

BASKETEERS MEET DEFEAT AT HANDS OF RHODE ISLAND

Six Point Lead in Second Period
Is Not Enough to Prevent
Opponents Win

TEAM FIGHTS WELL BUT LOSES GAME 34 TO 26

Beavers Play Well for a While
But Seem to Lack
Endurance

In a game which combined much loose basketball with flashes of fast play Technology lost to the Rhode Island State five on the Hangar floor Saturday night by the score of 34 to 26. After playing through a very tame first half in which neither team showed anything out of the ordinary, the Engineers opened up in the second period and provided plenty of thrills when they caged three goals in succession, tying the count at 16-16. The few rooters on hand had visions of a Cardinal and Gray win when Simonds and Davidson continued their fast pace which had resulted in knotting the count, and shot three more baskets in quick order, giving Coach Warren's team a six point lead over the visitors. But the Engineers couldn't stand the pace and from then on to the end of the game Technology was on the defense, through which the Rhode Islanders slipped with little trouble. The Beavers presented a varied line up from start to finish of the contest, at the opening whistle, the second string men took the floor, but before the period was half over, they were replaced by a new combination consisting of Forrester, Simonds, Johnston, Davidson, and Lankton.

Team Lacks Endurance

Coach Warren used every man on the squad, making frequent substitutions throughout the game, and by the way the players failed to continue the necessary punch for any length of

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TECHNOLOGY DAMES TO HEAR PROF. PRESCOTT

Coffee Research Subject of a
Lecture Monday

Professor S. C. Prescott, of the Department of Biology and Public Health, will give a talk on "Coffee Research" this afternoon at a meeting of the Technology Dames, at 2:30 o'clock in the Emma Rogers room. Wives, mothers, and sisters of students at the Institute are invited to be present.

A two year's investigation of coffee was finished last Spring by Professor Prescott, for the association of coffee men. The investigation was conducted to determine the chemical properties of coffee, its physiological effects, and to find the best ways of preparing it.

A second gathering of the Technology Dames, which is an organization recently established at the Institute to enable students' wives to become better acquainted, will take place Saturday, January 26, when they and their husbands will attend the basketball game.

FACULTY CLUB HOLDS RECEPTION IN WALKER

The first get-together of the faculty this year was held last Friday evening when the Faculty Club of Technology gave its annual reception. The receiving line consisted of President S. W. Stratton, Dean H. P. Talbot '85, and Mrs. Talbot, and Professor H. W. Tyler '84 and Mrs. Tyler.

The reception began at 8:30 o'clock with departmental dinners, followed by dancing, which continued until 12 o'clock. Hoppe's orchestra furnished the music. Card tables were provided in the Faculty reading room for those who did not care to dance.

The committee in charge was as follows: Professor C. M. Spofford '93, Chairman, Professor R. G. Hudson '07, and Professor E. B. Millard.

SEDGWICK LECTURE TO BE GIVEN THIS WEEK

The second William Thompson Sedgwick Memorial Lecture will be given in Huntington Hall, on Friday, Jan. 25 at half-past four by W. H. Welch, M.D., LL.D., Director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. His subject will be on the "Foundations of Public Health." The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Sedgwick Memorial Lectureship was established in 1922 for the purpose of commemorating the services of William Thompson Sedgwick to the cause of Biology and Public Health, who was the founder of the Department at the Institute. The lectures are given annually in Boston in connection with the Department of Biology and Public Health of the Institute.

WILL JUDGE PLAN FOR TECH NIGHT

Conference of Committee This
Afternoon to Award
\$15 Prize

The contest sponsored by THE TECH in order to obtain a satisfactory suggestion for Tech Night closed last Tuesday, January 15. The judges, W. H. Robinson, Jr. '24, G. L. Bateman '25, D. A. Shepard '26 and W. G. Peirce '24, will meet this afternoon in order to award the \$15 prize to the author of the best suggestion.

To date about one dozen suggestions have been received in which many novel schemes are embraced. One contestant favors a pig rush the object of which will be to give the men "some physical exertion after the confinement of the theatre," and to "further an outlet for class feeling." Another plan is to feature a night football game to take the place of the "usual afternoon classic," and in the event that no theatre program will be held no proposes to substitute an inter-class dance.

Plans Do Not Lack Variety

Among the other interesting ideas is a plan to hold a snow-battle between the Seniors and Sophomores on one side and freshmen and Juniors on the other. This, says the author, "will give everyone a chance to show his fight" and will afford an excellent opportunity to bring Military Science into play.

Boxing contests, wrestling matches, fireworks, movies and fire hoses feature the remaining suggestions and their writers are convinced that these attractions are sufficient to draw the men home after the theatre celebration. All of the entrants for the prize recognize the necessity of bringing all of the men to this side of the river and are agreed that a parade, led by a good snappy band will take care of this matter.

The suggestion accepted by the judges this afternoon will be forwarded to the Institute committee which will decide whether the plan is sufficiently meritorious to advise its being used on Field Day.

CHAMPION AVIATOR AT AERONAUTICAL SMOKER

Those present at the smoker of the Aeronautical Engineering Society last Friday evening in room 5-330 were addressed by Lieutenant J. H. Doolittle the holder of the transcontinental speed record for airplanes. He told of his attempts to fly from Florida to California in less than a day.

After damaging his plane in an unsuccessful attempt to start from the beach near Jacksonville, Florida, Lieutenant Doolittle repaired his plane, and after some delay, made a second attempt, which was successful. In this flight, he said, the greatest danger was the possibility of there being a fog at his destination, which would prevent his seeing the ground and making a landing. His greatest fear was the possibility of going to sleep during the long and fatiguing flight.

Lieutenant Doolittle also described many interesting experiences of his occurring at flying fields in Texas, one of which was salvaging a lost airplane from a canon in Mexico, while an attack was being threatened by bandits.

Captain W. B. Wright, A. S., and Lieutenant G. W. Pond, U.S.N., described courses of flying instruction offered to Technology students by the Army Air Service and the Navy.

LEARN TO SMILE ADVISES ALDRED LECTURER FRIDAY

Stresses Need of Consideration
in Choosing One's Life
Profession

SAYS SPECIALIZATION OVERDONE BY COLLEGES

J. W. Powell, former head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, was the speaker at the fifth Aldred Lecture, given last Friday afternoon. The subject was "The Practical Application of Engineering Education" and he particularly stressed the need for a liberal education, advising his audience to "be sure you are choosing a vocation you can love and that you are undertaking that part of the vocation that best fits you."

He declared there was too strong a tendency to overdue specialization in undergraduate work. Research should be carried on by post-graduates and not serve to detract from the instruction in broad principles necessary for a well balanced engineering course. Reading the newspapers regularly should be a part of every man's program and a weekly lecture in current events would be highly desirable, he believes.

"Learn to Smile"

Mr. Powell cited his own experience as an example declaring that he took a three year post graduate course at Annapolis in ship design in addition to the regular course but only once in his whole career did he have occasion to do any ship designing. On the other hand he many times had occasion to regret that he had not obtained a thorough knowledge of French and Spanish.

The necessity of using common sense in conjunction with technical training and the value of the ability to write one's thoughts clearly were stressed. The speaker declared, "Straight thinking is our foundation of education with four cornerstones—ability to tell one's thoughts, ability to write one's thoughts, common sense, and a broadly specialized education." In closing, he urged his audience to learn to smile, stating that if he could only give one piece of advice to each man "Learn to smile" would be his selection.

FIRE CLAY SUBJECT OF PICTURES TODAY

"The Story of Fire Clay Refractories" is the subject of a reel of movies to be shown this afternoon at four o'clock in room 5-330. The movies are being given under the auspices of the Combined Professional Societies and will show the manufacture of fire clay by the Lacade Christy Clay Products Company, who are the producers of the film.

Dormitory Board Suggests Block Signals to Prevent Interruption

At the suggestion of the Dormitory Board, consisting of Mr. L. F. Hamilton, Dean H. P. Talbot '85, and Bursar H. S. Ford, the dormitory student Executive Committee is conducting a canvass of the sentiment in the dorms toward a plan for mounting a semaphore upon the door of each room indicating whether the occupant is busy or not.

The Executive Committee distributed among the men in the dorms a circular letter which read in part as follows:

January 19, 1924.

To the Dorm Men:—

The Dorm Board recently suggested an ingenious plan upon which we ask your opinion and solicit suggestions.

The plan is this: Every room in the dorms be supplied with some outstanding insignia, which, when placed outside the door would convey the fact to prospective visitors that the men inside are busy and would consider it an act of courtesy not to be disturbed.

As to suggestions. Our best so far is a red metal disc 3 in. in diameter pivoted by a 3 in. arm to the jamb of the door about head height.

Dormitory Executive Committee.

An unofficial count of the letters so far returned revealed that 53 men were in favor of the arrangement while 19 were against. Conversation in the corridors, however, disclosed a general

WALKER ACTIVITY ROOM READY FOR MEETINGS

THE TECH was the first to use the new room for activities in Walker Memorial with a News Meeting last Wednesday afternoon. The room is now ready to be used by any activity as a meeting place at any time and will do away with the necessity of holding gatherings in the main buildings.

Due to the ruling that undergraduate activities could not use the lounge rooms as meeting places, the Institute Committee set aside an appropriation for the construction of this room. It is approximately 15 feet long and 10 feet wide and is equipped with a large conference table and about two dozen chairs. It adjoins directly the T. E. N. office and before its use as an activity meeting room was used as storage space.

STUDENT INJURED IN LAB ACCIDENT

Explosion Follows Addition of
Acid to Residue of
Sodium Metal

As a result of an explosion Friday in the Organic Chemistry laboratory, room 8-410, Frederick Kranzler '25, almost lost the use of his eyes and because of injuries received is now in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The accident, which took place in the early afternoon, was caused by carelessness on the part of Kranzler. He found a flask in his locker that contained some unknown residue and desiring to remove the solid, he poured some aqua regia into the flask. A violent explosion followed which broke the flask, scattering fine particles of glass about the room.

Failed to Conform with Rules

Kranzler, who was bending over the flask at the time, was cut severely about the face and eyes and was immediately removed to the hospital. Upon investigation it was found that the residue in the flask was left from an ethyl-benzene preparation and contained metallic sodium.

Since the removal of this residue is extremely dangerous the students are advised to discard the flask without attempting to clean it. It is thought that Kranzler had failed to conform with this advice and when he found the flask and attempted to clean it, he had forgotten what it contained.

Professor F. J. Moore, of the Organic Chemistry Department, in commenting on the accident, emphasized the importance of discarding the ethyl-benzene residue. He said that it may become necessary to enforce stricter rules in regard to the use of sodium in the laboratory and to make carelessness in its use a cause for expulsion from the laboratory.

TECHNOLOGY FOR BOK PEACE PLAN BY 2 TO 1 VOTE

Small Percentage of Students
Cast Votes—Count Is
228 to 104

A FEW MEN ATTEMPT TO BE HUMOROUS IN VOTE

Institute Speakers' Club Host
to C. L. Buell in Address
on the Plan

Through THE TECH'S referendum the Institute has expressed itself two to one in favor of the Bok Peace Plan. When the ballots were counted at noon Saturday, a total of 332 ballots and one nickel were found, 228 in favor and 104 being opposed. Voting began Friday morning and closed Saturday noon, the ballots being distributed with copies of THE TECH and deposited in boxes placed on the stands.

One student voted both for and against the plan and, in reply to the question, "Are you a voter?" answered "Haven't paid my poll tax yet." Otherwise, Yes. Another neglected to vote but deposited a ballot stating "Don't waste time about politics, bring us good old wine."

Friday afternoon, under the auspices of the Speakers' Club, C. L. Buell, Instructor in Government at Harvard, spoke on the Bok plan and answered questions presented by his audience. He briefly outlined the present economic situation of the world, showing how the United States is interested in and vitally affected by the actions of foreign powers. The operation of the League of Nations was explained and the reasons for its victories and defeats discussed.

Mr. Buell then considered the Bok plan, explaining how it provided that the United States would not be embroiled in European quarrels without the consent of Congress. In answer to a question by one of his audience it was shown that the Bok plan was very vague in certain respects and that it depended on settling difficulties by entirely moral persuasion and public opinion—no other force being permitted.

R. A. CRAM SPEAKS AT ARCHITECT'S SMOKER

"We are now on the downward wave of the present cycle of civilization," said R. A. Cram, speaking before the Architects at their smoker Friday evening in the Commons Room of Rogers. He talked on the subject "The Expressiveness of the American Architect, and its Dependency on Precedent." A majority of the students of Course IV were present.

Mr. Cram first read a paper which he has prepared for the coming meeting of the Society of Architects at Washington, and which was concerned primarily with the above subject. Then he turned the talk into lines of general conversation, and the students joined in the discussion, during which Mr. Cram stated that he believes that in the cycle of civilization, we are about ten years on the downward wave.

He went on to say that the crest had been reached in the first decade of the twentieth century, and that the reasons for such a belief are based on the fact that up to the World War, the condition of affairs in the world was not questioned by the people, but was taken at its face value. According to Mr. Cram, however, there is no real cause to be discouraged, for every downward trend is followed by an upward one.

CALENDAR

Thursday, January 24
6:30—Federal Board Club dinner, main hall, Walker.
7:30—Civil Engineering Society meeting, north hall.
Friday, January 25
5:15—Bible Study class, 400 Beacon Street.
Saturday, January 26
7:00—Cosmopolitan Club dance, north hall, Walker.
Friday, February 1
5:15—Bible Study class, Atkinson 304.
8:00—Dorm dance, main hall, Walker.