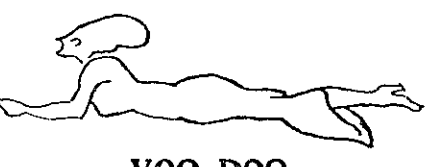
Atlantic City, N. J. Mirror—Forty college boys, veritable wizards in coaxing the most glorious music from the banjo, guitar, mandolin, xylophone . . .

Philadelphia Press—The most modern of jazz bands was in attendance which delighted everyone with its decidedly clever jazz . . .

The clubs are managed by men who do their work in a true businesslike fashion. The management consists of three departments; namely, the stage, the business, and the publicity departments. All of these departments have a man at the head of them who in turn is subordinate to the General Manager. The General Manager is responsible for the entire organization and its workings. The managerial positions are obtained by competition.

The season lasts from November to May and offers to new men a wonderful opportunity to get more enjoyment for the work done than any other activity at the Institute.

Remember—Room 10-250 at 5 P. M. on Wednesday, October 3, 1923.



VOO DOO

By W. D. Rowe, '24

It's mighty generous of THE TECH to give us this space for propaganda. We frankly hope that we will be in a position very soon to return the compliment. Perhaps sometime there'll be three or four particularly scathing cracks at THE TECH all set up in Voo Doo. Then we can magnanimously delete one of them and leave only the other three.

We had intended to be very subtle and cloak this advertising in news copy. But the printer's boy (known as printer's devil to the almighty) remarked: "Since when youse guys been so buddy-buddy with THE TECH they give you free publicity? 'What?" So the Cat was out of the . . . (Whatever it is they do come out of besides cabs).

Then, we had a notion to try the Go-Gutter sort of advertising. You know the sort of thing—"We want You, Mr. Student—with-the-Suave-Countenance, for the going, growing, up-and-coming, red-blooded he-man activity." Or "You want to be associated with a publication that is the idol of the students, the pride of their mothers, and the antidote for flat feet. YOU come out for VOO DOO." With a slapdash poster of a finger pointing at You. Balderdash, Mencken calls it. And when all is said and nothing done, he's about right. That sort of publicity excites some men to the point of signing up for the competition, but there's is unfortunately the wrong type,—the breezy, slap-you-on-the-back kind! They lick stamps for a couple of office days, and then tear willy-nilly (you'll hear all about that word) off chasing another challenging finger. With them go a couple of free Voo Doo's while they leave us nothing but a stock of poorly stamped mailing envelopes.

The type of men we do want (those

THE ACTIVITY COMPETITIONS AND WHAT THE TECH HAS TO SAY

FRESHMEN this call for candidates all looks very interesting, but be sure you do not let it go by your eyes with the idea that it does not personally apply to you. Each one of you should be able to find a line of undergraduate activity that is both appealing and instructive. In this group which you have before you is THE TECH. The copy in your hands can give you a superficial idea of the interesting and instructive work there is in turning out a newspaper. A reporter has a varied and never dull life. He must interview Deans and Mayors and Class Presidents. He must learn the manner of writing that will appeal to his readers. The men who are even now feeling the call of business will find a welcome place in the business department. To publish THE TECH means no small financial sum, and it is the wide awake man with a little foresight who is necessary to see that the books show a profit.

THE TECH wishes formally to open its competitions to you. Live interested men are needed and are the men who will fill the many executive positions on the paper in the future. The scholastic standing of every candidate will be watched carefully. It is not to your best interests or the paper's best interests if work is given you that is detrimental to your standing in your courses.

Men wishing to talk over these competitions should go to room 302 in Walker Memorial, or speak to the man in charge of the subscription in the main lobby.

not interested will please step aside and leave room for that old lady with a baby) is the one who learns quickly that the publishing of humor is no side-splitting vocation. The tyro mentally pictures a Board Meeting to be a loud laugh from the desk until three members are carried out unconscious. On the contrary Bill Rowe (who by the way has the detestable habit of crunching pecans under his heel all during meetings) has put a ban on undue laughter and has strictly forbidden "Chick" Kane from doing caricatures of the office furniture.

Those who cannot wait for the harrowing details of the competition may sign up immediately for any of the departments they choose. A fuller account (handsomely done and suitable for framing) will appear in the next TECH provided our office is not looted by angry students between now and then.



TECHNIQUE

By F. P. Knight, Jr., '23

The yearbook of any college is always an important activity. Technique, the annual of M. I. T., offers excellent opportunities for Freshmen in both business and editorial departments to become associated with a real college activity. The wide acquaintance and experience gained will be beneficial to any man who comes out for Technique.

The organization consists of a Senior Managing Board, a Junior Board, and a staff composed of Freshmen and Sophomores. The Senior Board has the following positions: General Manager, Business Manager, and Managing Editor. The Junior Board includes: Advertising Manager, Treasurer, Publicity Manager, Photographic Manager, Literary Editor, Departments Editor, and Art Editor. The men on the staff compete for positions of their own choice.

Ad-chasing forms a part of the work for all men who come out for positions in the business departments. There are some men who view ad-chasing as a most disagreeable job but in reality it is interesting and enjoyable to any man who undertakes it in the right way. Men who try out for Advertising Manager are expected to spend most of their time on advertisements. The Treasurer has charge of all the books, collecting, and the money matters of Technique. Experience in this department is useful in other activities and in after life.

Work in the publicity department gives each man a chance to use his own ideas and routine work is reduced to a minimum. Newspaper and potter, and sale of books comes under this department. In the photographic department is included all the picture work in the book. Men interested in camera work should try out in this department. The Literary Editor has charge of all the write-ups in the book and men who wish to try their literary efforts can get plenty of work here.

The Departments Editor has charge of all statistics all through the book. A wide acquaintance among men at the Institute can be gained in both of these two last departments. The Art Editor has charge of all the art work in the book and men who have art ability are urged to try out.

All board positions are filled by elections from the staff of competitors. These elections are announced every year at the Technique Rush during Junior Week in April. The books are distributed immediately after the Rush. To the twenty winners of the Rush,

Techniques, autographed by President Stratton, will be given.

Technique forms the official undergraduate record of happenings around the Institute. The men on the staff really furnish a valuable service as well as benefitting themselves to a great extent by getting on an activity that is looked up to by all the men at the Institute. Competitions are opened at various times during the year, and notice of these will be in THE TECH and on the bulletin boards around the Institute buildings.

T. E. N.

By D. F. Elliot, '24

"The Tech Engineering News" is the professional journal of the Alumni and undergraduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is the only activity which offers undergraduates an opportunity to work along professional lines. The members of the Editorial Staff come in direct contact with the prominent men of the engineering field, the members of the Business Department must interview prominent technical and engineering firms. In this way the members of the staff receive a training which will be of value to them throughout their lives.

This publication is only in the fourth year of its existence but it is well established and its prestige is growing daily. As in all new and growing organizations new men will find a wonderful opportunity for initiative and advancement. Competitions for the various positions are always open and credit is given to those men who go out for their class Field Day teams.

The articles appearing each month are written by men well known in their various fields of the engineering profession, and contain authoritative data on recent developments in all branches of science.

The technical articles this month include a discussion and data on fires, and their prevention as applied to the engineering contractor. There is an article by a gravel expert on Gravel Road Maintenance which shows how modern methods may be applied to this cheaper form of road construction with excellent results. The chemical field is covered by an article on Colloidal Chemistry, which is doing much to solve the problems of lubrication, agriculture, fume elimination, photography, water purification and sewage disposal.

A new process is described for the production of sculptures from photographs, by the introduction of a "Contourograph." A new method of glare elimination from automobile lights which has been developed at the Institute is also described. This issue is good enough to buy an extra copy to send home.

To the new man the News offers excellent opportunities to get to know his Alma Mater that he cannot get in any other way. Last year in "The Technology Series" the Institute was portrayed from the physical aspect. This year in response to an urgent demand from readers there will be published a second series covering the human aspect of Technology. The first of these appears in the October issue out today. It takes up the founding of the Institute and portrays the ideals of the forebears of our Alma Mater. In another article on Cultural Courses, is shown how the student of today can learn to appreciate the things that are bigger and nobler.

The type of work offered by the T. E. N. covers the major branches of business. Come into the office at 27 Walker and let someone show you the organization. Visitors are always welcome.

T. C. A.

By W. W. Quarles '24

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." So runs the time worn expression and no other group of words has ever been phrased with a higher efficiency rating. Incoming frosh: you should educate yourselves to the above method of making yourselves understood as you no doubt will be caught using it before you depart from the Institute, so the sooner you catch the drift the better.

The Technology Christian Association purports to be, and is, no other than the friend referred to above. For needs differing as widely as from where to find a wash woman, to supplying you with books or jobs, just present yourself at the T. C. A. office and your curiosity will be satisfied. If your needs do not happen to be concrete objects, then just around the corner in rear of that room, you will find our General Secretary, Wallace M. Ross, but better known to the student body as just plain "Wallie." This collegiate gentleman always has the glad hand waiting for you and retains behind his tortoise shell specs some of the kindest and soundest advice obtainable anywhere. His hospitality and interest are indeed very soothing to the tired freshman who has scratched his weary head the complete five miles of corridors of the Institute hoping that some one will find him and wondering what it's all about.

If it's a room you are looking for, you can find a list containing some 800 or so, their location, their comforts and the price asked. You can secure anything from a flat down to a single room. Your attention is also called to the fact that a Book Exchange is maintained by the Association, in which you will find many of the text books you will need the coming winter. These books can be purchased at from two-thirds the initial cost down, so a substantial saving can be made by availing yourself of this opportunity.

Another feature of the Association is the Employment Bureau. Financial assistance is given to many men by obtaining part time work for them during the session and full time jobs during the vacation periods. The Bureau is in the front office and some one will always be found in attendance. This department is always glad to assist the new men.

The plan of assigning freshmen to upper classmen for advice is fostered by the T. C. A. and it is hoped that you will feel free to call upon your advisor for any advice you desire to gain in regard to the Institute or your personal matters.

From its name, the primary object of the Association is to lend a religious atmosphere to the students and Bible Study Groups are held for this purpose. Exceptionally good speakers are obtained for these gatherings and much can be gained from the talks and discussions held at them. Notices in regard to them will be found on the main bulletin from time to time and you are urged to attend. The association is in close touch with the different churches in and around Boston and any information desired about them can be furnished.

A competition is run every year for positions on the Freshman Handbook Staff and freshmen who feel that they would enjoy working in this atmosphere are urged to come out for it. Any freshman or transfer who has not yet received as yet a Handbook, may obtain the same by calling at the office. The formation of a freshman cabinet is under way also, which offers good opportunities for future positions in the Association.

For further facts about the organization you are referred to the 1923 Handbook.

If you want a unique activity, connect yourself with the Technology Christian Association. Just look over the list of departments on page thirty-one of the Handbook, until you find one in which you are interested. Then look up either the director of that department, W. M. Ross, or W. W. Quarles at the T. C. A. office for detailed information. The directors are appointed by the incoming president in the spring of each year, so you get in line for these appointments by coming out in the fall. The executive officers are elected by the cabinet in the spring also and take office shortly afterwards.

At present there are several vacancies and your chances of receiving appointments are exceptionally good. College transfers also are wanted for positions in the various departments.

"If a man uses good judgment and gives Institute work due weight I heartily approve of activities. I think a man should first give his studies the time allotted them by the tabular view. Also, it impresses me as being most worth while for the shy or quiet man to enter these competitions, for the genial, sociable sort of chap does not need contact with other men so much. The practical business training, and contact with other men combine to make the man who enters an activity more valuable as time goes on than his friend who does nothing but study."—H. W. Tyler, '84, Walker Professor of Mathematics

M. I. T. A. A.

By George Swartz '24

The athletics of the Institute are maintained more for their own sake as physical developers and as a means to promote comradeship and good sportsmanship among the students than as an attempt to win some increase in prestige for Technology through a superiority on the field of sport. That is why intramural athletics are encouraged so much, the class baseball of the Spring, and the Sophomore and freshmen football and tug-of-war teams of the Fall. This underlying idea of athletics is well exemplified in the Track Squad under Coach Kanaly last year when over two hundred men were given regular and systematic training and coaching, which in the end made Varsity Team material out of many of them. Crew, with its various Class Crews, 150 crews and so forth, in addition to the regular Varsity and freshmen crews, gave every man, no matter what his size or abilities, a chance to row.

The Athletic Association, which consists of the Managers and Captains of all the Varsity teams, has complete control of all the athletics at the Institute, and a great many men who do not want to go out for some one of the various sports are occupied in the management of the fourteen Varsity, and the freshmen teams. Managers take the trips with their teams and receive insigna for their work besides the valuable experience.

At this time of year, the sports that have contests on Field Day are naturally the ones that are uppermost in everybody's mind, and the Field Day Teams furnish direct stepping stones to the regular teams of the year, especially in crew and the relay race. The fall sports, in addition to those of Field Day, are Soccer and Cross-Country, and after Field Day, which comes on the second of November, practically all of the winter sports start immediately.

All those who expect to come out for any of the Field Day teams, for Soccer or Cross-Country, and also for the managerial positions in the Athletic Association should do so at once, as early work makes a great difference not only in an individual's advancement, but also in the proficiency of the team.

Notices regarding the competitions will be given in THE TECH and by posters throughout the buildings.

TECH SHOW

E. P. DUNLEAVY '24

General Manager Tech Show 1924

The Tech Show, this year, is taking one more step towards entrenching itself as one of the greatest college productions in the country by annexing Foughkeepsie to its list of performances. Last year the Show visited successfully Hartford and New York and the presentation was so successful that these performances now form a part of our yearly program along with the previous regular ones in Boston and Northampton.

The production itself takes the form of a musical comedy written, staged, acted, and orchestrated entirely by undergraduates under the direction of professional coaches. The play itself offers a chance for those who are in any way talented in dramatics, dancing or singing to get a valuable training under the best professional coaches in these lines as well as the chance for intimate association and friendship with fellow students.

The Show Orchestra being entirely made up of undergraduates offers positions on the Show for men who play any orchestral instruments. The call for candidates for the cast, chorus, ballet and orchestra will be made soon after Field Day this Fall.

The management of the Show is made up of three departments, namely: Publicity, Stage and Business. All three of these offer an equal opportunity for men to gain practical business experience which will be of great value to them after graduation. The competitions open today and will remain open until after Field Day for Freshmen in all three of these departments and for Sophomores in the Business Department, however those who come out early will have a slight advantage over those who wait until later on.

The practical experience to be gained in Show work is not only the only advantage to be had, but there remains the advantage and the added attractions of a trip with the production to all cities it visits for the three Freshmen and three Sophomore assistants, and Junior manager of each Department.

Those interested in the Show will find men in the Tech Show Office in Walker Memorial every afternoon at five o'clock who will be glad to go into detail with them regarding the functions of any department in which they are interested, but it is essential to remember that "he who hesitates is lost."