

## SCHOLASTIC WORK OF FRATERNITIES SHOWN IN REPORT

Data, Compiled by the Institute,  
Reveals Comparative  
Standing

AVERAGE GRADE FOUND  
TO BE BELOW PASSING

17 Chapters Have Poorer Grades  
Than Last Year—15  
Improve

The comparative scholarship records  
of the undergraduates of the fraterni-  
ties for the first term of this year have  
just been computed and the chapters  
rank in the following order:

1. Tau Delta Phi.
2. Alpha Mu Sigma.
3. Alpha Chi Sigma.
4. Sigma Alpha Mu.
5. Zeta Beta Tau.
6. Delta Psi.
7. Phi Beta Delta.
8. Sigma Chi.
9. Phi Gamma Delta.
10. Phi Kappa Sigma.
11. Phi Lambda Alpha.
12. Tau Epsilon Phi.
13. Psi Delta.
14. Theta Chi.
15. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
16. Alpha Tau Omega.
17. Delta Upsilon.
18. Beta Theta Pi.
19. Sigma Nu.
20. Phi Sigma Delta.
21. Phi Mu Delta.
22. Sigma Omega Psi.
23. Phi Sigma Kappa.
24. Kappa Sigma.
25. Lambda Chi Alpha.
26. Phi Kappa.
27. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
28. Theta Xi.
29. Chi Phi.
30. Phi Beta Epsilon.
31. Delta Tau Delta.
32. Lambda Phi.
33. Theta Delta Chi.

The study involved a consideration  
of the records for 32,243 credit hours  
of work. The average grade of work  
for all fraternities was figured for the  
first time and was found to be slightly  
below "P." All of the fraternities  
holding positions Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive  
on the above list did work above the  
average, while the Nos. 17 to 33 did  
work below the average.

Upon comparing the grade of work  
attained by the various chapters in  
their December records with their  
score for last June it was found that  
15 chapters had improved and 17 had  
done a poorer grade of work. (Sigma  
Omega Psi was not rated in June 1923  
and is therefore not included in this  
portion of the statistics.) Phi Sigma  
Kappa made the greatest improvement  
and the others improving are:

2. Alpha Mu Sigma.
3. Tau Epsilon Phi.
4. Sigma Chi.

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## APPOINT D. H. KECK TO LEAD T. C. A. CONFERENCE

10 Men Will Represent Institute  
At Northfield

W. W. Quarles '24, President of T.  
C. A., has appointed D. H. Keck '25  
as leader of the delegation to the "Chris-  
tian Way of Life Conference" to be  
held at East Northfield this week. Four  
men of Technology's delegation of ten  
have been chosen. In addition to Keck,  
the members are R. B. Miner '24, W.  
W. Quarles '24, and C. T. Petze '25.  
The other six men will be appointed  
this week.

In order to equalize the cost of trans-  
portation all delegates from Amherst,  
Smith, and the other Western Massa-  
chusetts colleges will pay a \$3 tax, and  
the delegates from Worcester, New  
Haven, and Hanover will pay a \$2 tax.  
This makes the cost from Boston the  
standard cost for all. The tax collected  
will be paid to men coming from the  
Maine colleges as a rebate. This ar-  
rangement prevents the transportation  
cost from falling heavily on any particu-  
lar group.

The Conference is being held by New  
England Field Council, an organization  
of all the college Christian Associations.

## CHOOSE THIRD SENIOR MARSHALL FEBRUARY 20

Special Election Necessitated By  
Hereford-Marsh Tie

At a meeting of the officers of the  
Class of 1924 Saturday it was decided  
to hold a special election on Wednes-  
day, February 20, in order to choose  
between Rockwell Hereford and L.  
P. Marsh as Senior Marshals. At the  
Class Day election last Wednesday  
Marsh and Hereford were tied for the  
position with a vote of 35 each, and  
the officers of the class decided that an-  
other election would be the only fair  
method of choosing between them. The  
names of these two men will be the  
only ones on the ballot, the voter being  
asked to indicate his choice by a check  
mark. Location of the polls has not  
yet been decided.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE CONCERT MARCH 29

Technology Musical Clubs Play  
Against Men From  
Dartmouth

March 29 has been set as the date  
of the concert to be held at Hotel Som-  
erset by the Combined Dartmouth and  
Technology Musical Clubs. The con-  
cert will take the form of a battle of  
music between the two organizations,  
each playing the five best selections  
that they have in the repertoire for the  
concert part of the evening.

The music for the dance following  
will be furnished by the dance orches-  
tras of the two clubs, working in com-  
petition. The Technology orchestra  
is well known, while the one from  
Hanover has played in Boston at a  
number of dances during the past fall.

### Dartmouth Prominent

The price for the regular tickets has  
been set at \$5 per couple, while the stag  
tickets have as yet had no definite  
price set on them. The number of  
tickets available has been limited, as  
there are a number of colleges in this  
vicinity, including Dartmouth, which  
have their Spring vacation at that time.

The Technology Dartmouth Club has  
expressed itself as being behind the  
affair. The Dartmouth Glee Club won  
the Blue Ribbon contest last year, in  
which they were in competition with  
the clubs from Yale, Harvard, and  
other colleges. The Technology Alumi-  
ni in the vicinity of Boston are being  
asked by the management of the Musi-  
cal Clubs to support the concert.

The Dartmouth Clubs start on their  
extended Spring Trip on March 30,  
and so expect to be in good condition  
for the affair at the Somerset.

## COURSE VI-A TO HOLD FIRST SMOKER TONIGHT

Bowling Match to Feature in  
Varied Program

Course VI-A students and faculty in-  
cluded will hold their first smoker of  
the term in north hall, Walker, to-  
night at 7:30 o'clock. A varied pro-  
gram comprising a bowling match, be-  
tween students and professors, a wres-  
tling match, music and talks by sev-  
eral professors, has been arranged by  
the Hexalpha committee.

Heading the program, the bowling  
match between three teams of stu-  
dents and one of the faculty will be  
the feature of the evening. This match  
is the outcome of a discussion as to  
the relative strength of the professors  
and students as regards bowling. The  
student teams will be made up of men  
from both Lynn and the Institute and  
will be representative of the three up-  
per classes—Graduates, Seniors and  
Juniors.

After the bowling tournament the  
rest of the program will be held in  
the north hall. Talks will be given  
by Prof. D. C. Jackson, head of the  
Electrical Engineering Department,  
Prof. V. Bush and Prof. C. W. Ricker.

## Y. M. C. U. CHESS MATCH NOT YET COMPLETED

The result of the match between the  
varsity and the Boylston Y.M.C.U.  
Chess Club is yet undecided on account  
of the necessity of adjudicating three  
out of the six games played. The visi-  
tors carried away 2½ out of the three  
finished games. R. B. Miller, getting a  
draw, prevented a 3 to 0 defeat.

## T.E.N. SENDS OUT QUESTION BLANKS TO ALL STUDENTS

Ask Men Whether They Buy and  
Read the Publication  
Regularly

PURPOSE IS TO OBTAIN  
CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT

This morning every student will re-  
ceive a questionnaire, sent out by the  
Tech Engineering News, the purpose  
of which, according to D. F. Elliott,  
General Manager, is to bring the pa-  
per into closer touch and harmony with  
the undergraduate, and to endeavor to  
fill a definite need rather than to try to  
stimulate interest in a mechanical man-  
ner. The results are not to be used  
for subscription purposes, he stated,  
but are being compiled as a purely  
statistical work which he hopes will  
be of permanent value.

In other words those who do not like  
the paper as it is, are being asked by  
its Managing Board to state their rea-  
sons, not only on matters of general  
policy but also on particular items.  
They desire constructive criticism in-  
volving suggestions for changes. They  
have also requested that if a man does  
not now read T. E. N. he should not  
show his indifference to the paper by  
disregarding the card, but should re-  
turn it with his views in brief.

The questions being asked are:  
1. Have you ever read the T. E. N.?  
2. Do you read T. E. N. regularly?  
3. Do you buy or subscribe to T. E. N.?  
4. Would you buy it if the price was  
15 cents a copy?  
5. Does the T. E. N.  
have any value for you; if not, why  
not?  
6. Additional comment.

As the February issue appears today,  
the Board feels that all students will  
be able to examine a copy and criticize  
it while it is still fresh in their minds.  
Price is mentioned to determine  
whether or not the students feel that  
the present price of 25 cents is too  
high. The reason for sending out the  
questionnaire is that the Managing  
Board has noticed a waning of the  
student interest as evidenced by a re-  
cent decrease in the student sales.

## ALL FRESHMEN TO DRILL TOGETHER

First Year Men to Choose Units  
In Which They Prefer  
To Serve

An entirely new departure in the  
basic R. O. T. C. course in the Insti-  
tute is to be made the third term of  
this year. Instead of having the fresh-  
men drill at four different hours, as  
was done last year, they will all drill  
together; and instead of leaving the  
choice of a unit to the third year, the  
freshmen will be divided into a Coast  
Artillery company, an Engineer com-  
pany, a combined Ordnance and Signal  
Corps company, and an Air Service  
company.

The purpose of drilling all the fresh-  
men at once is to enable Battalion  
drills and ceremonies to be held, which  
would not have been possible under  
the old plan. The various units will  
drill under student officers from the  
same branch of the service in order to  
stimulate a spirit of friendly competi-  
tion between them. The new plan will  
not interfere with the customary final  
drill and review, which will probably  
be just about the same as it was last  
year.

The hours for the freshman drill next  
term will be from 9 to 10 on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays, and from 3 to 4 on  
Fridays.

## FROSH OFFICERS TALK OF SMOKER AT MEETING

Plans for a freshman smoker were  
discussed at a meeting of the Class  
officers held last Friday afternoon, but  
the consensus of opinion seemed to be  
that by the time arrangements for  
such an affair could be made, that it  
would be too late in the term to hold it.

However the possibility of having a  
smoker the first part of next term  
was suggested, and seemed to meet  
with the approval of the officers. No  
final decision was made in this respect,  
but another meeting of the body was  
called for next week, at which time  
more definite steps will probably be  
taken.

## Dr. Stratton Says—

In the interview with Dr. S. W.  
Stratton Friday he made the follow-  
ing statements in addition to those  
found in the accompanying story:

"The plan for the retirement of  
professors is one of the best things  
started here in a long time."

"I am not convinced that Tech  
Night is the best way for the stu-  
dents to get rid of their surplus  
energy. It was run pretty well last  
year, but there are better things to  
do."

"Gerard Swope has asked for a  
meeting with the Institute Commit-  
tee to explain to it his scholarship  
plan. We are making at present ar-  
rangements for this meeting."

## DISCUSS PLAN TO PENSION FACULTY

Provides for Retirement When  
Instructor Reaches Age  
of 65 Years

The meeting of the Executive Com-  
mittee of the Faculty held last week  
was devoted to the discussion of a plan  
for the establishment of a retirement  
or pension and insurance fund for the  
faculty. A report submitted by a com-  
mittee headed by Professor D. C.  
Jackson declares the fund is necessary  
not only out of justice to the faculty  
members but also to meet the competi-  
tion of other colleges.

A third reason advanced is the in-  
creased efficiency which will be ob-  
tained. The report says, "It is not a  
matter of philanthropy but is the main-  
tenance of a high standard of efficien-  
cy which is certain to be sacrificed if  
men are to be retained too long in ser-  
vice on account of hardship which (un-  
der present and past salary conditions)  
retirement without pensions would fre-  
quently provide."

### Insurance Compulsory

The plan submitted is threefold in  
extent. It provides for retirement at  
a certain age (65 and 68 years have  
been suggested) with pension not to  
exceed \$1200 per year; for an annual  
disability pension in case of total per-  
manent disability before age retire-  
ment; and for payment of \$5000 to a  
designated beneficiary in case of death  
while in the service.

The plan calls for an appropriation  
by the Institute towards the fund of  
five percent of its salary roll for the  
teaching staff. This will make the In-  
stitute's assessment about \$40,000. Each  
member of the staff is to contribute an  
amount equal to five per cent of his  
salary for an annuity fund. This will  
be obligatory for new members but op-  
tional with present members of the  
staff.

Members are to be retired at an age  
normally 65 years but this time may  
be extended by agreement between the  
Institute and the individual. Both the  
pension and the insurance are to be  
administered by the Institute as trust  
funds.

Final action on the matter has not  
been taken yet. It is expected to be  
heartily approved of by the faculty,  
however, as it met with overwhelming  
approval when submitted to a vote by  
them some time ago.

## MUSICAL CLUB'S BUS BREAKS DOWN ON TRIP

Glee Club Appears at Concert  
in Baseball Clothes

Quite a bit of bad luck was experi-  
enced by the men of the Musical  
Clubs on their return from the con-  
cert given by the clubs last Saturday  
evening at Bradford Academy. One  
of the three busses which undertook  
the transportation of the men to and  
from the concert broke down on the  
homeward trip, causing such delay that  
the men were unable to reach Boston  
till 3:00 A. M. The occupants of the  
disabled vehicle were crowded into one  
of the other two while the empty bus  
was finally put in a garage to have its  
steering apparatus fixed.

The Glee Club Quartet, who ap-  
peared dressed in baseball clothes to  
render their various ditties, was best  
received. Although there was no dan-  
cing after the program, the club's dance  
orchestra received numerous encores.  
However, to make up for the lack of  
dancing as a conclusion to the pro-  
gram the men of the clubs were per-  
mitted to remain for a half-hour chat  
with the girls of the academy.

## MONEY FOR LAND SLOW IN COMING, SAYS PRESIDENT

\$40,000 Must Be Raised Before  
Ground Under Option Can  
Be Purchased

FAMILY TO ERECT AN  
INFIRMARY ON GROUND

Believes that Dormitories Are  
Our Greatest Need at  
Present Time

"Money for the land we have under  
option is coming in slowly. There is  
about \$40,000 still to be raised. A  
check for \$5000 came in yesterday,"  
said Dr. S. W. Stratton in an inter-  
view last Friday afternoon. At the  
time he was seated before his desk  
signing his name to diplomas which his  
secretary was placing before him.

After he had finished with them, the  
President continued, "We won't let the  
land get away from us by letting the  
option expire. One of our friends has  
already offered to underwrite us in  
case we don't receive enough donations  
to close the deal on the land before  
the option expires."

### Will Build When Possible

When questioned as to what would  
go on the new land and when he ex-  
pected it to be built, he replied, "You  
can't ever tell when lightning will hit,  
but I hope some friend will help us out  
soon. And although I believe dormi-  
tories are our greatest need at present,  
still if someone offers to give us some-  
thing else, we won't refuse it."

In regard to the hospital, which it  
has been said would be given the In-  
stitute, the President stated, "A family  
is giving it, you know, and they have  
to decide among themselves how much  
each will give, and it also takes them  
a little time to raise the money. I ex-  
pect there will be something more defi-  
nite in this respect soon. I believe the  
hospital will be essential after the new  
dormitories are erected."

## "WORK OF SOCIETY IS CULTURAL," EMERSON

Explains Why Choral Society  
Was Made a General Study

"The nature of the activities of the  
Choral Society is distinctly cultural  
and ranks with other General Studies  
in this respect," said Professor Wil-  
liam Emerson, Chairman of the Com-  
mittee on General Studies, when ques-  
tioned as to the reason why that so-  
ciety was recognized as a General  
Study recently.

This act of the faculty has met with  
considerable comment on the part of  
the heads of the various activities as  
to whether their organizations cannot  
be recognized as General Studies also.  
In this connection Professor Emerson  
has stated that such recognition will  
depend on the nature of the activity as  
well as upon the ability of those who  
supervise it, all of which it particularly  
satisfactory in the case of the Choral  
Society.

The program which will be followed  
by the Choral Society under the new  
plan will be similar to that of other  
General Studies, 60 hours being devo-  
ted to the study of the subject during  
the school year. Although no home  
preparation will be required, at least  
20 hours will be given over to concerts,  
special quartet singing and sight sing-  
ing.

## CALENDAR

Monday, February 11

7:30—Course VI-A Smoker, north hall, Walker.  
8:00—Joint meeting of Emerson College and  
Institute Menorah societies, north hall,  
Walker.

Wednesday, February 13

7:30—Mining Society smoker, west lounge,  
Walker.

Thursday, February 14

8:00—Senior Class Formal Dance, main hall,  
Walker.

Friday, February 15

8:00—Junior Valentine Dance, main hall,  
Walker.