

# TECH NEWS



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## Baseball Men Working

### Outlook Good

Coach Brough has issued a general call to all candidates. Practice is held on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The time is five o'clock on all days except Saturday. On Saturday the candidates are to report at 1.30. A good number of men have reported, both for the battery positions, the infield and the outfield. By the time warm weather comes there will be about seventy men out.

Of last year's team A. Green, '18, R. Green, '17, Carlson, '19, Reed, '17, Titcomb, '19, Wheeler, '17, Tomblen, '17, and Luce, '18, are out getting into shape. Captain Stone will be missed as catcher, but several men are out for the place.

Tech is going out to win the majority of its games this year. It must be backed up by the student body in order to do this. With a good backing and our present equipment Tech's team will be the best ever.

## ENGINEERING SOCIETIES TO MEET

A joint meeting of the three engineering societies will be held in the lecture room of the Mechanical Engineering Building, on Friday, March 9, 1917, at 8 p. m. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Civil Engineering Society, which has secured as the speaker of the evening, Mr. Paul B. Spencer, W. P. I., 1902. Mr. Spencer is Division Engineer, with the N. Y., N. H., & H. R. R. and has been in direct charge of the erection of the new railroad bridge across the Thames River, at New London, Conn. He will give an illustrated lecture on the engineering problems met with on this big construction job. The new bridge is one of the largest in this vicinity and the engineering and construction features in connection with its erection have been many and varied, and Mr. Spencer's presentation of the ones he considers as most important should be of intense interest to all engineers and to all students of engineering. It is hoped that every student who can will avail himself of this opportunity to learn something of the art of bridge building. The friends of the societies, particularly the contractors and engineers of Worcester and vicinity are cordially invited to attend. REMEMBER THE DATE AND PLACE.

### FRESHMEN MEET

The Freshman class met last Friday noon and voted to have a committee consisting of the class officers draw up a class constitution. The officers are: president, C. H. Needham; vice-president, F. H. Mills; treasurer, R. W. Horner, and secretary, K. R. Perry.

It was also voted to assess class dues of fifty cents.

## Students Take Action

### Tech Council to Issue Blanks

On Monday evening, February 26, the students met in the gymnasium, where President Hollis spoke on the possible service of engineering students, particularly those of Worcester Tech, to the government in case of war. This movement towards becoming of service to our government is in keeping with action which most colleges are taking.

Dr. Hollis first of all expressed the desire that we should not take a precipitate action, or attempt anything which we would not be able to complete. We, as prospective engineers, should rather make an analysis of the situation, and take steps to become familiar with the things to which we are best adapted. President Hollis spoke of the national conditions which now confront us, as being parallel to those of Adams' administration, when the French and English were interfering with our rights on the sea. Several circulars of the Army and Navy departments, showing opportunities for different lines of service, were read. These showed many places where the service of our students would be valuable. Dr. Hollis' words were very convincing and it is certain that everyone present realized the need of our country. Finally he suggested that the Tech Council should be empowered to get out some sort of blank in which the students might indicate what part of national service they would prefer if such became necessary.

Mr. Pomeroy, president of the Senior class and Tech Council, then called upon the students to act as a legislative body although they had never before acted in this capacity. The student body voted to place the entire action on the matter in the hands of the council, with Dr. Hollis as advisor.

At a meeting of the Tech Council, held on Wednesday evening, it was voted that blanks be issued to the students, upon which the preference of service may be indicated. This will enable the men to be divided into groups for some sort of study and preparation in this particular line. The issuing of these blanks is to be delayed until Dr. Hollis has obtained a statement from the Engineering Societies concerning the departments in which we will be most valuable.

### NEWS ELECTIONS

At the annual elections of the News Association last Tuesday afternoon, the editorial and business staff was selected for the coming year. Officers of the association were also selected.

On the editorial side, Norman C. Firth, '18, is Editor-in-Chief, with Alfred M. Whittemore, '19, as Managing Editor. John F. Kyes, '18, is Advisory Editor, while M. C. Cowden, '19, A. M. Millard,

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## Show Applications Out

### To be a Dance Thursday Evening

The special feature announced by the Tech Show Management for Thursday evening, March 29, 1917, will be a dance after the show. The dancing will be in Dean Hall in the same building that the show is in. Admission to the show admits to this dance. This will be done Thursday evening only; there will be no dance Friday evening.

Blanks will be out this week on which applications are to be made for Tech Show tickets. The arrangements are, in general, as before. All of the orchestra seats and the first two center rows in the balcony are \$1.50. All the other seats in the house are \$1.00.

Applications are to be made on blanks furnished. They must state choice of seats and whether desired for Thursday or Friday evening.

All applications must be in by 5 p. m. Friday, March 23. They may be mailed to Roland H. Taylor, '18, Business Manager, 99 Salisbury Street, or dropped in THE TECH NEWS box in Boynton Hall.

Applications will be filled, as before, in this order: 1. Patrons and Patronesses; 2. Cast; 3. Faculty, Alumni and Seniors; 4. Juniors; 5. Sophomores; 6. Freshmen; 7. all others. There promises to be a more evenly distributed sale of tickets this year for both nights. The dance on Thursday evening will draw part of Friday evening crowd to that evening. This will mean that those coming Thursday evening must apply early in order to be sure of seats.

The Tech Show poster contest is over now and the posters are all in. They will be judged his week and announcement of the winner made in next week's NEWS. Posters were submitted by Morris, '19; Lyman, '20; Briggs, '19; Haselton, '18, and Kyes, '18.

### FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES WINNERS

The first games of the Interclass series were played last Saturday evening, the freshmen beating the juniors, 44 to 32, and the sophomores winning from the seniors, 36 to 35.

The freshmen held the lead from the start, with Frazer and Ericson caging baskets from all angles, while Reavey and Whitlock played a stellar game for the juniors. With the score 19 to 16 at the beginning of the second half, the game started on again in earnest, with a few changes in the lineup, and the freshmen still keeping the lead. There was never a doubt who would win, for the youngsters always kept a large margin as shown by the final score.

During halves of the first game, the sophomores and seniors played the fastest game thus far seen in the new gym. Many fouls and substitutions were made.

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## Tech Banquet

### Dr. Webster Speaks

The big banquet of the year, the Tech Banquet, was held at the Bancroft last Monday evening. This year it included the added attraction of being a banquet to the football men also. It was thought best to postpone the usual fall football banquet, and combine the two into one big affair. It was a great opportunity for us all to get together and further that Tech spirit, which may mean a great deal in this time of national crisis which we are all following so closely.

Professor Butterfield acted as toastmaster and introduced Dr. A. G. Webster, of the Naval Advisory Board, as the principal speaker of the evening. Dr. Webster's talk was principally on the Preparedness Movement, and very interesting. The football men, guests of the evening, were presented letters by Prof. Carpenter. There was plenty of pep in evidence and in the opinion of everyone present, it was one of Tech's very best banquets.

### "W" MEN GET CERTIFICATES

A most agreeable surprise came at the Tech Banquet when Prof. Carpenter presented all the "W" men now in school with a certificate, which may be framed, and kept as a record of winning the school letter. The complete list of the "W" men now in school appears below:

Football "W" Men:—W. F. Duffy, '17, H. F. Banan, '16, J. E. Arnold, '19, T. J. Morse, '19, D. T. Canfield, '19, H. H. Aldrich, '19, R. W. Horner, '20, H. F. Mossberg, '20, C. W. Needham, '20, L. L. Tower, '20, W. P. Kalagher, '18, F. Weitzen, '18, H. C. Sargent, '18, F. H. Brackett, '18, J. O. Archibald, '19, F. C. Cassavant, '18, and J. D. Storrs, '18.

Cross-Country "W" Men:—W. P. Doolittle, '18, and A. W. Francis, '17.

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### CALENDAR

TODAY—5 p. m. News staff meets in Room 20, Boynton Hall.

5 p. m. Interfraternity basketball in Gym., Alpha Tau Omega vs. Delta Tau.

WEDNESDAY—5 p. m. Baseball practice in gymnasium.

THURSDAY—5 p. m. Interfraternity basketball in gymnasium, Delta Tau vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

FRIDAY—5 p. m. Baseball practice in gymnasium.

8 p. m. Joint meeting of Engineering Societies in M. E. Hall.

8 p. m. Musical Association concert at Templeton.

SATURDAY—1.30-3.00 p. m. Baseball practice in gymnasium.

7.45 p. m. Interclass basketball and informal dance, gymnasium.

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## BOOST TECH

### Editorials

#### ARE WE ALIVE?

We are at present beginning our first baseball season with the new gymnasium and better equipment. We have prospects of a fine team. With the impetus given the squad by these conditions there should be a big increase in the interest of the student body.

Everyone with any ability should be at practice. If you don't make the team you will help those who do and thus serve Tech. The hours for practice are given in another column.

Everyone in the school can attend practice and cheer the squad along. Now is not too early to form a good habit. Spend your time at the gym on practice days and keep behind the team.

### THE NEW STAFF

This is the first number of the NEWS under the new staff. We are cognizant of its faults and of the many ways in which the paper might be improved. The paper

is for the first time in two years on a fair financial footing. The blanket tax and alumni subscriptions promise to keep it there. Our efforts can now be directed toward improving the columns of the paper.

The Institute gets exactly what it demands from the NEWS. We of the staff have always before us our ideal of a college paper. But we cannot foist this on the student body, it must be welcomed. Every man now receives a copy. Everyone can contribute. Constructive criticism will be welcomed by the staff. Help us, this year, to make this a real school paper.

### SATURDAY EVENING

Last Saturday the first of the interclass basketball games and informal dances was held. It was a success in every way. The games were well played and the dancing went off well afterward. We have two more of these on the next two Saturday evenings. They deserve a larger attendance. The classes should make some organized attempt to get their members out to cheer. Then there is room on the gym floor for more than the twenty-five couples that stayed for the dancing. Bring her next Saturday evening.

### JUNIOR CLASS COMMITTEES

President Norman P. Knowlton, of the junior class, has announced the appointment of C. Newel Huggins as Picture Committee. The class recently voted to have a committee appointed to arrange for a class picture.

Oscar Forsdale has resigned from the Junior Prom Committee because of pressure of other work. In his place Howland Butler, of Worcester, has been appointed.

### INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the interfraternity council, which was held in the library of the Electrical Engineering Department last Saturday afternoon, Professor G. H. Haynes was re-elected Chairman, and Professor H. B. Smith was re-elected Secretary. The new council for the coming year convened at that time, and the representation is as follows: Delta Tau, A. E. Robinson; Phi Sigma Kappa, E. R. Jones; Alpha Tau Omega, G. M. Pomeroy; Theta Chi, M. W. Richardson; Phi Gamma Delta, R. H. Taylor; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, W. Hayford; and Lambda Chi Alpha, J. M. Shute. The council seeks to bring about a closer relationship of the fraternities and promote scholarship improvements among the fraternities, as well as settling any possible disputes.

### COLLEGES TAKE STAND

It has been announced that debates between the teams of Columbia and six other universities have been canceled because no institution would uphold the negative side of the subject, "Resolved:—that compulsory military training be established in the United States." Fordham, Georgetown, Colgate, Syracuse, Pennsylvania, and Cornell were the other universities. Harvard and Yale have taken straw votes which show a large majority in favor of some form of universal military training. The action of these eight representative institutions shows clearly the general trend of undergraduate opinion.

## This Wednesday Evening

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### NEWS ELECTIONS

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'18, and M. W. Richardson, '18, are the Associates. C. W. Parsons, '19, P. S. Haselton, '18, and R. B. Heath, '19, are News Editors.

H. P. Crane, '19, is head of the Business staff. He will be assisted by A. H. Welch, '19, as advertising manager, and W. D. Wilkinson, '18, as subscription manager.

Mr. Firth will be President of the Association, with Messrs. Cowden and Kyes as Vice-President and Secretary, respectively. According to the constitution, Business Manager Crane is also Treasurer of the Association.

Six new men were received into membership, having worked on assignments during the last semester, and proved their interest in the NEWS. They are: M. W. Richardson, '18, W. Hastings, '20, A. M. Whittemore, '19, W. T. Morgan, '20, P. J. Harriman, '20, and G. L. White, '20.

### "W" MEN GET CERTIFICATES

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Track "W" Men:—R. H. Taylor, '18, I. G. Schmidt, '18, N. P. Knowlton, '18, T. R. Stenberg, '17, and P. S. Haselton, '18.

Baseball "W" Men:—R. L. Tomblen, P. G., F. N. Luce, '18, A. G. Green, '18, C. B. Reed, '17, W. S. Titcomb, '19, A. G. Carlson, '19, R. E. Greene, '17, G. M. Pomeroy, '17 and J. R. Wheeler, '17.

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**RIFLE TEAM LEADING**

The Tech Rifle Team took a sudden  
 brace in their fifth inter-collegiate match  
 of the season which was finished last  
 Wednesday. The team is already lead-  
 ing its class by about thirty-five points  
 and the present indications are that it  
 will open up a big increasing lead which  
 will be difficult for other contestants to  
 break down. The unofficial scores of the  
 match were:

	Standing	Prone	Total
Livermore	89	98	187
Bredenberg	85	98	183
Janvrin	84	96	180
Sessions	88	92	180
Crane	75	100	175

Team total 905  
 Those who did not qualify in the match  
 were, with their scores: Holton, 173;  
 Lewis, 163; Hollerith, 161; Smith, 155;  
 Darling, 148. These unofficial results  
 are about twenty-five points better than  
 any previous score of the season, and  
 should help the team a good deal.

The official scores of the fourth inter-  
 collegiate rifle match have arrived from  
 Washington and are as follows:  
 Bredenberg 188  
 Janvrin 177  
 Livermore 176  
 Smith 176  
 Darling 174

Total 891  
 According to the official returns the  
 Tech rifle team has now increased its  
 lead over other colleges in the class to  
 sixty-two points. The team is consist-  
 ently working hard to open up a still  
 wider margin, and it is believed that the  
 next returns will show a still greater  
 increase.

**PROF. HAYNES AWAY**

On Thursday and Friday of last week  
 Prof. G. H. Haynes, of the Department  
 of Economics and Political Science,  
 attended a meeting of Alumni in Philadel-  
 phia, Pa.

**G. E. CO. MAN TALKS**

Mr. E. L. Brown, who is an engineer of  
 the General Electric Co., gave a very  
 interesting and instructive talk to Tech  
 men last Wednesday afternoon, on the  
 subject of "Indicating and Watt-Hour  
 Meters." This lecture was held in the  
 Electrical Engineering Lecture Hall, and  
 was the fifth in the series of non-resident  
 lectures which Professor H. B. Smith  
 has arranged.

In introducing his subject, Mr. Brown  
 told of the current large demand for  
 integrating instruments of precision, due  
 to the fact that "dollars and cents" are  
 the idol of the American people today.  
 The speaker took up the principles  
 governing the action of the meters, and  
 traced the various developments which  
 have been made during the past twenty-  
 five years. A large number of lantern  
 slides were used to illustrate the many  
 types of recording instruments which are  
 now on the market, a feature being that of  
 a G. E. instrument of thirty thousand  
 amperes capacity. Many of the students  
 of the E. E. Department availed them-  
 selves of the opportunity of hearing Mr.  
 Brown, and were well repaid for their  
 attention. Announcements regarding the  
 next of the series of these lectures will  
 soon be made in the NEWS.

**A. S. M. E. MEETING**

Just as predicted, the meeting on last  
 Friday evening, under the auspices of the  
 Student M. E. Society, was the banner  
 meeting of the year thus far. Every one  
 of the two hundred seats of the M. E.  
 Lecture Room was taken by eight o'clock,  
 and even standing room was at a premium  
 under city fire ordinances.

President Warner, of the society,  
 opened the meeting, and first took up  
 the three proposed amendments to the  
 bylaws. These provisions are in brief  
 as follows: 1. The appointment, towards  
 the end of the school year, of a senior  
 nominating committee to post a list of  
 names for ballot at the annual meeting  
 of the society, said names to become the  
 officers for the ensuing year.

2. A reduction in the annual dues  
 from \$2.50 (including the society journal),  
 to \$1.00, and if desired by the member,  
 upon payment of an additional \$1.50,  
 subscription to the journal.

3. Dues shall be payable on January  
 1st, and names of members who have not  
 paid on March 1st, shall be dropped from  
 the roll-call.

After these amendments had been ac-  
 cepted, Mr. M. W. Kliesrath of the  
 Bosch Magneto Co., was introduced as  
 the speaker of the evening. He gave an  
 exceedingly interesting and comprehensive  
 outline of the stages of battery and mag-  
 neto ignition as developed by the Bosch  
 Co., and later illustrated his talk by  
 numerous slides, showing very clearly  
 each and every type of ignition machine.

At the close of the lecture proper, he  
 showed a great many excellent slides of  
 all types of magnetos, wiring connections,  
 and comparative tests made between  
 battery and magneto ignitors. These  
 slides in themselves would constitute  
 a most instructive and comprehensive  
 study of the entire subject of ignition.  
 Mr. Kliesrath's talk was interesting in  
 the extreme, and he was given a unani-  
 mous vote of thanks for affording such  
 an opportunity to the Worcester branch  
 of the Society.

**FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES  
 WINNERS**

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The seniors had the lead all the time  
 during the first half, holding their oppo-  
 nents 26 to 14.

However, the sophs. came back with a  
 grand rush, and soon tied the score by  
 Archibald's and Griffin's timely goals.  
 Three times the score was tied and broken  
 during this second half, with Freeman  
 always getting the extra point on a free  
 try, when Archibald caged the goal  
 which won a very hotly contested game  
 by one point.

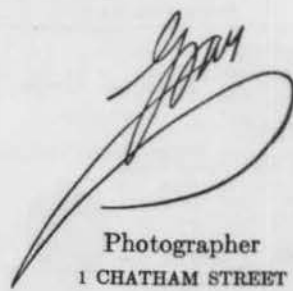
A goodly crowd witnessed the games,  
 after which a dancing party was held,  
 in which about forty couples participated.  
 The music was furnished by Messrs.  
 Bander and Parsons.

The remaining schedule is as follows:  
 March 10, 1917 vs. 1920; 1918 vs. 1916;  
 March 17, 1920 vs. 1919, 1918 vs. 1917.

**LINE-UPS**

FRESHMEN	JUNIORS
Ericsson rf	It Reavey
Lincoln, Bander lf	
	rb Hermitz, Lanton, Lemay
Frazer c	c Whitlock
Mosberg rb	lf Waddell
Smith, Howard lb	rf Wood, Weitzen

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INTERFRATERNITY BASKETBALL

On Thursday, March 1, interfraternity basketball games were played between Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta, and also between Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Chi. On March 6, Delta Tau plays Alpha Tau Omega at five o'clock, and on Thursday, March 8, Delta Tau will play Sigma Alpha Epsilon. These games will finish up the fraternity series. The following are the results of the games played on March 1.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA—26  
PHI GAMMA DELTA—18  
Roraback f f Lockey  
Haycock f f Waddell  
Freeman c c Archibald  
Lawton g g Smith  
McCaffery g g Sessions  
Webster  
Tower

Field goals: Roraback 5, Freeman 5, Lockey 1, Waddell 1, Archibald 3, Sessions 1, Tower 1. Fouls on: Roraback 2, Haycock 3, Freeman 3, Lawton 2, McCaffery 3, Lockey 4, Archibald 3, Smith 4, Sessions 1.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA—23. THETA CHI—10  
Darling f f Reavey  
Tomblen f f Griffin  
Cutler c c Whitlock  
Converse g g Smith  
Wood g g Ericsson  
Pomeroy

Field goals: Darling 2, Tomblen 2, Cutler 4, Reavey 1, Ericsson 2. Fouls on: Darling 2, Tomblen 2, Cutler 3, Converse 1, Wood 3, Reavey 3, Griffin 3, Whitlock 3, Smith 3, Ericsson 4.

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES WINNERS

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Goals from floor: Waddell, Whitlock, Bander, Lawton 2, Lincoln 3, Frazer, Reavey 5, Ericsson 9. Goals from free tries: Waddell 1, Frazer 6, Reavey 9.

SOPHOMORES SENIORS  
Griffin rf lb Smith  
Lockey, Morse lf rb Parks  
Archibald c c Cutler  
Bassett rb lf Sessions, Darling  
Eaton, Carlson, Wright lb rf Freeman

Goals from floor: Bassett, Smith, Cutler, Sessions 3, Lockey, Archibald, Freeman 5, Griffin 6. Goal from free tries: Archibald 2, Freeman 11. Referee Brough. Timer and score keeper, Prof. Carpenter.

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