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M. A. C. WINS

Tech Defeated by Score of 34—20

Tech met its second defeat at the hands of the M. A. C. quintet, Saturday night on the Amherst gymnasium floor. The game was the fastest seen in Amherst this season. Tech started off with a rush and played the same hard game that marked its previous victory. Tech looked like the winner, for at the end of the first half the score stood 14 to 11 in their favor. The second half started off with the same whirlwind pace but the Tech boys could not stand it. The long trip had wearied them, and they began to show signs of fatigue. The Aggie five soon found the basket and left Tech behind.

Referee Swafield held the boys well in hand and helped make the game a clean and fast one. The summary:

M. A. C.—34

20—W. P. I.

Lathrop lf	rb Steele
Harrington rf	lb Mossberg
Blanchard, Whittle c	c Lincoln
Parkhurst lb	rf Kushner
Lent, Baggs rb	lf Stoughton

Baskets from floor, Whittle 6, Stoughton 3, Lathrop 3, Mossberg 2, Harrington 2, Blanchard, Kushner, Steele. Baskets on free tries, Kushner 6, Lathrop 10. Referee A. L. Swafield, Brown university. Timers, Holden and Tenney. Time, 20-minute halves. Attendance, 600.

LETTERS AWARDED

At a meeting of the Tech Athletic Council the following men were awarded the football W:

Capt. John D. Storrs, Newport, Vt.

Harold F. Mossberg, New Haven, Conn.

George E. McCaffrey, Clinton

James R. Kimball, Milford

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Walter G. Fielder, Worcester

Irving E. Manning, Worcester

Edmund F. Pearson, Westfield

Burton A. Robie, Northbridge

Francis I. Kittredge, Clinton

Manager Judah H. Humphrey, Rochester

Certificates have also been awarded these men, showing that they have officially been awarded a letter by the school.

EYES FOR THE NAVY

(From the Patriotic News Service National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Washington, D. C.)

The college men and women of the U. S. can be of great service in getting the members of their families and other friends to contribute to the Navy, binoculars, spy glasses and telescopes.

The number of glasses available today is wholly insufficient and the need must be met quickly.

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AFTERMATH PREPARATION

One of the topics that is beginning to be of increasing interest to the students on the Hill is that of the coming Aftermath. Everybody seems to realize that this year's edition is to be much smaller in size than that of previous years. However, few know or realize just where the cuts are to be made.

The fraternities and societies are to be reduced to the minimum. The class pictures are to be omitted unless the separate classes desire to pay for the additional expense of having their pictures put in. There are also to be some additional features, such as some form of recognition of the Seniors and Faculty members now in service.

The histories and writeups are of the usual size. These have been practically completed, and it is hoped to have the Aftermath go to press by the first of March.

GYM CLOSED

Tech is Compelled to Save Fuel

On account of the serious coal situation, Dr. Hollis thinks it best that the gymnasium should be closed, so that fuel required to heat that building will be used to better advantage for the other buildings on the hill. This will cause a little inconvenience to the basketball and baseball squads, but it must be remembered that these sports are not essential in the present situation. However, with the present warm spells which we are having there will be an opportunity for the baseball candidates to begin their practice sometime this week.

In regard to basketball there will be practice as usual in the gym from five to six every day, weather permitting. If the weather should become very cold again, scrimmages will be arranged beforehand with preparatory schools in the city.

All scheduled games and meets will be held as usual. Track candidates will be called in due time for practice for the two scheduled meets.

PROFESSOR CARPENTER LEAVES

Professor Percy R. Carpenter left Monday for New York en route to France for war work. As the Gym has closed and Professor Carpenter is relieved of his duties, he has answered the call of the Y. M. C. A. for physical directors to carry on athletics in the cantonments of Europe. Because of Professor Carpenter's ability to speak French the Y. M. C. A. deemed it advisable to place him in a French camp and he will carry on the same line of work as here at Tech.

CALENDAR

Monday—Feb. 18—5:00, NEWS assignments, M. E. 113.

5:00, Battery practice, gym.

8:00, Faculty Assembly.

Tuesday—Feb. 19—7:30, Tau Beta Pi meeting, B. H.

7:30, Sceptical Chymists, Rathskeller.

Wednesday—Feb. 20—5:00, Battery practice, gym.

7:00, Y. M. C. A. meeting.

Thursday—Feb. 21—Wheatless day.

Friday—Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday.

5:00, Battery practice, gym.

7:45, Basketball, Conn. Aggies, gym.

Saturday—Feb. 23—Porkless day.

Sunday—Feb. 24—Day of universal prayer.

A LETTER FROM OVER THERE

Professor H. B. Smith has received the following letter from one of Tech's graduates, and it may prove of interest to the readers of the NEWS.

Dear Professor Smith:

It was our thought that you might be interested to know as much about the Electrical Engineer soldiers who have crossed the ocean as our interpretation of censorship regulations will allow. Memoranda concerning prohibited matters have been issued and officers become their own censors and also for their commands if they have any. The signature across the lower corner of envelope is a certificate that the matter contained is all right, in our opinion. Then, of course, the letter is subject to censorship at the base.

At present all Tech men who were first lieutenants under the same status have arrived and we still are together. So far, nothing has happened. Final arrangements are being made to send some of us to school here for some months. The others may be assigned to other schools or to special duties or possibly fill in vacancies of Coast Artillery.

In the meantime we are having an enjoyable time doing nearly as we please under the circumstances. Most every day we take walks to various surrounding villages, or across country and see very interesting sights. We also are trying to study French by ourselves. The German, which we seem much more familiar with, bothers us for it keeps hobbing up every time we try to think of the French. On the way

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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

At a meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club the following officers were elected for the present half-year:

President, Henry J. E. Reid; Vice President, Michael Hanin; Recording Secretary, Howard A. McConville; Corresponding Secretary, Louis Zions; Treasurer, James Apostolon. The chapter here at Tech was again chosen to act as national vice presidential chapter for the New England district at the annual convention at Oberlin, Ohio. This district includes the clubs at Yale, Harvard, M. I. T., Dartmouth and Radcliffe as well as the one here. The vice president chosen this year to have supervision over these clubs was Howard A. McConville. The club intends to hold a Ladies' Night and more socials in the near future and is also compiling a list of its past members, who are in the service of the United States

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BOOST TECH

Editorials

With this issue come many changes in the NEWS staff. The small size of our present student body, however, does not call for any lessening of the quality of the undergraduate publication. Some of the most admirable papers of this class are published by institutions of much smaller enrollment than we. The case resolves itself into a call for renewed interest in the columns of the NEWS. This can only be attained through contributions which are original and which show thought on the part of the editors and contributors. From the Alumni and former students we ask for an interest which will lead them to make contribution to our columns. This will make the paper more valuable to this large portion of our readers and undergraduates are always interested in the problems and experiences of those who have been their predecessors.

When we are Freshmen taking the scanty English courses provided by the much crowded Institute curriculum we are urged to read those things which academic courses allow ample study of. At this time the majority of us realize the need of this, but in the small time allowed are unable to get this habit.

This same attitude is quite likely to follow us through our second year. Then as juniors we take up the study of economics and political science. Here some of the large majority begin to break away from the old habit through an increasing interest in current events and the knowledge of our government. One of our graduates who is exceedingly busy with work of an engineering nature has quite well summed up the feeling we all should have in these unusual times. He expressed himself as being unwilling to let escape this history in the making of which the generations to come will only be able to study as events recorded by someone else. The man who does not follow this great manipulation of international affairs going on at present is necessarily unthinking. An unthinking man can never be called well trained and all of us have hopes of looking toward a career of which broad training will be characteristic.

In our issue of two weeks ago, we pointed out a few of the more salient reasons why Tech night at Poli's was an event which should be repeated as usual this year. Since that issue a Tech night at the gym has been proposed by the basketball manager, at which he intended that a basketball game be played and that the student body come as a whole and act exactly as though it were Poli's—that is, make things lively with streamers, songs, cheers, etc. This seemed to us more or less unfeasible in any case and has since been put entirely out of the question by the closing of the gymnasium. Naturally, we cannot have a Tech night in the gym without opening the gym and that is beyond the question. It is quite clear to anyone who thinks of it seriously that Poli's is the only theater in Worcester where any such antics as we have performed in past years would be tolerated, or where a block of seats could be so satisfactorily reserved. With the choice of places for a Tech night limited to one, there should be no further debate as to the rendezvous; a committee of five should be chosen immediately as we previously suggested, to get things started. Above all, let us show some pep in this matter and have our annual evening of foolishness and companionship. With nothing to argue about, with all obstacles removed, with all the reasons in favor set forth, we should not lie idle and let our one remaining social event shuffle off the calendar without a move to prevent it.

In our opinion, the form of the letter which announces the winning of the "W" to the participants in the various sports is rather below the standard which it ought to assume. Many men like to keep this first notification for their scrap-books, and dislike to display to their friends a fourth or fifth carbon-copy letter, signed by a department head. If this department is unable to get out letters in true engineering style, it is not improbable that the Y. M. C. A. office or some individuals even would be willing to lend assistance in work of this sort. It is to be hoped that some better arrangement may be made in the future.

NEWS ELECTIONS

The annual meeting for the election of officers and staff for the ensuing year was held a week ago Monday by the Tech News Association. The admission of new members was the first piece of business. All the men who applied for membership were elected into the Association. They were C. W. Aldrich, '20, R. F. Meader '20, G. P. Condit '21, R. R. Jenness '21, H. E. Brooks '20, R. W. Heffernan '19, R. W. Perry '21, F. C. Stevens '20, R. W. Cartee '21, and L. S. Potter '20. Following the election of and the signing of the constitution by these men, the following editorial and business staffs were elected in the order given: editor-in-chief, R. B. Heath '19, advisory editors, J. F. Keyes, Jr., '18, M. W. Richardson '18, and A. M. Millard '18; associate editors, C. W. Parsons '19, W. F. Atkinson '20, and F. C. Stevens '20; managing editor, W. L. Martin '20; news editors, C. W. Aldrich '20, R. F. Meader '20 and C. M. Lyman '20. The business staff was next on the list of elections: business manager, P. J. Harriman '20; advertising manager, G. P. Condit '21, and subscription manager, H. E. Brooks '20. The final list of officers: president, R. B. Heath '19; vice president, C. M. Lyman '20; and secretary, M. C. Cowden '19. The business manager is automatically treasurer of the Association, ex-officio. No further business was transacted at this meeting.

JUNIOR PLANS

Several items of business were brought up at the Junior Class meeting held Friday noon, Feb. 15. A. G. Carlson was chosen a member of the Tech Council for the second semester. M. W. Garland read the financial report of the class for the first semester. Considerable discussion took place as to the advisability of holding a Junior Prom or its equivalent. It seemed to be the general opinion that some social affair of this nature should be held, and a committee of seven is to be appointed by the President to look up the matter, and constitute a permanent committee, should the class decide to have a dance of some sort. A collection was taken for the banner to be placed in the American University Union in Paris.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

Perhaps the closing of the gym may lead you to think that the payment of second semester athletic dues is superfluous; if so, you have the wrong idea. The student body is small now and we must contribute enough to support the athletics we have sanctioned. It will soon be warm enough to use the gym without heat, and baseball, track, and tennis are at hand.

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It was also definitely announced at this meeting that the Tuesday evening classes will be continued, the time being spent in actual operation and adjustment of the set which is being brought up to the most modern standard of efficiency. Here is a chance for you men of draft age to learn practical wireless. All men wishing to join the Association are requested to give their names to the secretary.

NEWS MEETINGS

An invitation is extended to any who desire to work out for the NEWS staff to attend the meetings of the staff each Monday at 5 P. M. sharp in Room 113, M. E. Building. All the men who are now on the staff must attend these meetings to receive their assignments each week, if they intend to do any editorial work. A business meeting is conducted each month for the transaction of the business of the Association, and it is the duty of all members to be present at this time.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Bible study groups have been started very successfully in a number of fraternities and rooming houses, as well as Sunday groups in the churches. Those already under way are: Fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau, Theta Chi, Lambda Chi Alpha; rooming houses, 104 Highland, 152 West, 27 Hackfeld; on the Hill, Wednesday noon. At the churches, Central, under Rev. L. W. Sprague; Plymouth, Dr. Farrington Daniels, leader; Salem Square Congregational, Rev. O. P. Peterson; Pleasant street Baptist, Mr. W. E. Burnham; First Baptist, Mr. H. G. Stoddard; Grace Methodist, Mr. J. R. Jennings; Trinity M. E., Mr. Percy S. Howe; First Universalist, Dr. V. E. Tomlinson; All Saints Episcopal. Other groups will be organized if sufficient interest is shown. Most of the fellows are in the game. Why not you?

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If she wants Chocolates—Feeder.

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From Over There

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here I rode in a compartment with, and sat next to a French brigadier general with his staff or part of it. He got into a lively conversation with one of our party who had studied in Paris and who could talk quite easily. From what I gathered myself and what we had translated to us, I learned many interesting points and views on different subjects relative to the war. His chief topics were tanks and trench operators such as sapping, and so I concluded his experience had been more along that line than concerning artillery.

Recently I was at another camp where target practice with mobile or railway artillery of large calibre is carried on by our troops. The construction of the pieces and the methods used are most novel and interesting and I wish I might describe them. Our men are making a fine showing with these guns, which are quite different from our coast defense guns, and are making some fine records of shots.

I guess it is permissible to say that we are near enough the front to hear the artillery duels on a still night. The sounds in themselves are nothing unusual, but it is thrilling to imagine what goes on where those sounds are being made. By reason of our position we get a chance to see many troop movements and to see how things are made and carried.

Not far from here are some typical small French villages with French soldiers "billeted" there. About every house has a sign painted on the side or on the wall, thus at a glance the capacity of each place can be seen.

The houses are picturesque, no matter what state of disrepair. All are of some sort of masonry with tile or thatch roof, covered with green moss. The houses seem to have the appearance of being once in a prosperous condition and have an air of aristocracy which our shameful wooden shacks in out of the way villages wholly lack. The French people are surely very cordial and mixable, although their ways of doing things don't always agree with ours. I have noticed a carefree jolly attitude of the troops I have seen, as if a picnic were at hand. It may be natural or assumed, but I think the former. They seem anxious to converse with us and sure do have lots of patience with our murder of their tongue. Many in the party have had the humiliating experience of asking some direction in stumbling French and getting a reply in perfect English. For all this possible contact, yet it is perfectly easy to be here and probably stay indefinitely without picking up a bit of French. Our life is almost wholly concerned with American things so that French does not become necessary. But we would feel sorry to come home without acquiring some.

French money is very sensible and easy compared to the terrible English. When we get paid in francs it seems more like a fortune than so many dollars. I really think francs too small a base unit for our present standard of living.

The lowest piece is five centimes and use is not made of a single centime except in book-keeping. But the English! If an American objects to changing to metric system of measure on the ground that ours is good, he would be refuted by trying to have him master English over night. And yet an English lady had the nerve to tell me that the American decimal system was just as hard to comprehend.

Of course we learned lots about European land transportation in our travels and got used to being shut up in a box by ourselves, but possibly the thing about the trains that struck us most was the whistles on the locomotives, which are as the English say, "impossible." They seem just as inadequate as a child's tin whistle. A soft, gentle little toot is their utmost. When they try to exert more, they break like a voice, and only make a hiss. I should like to hear a man-sized whistle.

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The photographer spoke up, "Say, fellows; I forgot my tripod. Can anyone help out and get something that will serve?"

One bright fellow offered to hunch up his back, but his offer was ignored. Another fellow, a true engineer, sought at once for materials for construction. He threw down his books and waddled to a nearby lumber pile. After sorting over some huge logs, he decided to look elsewhere. He gazed serenely about him and observed a barrel looming above the horizon. Now barrels are good things full or empty, therefore he investigated. The barrel was frozen to the ground, so he gave it some hearty boots, misfiring once and sliding over the top. After knocking out some of the debris he started rolling it over. But he was too late, the bids were closed; the contract was given to a Freshman who had secured a step-ladder.

After arranging the Freshmen and after adjusting his camera, he snapped the picture. The next picture was taken while the lower classmen were bare-headed. The sun shone with all its splendor in their eyes, and everybody was squinting.

"Look pleasant," chirped the photographer, and all tried to obey. "Will that fellow take his hands from his eyes? Now, all ready, now." Quick the picture was taken, and it didn't hurt a bit, although there were tears in many eyes.

DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, February 24, is the Universal Day of Prayer for students the world over. The call is issued by the World's Christian Student Federation, through Dr. John R. Mott, secretary. On Tech hill there will be a meeting at three o'clock for students, at which Gren O. Pierrel and Winthrop G. Hall will speak. Both have had experience as workers in the army camps. Mr. Pierrel is now at Camp Devens in charge of the Y. M. C. A. educational work.

Sunday will also be a go-to-church day for Tech students. Special efforts will be made by the various churches to make our fellows at home.

Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Dr. E. P. Drew spoke to Tech students last Wednesday evening on "Do Engineers Need to Pray?" His talks are always inspiring. We hope that a large number of men will improve the opportunity to hear him again this Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

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