

From The SPORTS DESK

No doubt the puck-chasers are glad to get off the concrete. It is an unsatisfactory method of practicing at best. With the ice at the Boston Arena at their disposal the members of the squad will be able to get under way full speed ahead.

From the looks of things the varsity basketball squad could stand quite a bit of pepping up. The defeat administered them the first part of the week not only shows the superiority of the ineligible squad but goes to prove that the first string men will have to practice and lots of it if they are to come through their schedule with any degree of success.

With the cross country season over the track squad will receive quite an impetus. Practically all of the distance runners have been out for the winter. With these men now ready to take up regular track work the distance events in Doc. Connor's handicap meets should draw down a considerably larger entry list.

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Coach Prepares Fencers For a Tough Schedule

**Varsity Shaping Up Very Well
in Each Division for
Fencing Team**

CAPTAIN LERRANO AND ELKINS DOING FINE WORK

The prospects for a successful fencing team are very good this year. The varsity candidates are shaping up well in every branch. Although the first meet is not until the second of February the schedule is a hard one and Coach Danguay is trying to get the men in condition as soon as possible. Captain Serrano and Hawthorne have been doing the best work in the epees so far while Blake and Stolte seem to be the favorites for the sabre work. The foils are the most popular. There are about ten out for this class with competitions every few weeks. These competitions serve to tell the coach just how far the candidates have progressed and who is the best. They also keep the interest up since everybody works harder in order to make a good showing. Elkins won the last series and Levis carried off the first one; Walker placed high in both of them. Others that did well are Ferre and Seabury.

Six Teams on Schedule
The first meet this year is with the Army at West Point. This comes on the second of February. Then comes Harvard here on the 16th, followed by Dartmouth on the 29th at Hanover. Yale comes to Technology on March 29. Details of the meets with Navy and Columbia have not been arranged yet.

Every day is practice day for the fencing team. Any afternoon a group of men may be found trying to run each other through in the gym and the handball rooms. They usually practice from 5 to 7. There are a large number of fencers out every day and there seems to be a lot of interest in the friendly bouts that go on.

Frosh Showing Interest
The freshmen out for fencing are supposed to go out Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but they are free to come up and work out any day in the week. The varsity men take turns in coaching the freshmen. There are about 30 of them out. A freshman team is going to be formed and meets with other freshman teams arranged. Last year the frosh outfit triumphed over Harvard by a decisive score. Among the frosh Davier, Hammond, and Jawby are showing up quite well. All freshmen that wish to continue to take fencing instead of monkey drill must sign up by the eighth.

HOCKEY TEAM TO STAGE PRACTICE IN ARENA TODAY

**Squad Holds Regular Ice
Practice for First
Time This Year**

With a difficult season facing them, the hockey team is getting an exceptionally early start this year. Holding their first real practice on the ice this afternoon at the arena, the men will nevertheless have to work fast to be in condition for their opening game with Boston University a week from Saturday.

The University game is not expected to be a hard one for a first class team. Whether the Beaver squad now out will fall under this class remains to be seen. Certainly with the wealth of material that Coach Blacklock has to choose from the Engineers should be represented by a class A-1 organization this winter.

Canadian Trip Objective
Everything is being scheduled in reference to the Canadian trip. By that time Captain Massey and Coach Blacklock hope to have the men in first class condition. So far this fall the work has been necessarily restricted to rather unsatisfactory practice on the concrete in front of the hangar and to track work under Doc Connor. This last is all-important. The track coach has been putting the puck-chasers through a regular series of workouts on the cinders calculated to put them into condition, improving their wind and endurance.

Gym Squad Plan To Recruit More Frosh for Team

**Newcomers To Be Under the
Tutelage of Older
Varsity Men**

With the end of the first term, freshmen who failed to escape the pernicious "monkey drill" at the first call for candidates, will have another chance. The gym team's freshman squad is not complete by any means and by signing up now, freshmen can easily make themselves strong competitors for next year's varsity team. Of course, the primary object is not merely to evade the required course in physical training, but to participate in a live Institute sport. The men are freed from the usual forced work, but are required to report three times a week to the manager and then to their respective trainers. A varsity man is assigned as trainer in each event and it is his job to show the new men the fundamental technique of his event. At first, all the candidates will spend a week at a time on each event until they become accustomed to the work. It is during this period of training that each man is expected to find the various events to which he is best fitted and in which he will later specialize.

Style and Not Strength
The requirements of the gymnast are not such as to call for exceptional strength on the part of the performer, although that asset is of distinct advantage in some stunts. It is not entirely the difficulty of the feats that are performed that brings in the points, but a great deal depends upon the way in which each exercise is carried out. The man who does the simplest stunts with "toes pointed, and knees together as far as the conformation of the man permits" stands a mighty good chance of beating out the fellow who gives an enthusiastic imitation of a Dutch windmill.

All freshmen who desire to join the gym squad should sign up immediately in the Physical Training office of Walker, and then report to the manager every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5 o'clock in the Walker gym. If you aren't sure whether you'll like the sport, drop around during practice and see if you don't get a "kick" out of it, —and then snap to it.

Bobby Dean, the star diver on last season's frosh swimming team, has abandoned his crutches and taken to a cane. Bobby was hurt in an accident Field Day. He will of necessity be out the greater part of the season this winter.

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M. I. T. A. A. PUBLICITY REOPENS COMPETITIONS

The publicity department of the M.I.T.A.A. seems to be still in need of competent men. According to Manager G. B. Connard '25 both the Sophomore and freshman competitions are being re-opened. They will be of short duration and will lead to the position of Publicity Manager in the Junior year.

The work consists of first, poster work, both printed and hand made, and second of securing publicity for Technology teams in THE TECH and in the local newspapers. Any man with ability to draw posters or write in an interesting style will be welcomed.

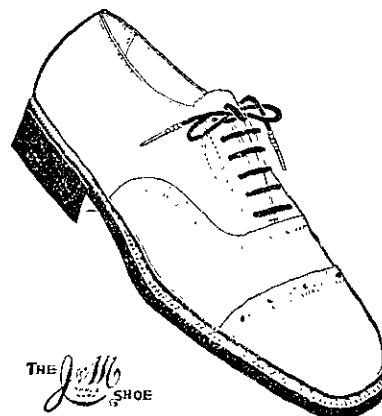
Manager Connard feels that the competition will be interesting and will offer valuable experience to the men that come out. Those desiring to enter the competition are to report to the A.A. office in Walker Memorial any day at 5 o'clock.

The training methods of Institute hockey teams for the past several seasons has left as its heritage a rather undesirable reputation. This year the squad will have every opportunity to live this down.

Before the team used to be able to hold their opponents on even terms for the first half of the game, but the last period was nearly always a massacre. Without training or endurance the squad would be sure to weaken at the end and allow their opponents to walk all over them.

With the proper training and the proper spirit back of the team the Beavers should be able to draw more enthusiasm from the Arena spectators than the high school hockey teams that play between the periods.

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