

## MUSICALS' TRIP IS AN ENTIRE SUCCESS

### LARGE AUDIENCES GREET CLUBS IN ALL FOUR CITIES

Concerts Given in Brooklyn,  
Newark, Westfield, and  
Providence

### THREE DAYS OF TRIP SPENT IN NEW YORK

Broadcast Concerts from WJAR  
in Providence and WOR  
in Newark, N.J.

This year's Musical Clubs' trip was unique in its limited range, but as good a time was experienced by the men as could be imagined, if their reports are not exceedingly exaggerated. It is the general custom for the trip to include so many cities that it took all the time between concerts to get from one city to the next. This year, however, headquarters were made in New York City, and the days were spent in "viewing the town" in the vernacular of the men on the clubs. Greenwich Village, Fifth Avenue, the various hotels, and a number of matinees attracted the men, and gave them a wonderful time. Therefore from the musicians viewpoint the trip was a perfect success.

The praise received from the Alumni who sponsored the concerts, and the audiences who enjoyed them, indicated that the trip was no less of a musical and social success. Every concert was well attended and all numbers were enthusiastically received. Every possible type of audience greeted the men. In Brooklyn the men found an impressive and dignified audience who considered it more dignified to applaud the comedy acts than to laugh at them, but they unquestionably showed their appreciation of the program by their applause.

#### Two Audiences at Newark

At Newark two audiences awaited the Clubs. The first was a radio audience, over fifty of whom expressed their appreciation by congratulating the Clubs by telephone or telegraph. Many more letters have been received since. At least two of the messages stated that the concert was so much enjoyed that the speaker was going to the concert that night.

Proctor's Roof Theatre, across the street from station WOR, might easily be mistaken for Walker Memorial if the observer considered only the audience. Four fifths of the men present were Institute men, and a very large number were undergraduates. They seemed even more loath to laugh at those specialty acts than had the Brooklyn crowd, but their encores indicated that they more than enjoyed them. The dance after the concert was the best of the trip. An entrancing lighting effect was possible, and Newark is not so censorious as Boston. The dance lasted until 1:30 o'clock, and in spite of the fatigued condition of all those present, was full of life until the last note had been played.

#### Westinghouse Company Visited

During the concert it had been snowing, but it was a bit too warm for the snow to last, so the streets were wet and slushy when the dancers started for home. However, most of the men were entertained at the homes of Alumni in or near Newark, and were unaffected by the weather conditions.

Thursday the Westinghouse Lamp Company of Bloomfield took a party of men through their plant in Bloomfield and entertained them at lunch in their factory cafeteria. This plant is a large one employing the latest automatic machinery, and proved of great interest to the engineers.

In Westfield an entirely different type of audience greeted the men. The concert was put on by the Westfield High School in their very attractive hall. It was less formal than either if the other two had been, and the audience entered into the spirit of the college clubs concert. All the comedy acts and so called "horse-play" was appreciated and well re-

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## JUNIOR FRESHMAN CLASS DEBARRED FROM INSTITUTE

Entering of Class in January  
Always Causes Mix-up  
in Schedules

### SOME MEN WILL ENTER WITH REPEAT SECTIONS

The Institute will not admit this year, men desiring to enter at this time to rate as Junior freshmen. This action was taken following the announcement that there would be no repeat sections in either Chemistry 501 or Drawing D101. The number of men failing these two subjects completely is so small that it would not be advisable to create special classes for them. Repeat sections in 8.011, M11, D171, and EH11 will be held however so that it will be possible for men entering at this time to take these first term subjects and to plan their course of studies so that they can include 501 and D101 at a later date. All men following this plan must register in sections 8 to 12 of the Class of 1927.

#### Only for Limited Number

It is understood that the Institute does not intend to definitely bar entrances at this time but in order to prevent any great number of men from profiting by this scheme, it has been decided to accept admissions until the repeat sections are filled and not to create any new sections in first term work as was the custom in past years.

The idea of having a Junior freshman class originated from the fact that there are prep-schools and high schools that graduate their students in the months of October and November. Instead of making such students wait until the following October to enter Technology, an opportunity to enter in the second term of the school was offered. The men took first term work during this term, did the second term work during the regular third term and finished the year during the summer.

This plan met with some difficulties but was carried out up to this year. The main objections were that after a hard summer term, the men were not fit to continue in the fall after little or no rest. Moreover, the courses taken during the summer conflicted with certain of the courses, notably with Course V, which requires work during the summer. So that for the first two years here the men were carrying a heavy and very irregular schedule. The percentage of Junior freshmen dropping out became higher than the percentage of regular freshmen that failed.

#### Entrances Discouraged

In order to discourage entrances at the beginning of the second term, it has been decided to limit the number of men allowed to enter to just enough so that the regular repeat sections are filled. During past years announcements were sent out to the different schools to the effect that an opportunity was offered to enter at this time but no such action was taken this year. The number of applicants for admission will be considerably lessened and those that apply will be placed as far as possible in the regular repeat sections.

The repeat sections in first term freshman subjects are to be given at the same hours as the second term subjects. That is, students registering for EH11 will take that subject at the same time that EH12 is given so that there will be no conflict with the other regular classes.

## JANITOR FORCES HAVE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON

put in a general shipshape condition.

Under the leadership of Major A. S. Smith, Supt. of Buildings and Power, the new seventy-five horsepower dynamometer has been installed in the Power Measurements Laboratory in the basement of the Pratt building. The installation of the three hundred horsepower dynamometer in the gas laboratory in building 38 is going rapidly ahead and will soon be finished.

The installation of new underground cables in the electrical laboratory is also nearly completed. Formerly these cables were insulated with cambric but the new ones are lead covered. This gives much greater protection against possible grounds and against leakage.

A crane has been set to work on the coal stack turning it over to keep it cool. There are now 5500 tons of coal on the stack which must occasionally be aired to prevent spontaneous combustion.

## REGISTRATION ROLL CALL OF INSTITUTE CONTINUES TO DROP

### DECORATIONS TO BE UNVEILED AT ALUMNI BANQUET

E. H. Blashfield '69 Composer  
and Painter of Fine  
Portrayals

### PICTURE TO BE GIVEN NAME OF "ALMA MATER"

Program of Prominent Speakers  
and Entertainment by  
Tech Orchestra

The Alumni of Technology will have their annual dinner this year on January fifth at 6:30 o'clock in the Main Hall, Walker. The principle event of the evening will be the unveiling and formal gift to the Institute of the mural decorations at the end of the hall. In addition there will be a program of addresses by several prominent people.

The mural paintings in Walker are by no means Technology's first. Rogers has had two sets. The first group was done in 1871 but was destroyed in 1898. From then until 1905 the halls were bare but since 1906 the decorations have been completely replaced by the students of the Architectural Department. The painting in Walker, however, is not essentially a decoration but rather a symbolic monument portraying the eternal spirit of Technology.

The composition and painting of the pictures was done by E. H. Blashfield '69. It is divided into three panels or, more appropriately, groups. In the center of the middle panel is Alma Mater, the central figure of the whole picture. Mr. Blashfield represents the Alma Mater as a female figure enthroned on a bank of clouds. In one hand she holds the seal of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the other, the Great Seal of the State of Massachusetts. At her feet is the terrestrial globe supported by a cherub. To her right is a personified representation of learning through the printed word and to her left a similar figure representing knowledge through experiment.

On either side of the central group are two others composed of figures representing the various branches of knowledge such as Chemistry, Biology, Geology, Architecture, etc. They are all turned towards Alma Mater and are acclaiming her with upraised arms. Beneath the whole picture runs the Charles River with just a misty suggestion of the Institute buildings in the background. The entire composition forms a rectangle which covers practically the whole end of the Main Hall.

The program for the evening will run as follows:

Dr. Samuel Wesley Stratton  
President of the Institute  
Franklin Collier  
Creator of "Otto Grow"  
Dr. Allen W. Rowe '01  
On Undergraduate Activities  
Hon. George H. Moses  
Senator from New Hampshire  
Music by Tech Glee Club and Orchestra  
G. L. Gilmore '20 will preside

## ROOMS IN NEW DORMS ARE PARTITIONED OFF

The new dorms are beginning to assume something of their final appearance. The outside walls are up and work of partitioning off the rooms has been begun. In a few weeks men should be able to go over and pick the rooms they like best. Bad weather is the worst obstacle to be contended with and the mild winter we have had so far this year has allowed the work to go ahead very rapidly.

It is expected that the dorms will be completed sometime in June or July. It is possible that they may be occupied during the summer but this is not probable. It is most likely that they will first be occupied in the fall at the beginning of the next school year.

## FINAL FIGURES TO BE COMPILED IN A FEW WEEKS

No Regular Junior Freshmen So  
January Entrances Fall  
Greatly

### REGISTRATION NOW 165 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO

In spite of the number of students registering for the second term, as compared with the number last year and the even greater number the previous year, Registrar J. C. McKinnon and his staff are working at a hectic pace to keep up with the flood of registration materials which is pouring into the Registrars office.

Although Technology's registration, in common with that of Engineering schools throughout the country, continues to drop steadily, classical colleges show greater and greater enrollments. According to the country's leading engineers, this means either a poor outlook for the engineering profession in the United States, or else a much greater opportunity for those who remain in the profession.

#### Registration Fallen

About 100 or 150 less than last term is the expected total registration for the second term this year. Up to December 31, there were 2735 students registered, as compared with over 2900 at the same time last year, the difference being accounted for by several reasons.

In the first place, there is no "Junior Freshman" class this year, which cuts down the number of new entrants. Then again there were about 170 less students registered last term than were registered in the first term last year. The number of transfers is again very small; the total will probably not exceed half a dozen, and is balanced by the number transferring to other schools.

#### Final Total Uncertain

It is always difficult to tell before the second or third week of the term what the registration total will be, because of the fact that there is always a large number that prefers a few extra days of vacation to five dollars, and because a great many of the research and instructing staff do not register until after the opening of the term. For those reasons, first term registration is not usually completed before November 1, and second term registration is usually figured from about the fifteenth of January.

Registrar McKinnon announces, in connection with registration, that approved registration cards will be distributed only to their proper possessors, and that no one may obtain another's card for him.

## T. C. A. CLEANS HOUSE DURING XMAS HOLIDAYS

During the Christmas holidays the Technology Christian Association Book Exchange started making a general house cleaning of their book shelves. Books have been accumulating on them for almost four years, during which time the shelves have never been emptied. The bookcases in the front office are filled to overflowing and those in the rear office which were never intended for this purpose are also crowded.

Many new books are coming in and it is absolutely necessary to provide shelf space for them. Also many of the old books have been dropped from use at the Institute and therefore the T.C.A. has

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, January 10  
7:00—Masonic Club Smoker, north hall, Walker.  
Friday, January 11  
8:15—Dorm Dance, Walker.  
Saturday, January 12  
5:30—American Chemical Society meeting, north hall, Walker.

## COMPETITION OPENS

Competitions are now open for  
positions in all departments of  
THE TECH. Men interested should  
report any afternoon in room 302  
Walker Memorial.