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TECH WINS FROM AMMUNITION TRAIN

In one of the most exciting basketball games ever staged in Alumni Gym Tech defeated the fast 301st Ammunition Train quintet to the tune of 29-28.

With but a few seconds to play and the score 28-27, in favor of the Army team, Steele, the stalwart little back, emerged from the fracas and shot the winning basket, just as the whistle sounded. The visiting team put up a strong protest, claiming that the whistle had blown before the ball had left the player's hands, but Referee Jones ruled that the ball was in the air when the whistle blew, and Tech won its first game of the season.

Capt. Kushner was at his best, and his speed gave his team a majority of their points. He took advantage of every loophole and backed up his team mates in spectacular fashion when a passing game was called for.

For the Army team "Buster" Holley, the former K. of C. star, showed a lot of his old time form in spectacular long shots. Jack Nugent, another K. of C. star, was always in the limelight.

Bert Tomblen, former Tech star athlete, played the last ten minutes of the game and gave an excellent account of himself.

The shooting of Stoughton was excellent, and kept the Army backs always on edge whenever he had the ball.

W. P. I.—29 28—301ST A. T.
Riley, Stoughton lf rb Wilder
Kushner rf lb Holley
Lincoln c c Donohue
Mossberg lb rf Morley, Tomblen
Steele, Koraback rb lf Nugent

Baskets from floor, Kushner 3, Riley, Stoughton 3, Lincoln 3, Steele 2, Morley, Nugent 3, Donohue 2, Holley 4, Wilder 2. Baskets on free tries, Kushner 5, Nugent 4. Free tries missed, Kushner 7, Nugent 4, Holley. Fouls called on Kushner 2, Stoughton, Lincoln 2, Mossberg 2, Steele 2, Nugent 2, Holley 7, Wilder 2. Referee, Charles Jones. Timer, Sidney C. Hazleton. Time, 20-minute halves.

ENGINEERING RESERVE CORPS

Tech had thirty-two men eligible for the Engineering Reserve Corps. Of these, sixteen applicants were approved by the Chief of Engineers. Most of the sixteen have already passed the physical examination and have been sworn in. They are as follows:

Seniors—L. S. Converse, H. W. Dows, O. H. Forsdale, W. W. Fuchs, W. P. Kalagher, N. P. Knowlton, E. L. Kranz, B. Luther, G. H. MacCullough, R. M. Marshall.

Juniors—T. H. Ewing, M. W. Garland, R. C. Leland, H. A. McConville, H. J. E. Reid.

Sophomores—F. E. Reiners.

THE COLLEGE ATHLETE AND THE WAR

BY WALTER CAMP

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

It is with a feeling of great satisfaction with those of us who have ever contended that the sport of football was one which bred real men, that we find in this time of emergency of the country our gridiron heroes, practically en masse, have gone to the colors. Last year's Yale and Harvard teams which played at the Yale Bowl before some eighty thousand spectators, are now divided in the service as follows:

Yale—Moseley, le, Lafayette Escadrille, France; Church, re, sergeant, Aviation Section, A. E. F., France; Gates, lt, Aviation Section, U. S. N. R. F.; Black, lg, U. S. N. R. F., Newport, R. I.; Callahan, cen, U. S. N. R. F., Newport, R. I.; Fox, rg, Sec. Lieut., U. S. R. Field Artillery; Baldrige, rt, Capt. U. S. R. Field Artillery; Comerford, re, American Ambulance Corps, France; Laroche, qb, American Ambulance Corps, France; Neville, lh, Second Lieut. U. S. R. Field Artillery; LeGore, rh, Lieut. U. S. Marine Corps, France; Jacques, fb, officer in Ordnance Corps.

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"SOMEWHERE"

To the Faculty and Students back at good old W. P. I.:

I am quite sure that were I able to walk up Tech Hill and be in your midst again for a few minutes, you would ask me my impressions resulting from the actual service over there.

I feel that one question probably would be asked by all: What should I do?

I cannot answer and decide for you what must be your own personal decision. I may make, however, a few suggestions. To the Faculty members over draft age, I can say only, that you must settle it yourself as a personal matter, relying on your own good judgment. You must consider all angles of the question, the service you are now rendering to the Institute, to the public at large, to your family; and decide whether in the new field of great opportunities you could render equally effective service.

It would be out of the question for many of the instructing force to go, thus handicapping seriously the work of the institution. This work ought to be and must be continued with perhaps more care and vigor than ever. Should anyone feel prompted to offer their services and be accepted for some particular line of work of importance to the country, I feel that it is the duty

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THE ALL-COLLEGE RALLY

The All-College Rally, replacing in large measure this year the usual formal banquets and reunions of the individual alumni associations, will be held at the Boston Opera House, Huntington Avenue, on Saturday, February 16, 1918, at 7:45 o'clock. It will be a rousing mass meeting of the college men of Greater Boston—an occasion to demonstrate the depth and breadth of our college fellowship and to consecrate ourselves anew to the patriotic service of the hour—and you cannot afford to miss the opportunity to attend. To date forty-two College Alumni Associations have pledged their active support.

The primary object of the Rally is the support of the American University Union in Europe, the work of which vitally touches every college man in our service abroad. Virtually all of our colleges and universities are members of that Union and so the work is one in which you have an opportunity and a responsibility. To the end that we may express in practical fashion our interest in that work the price of tickets to the Rally will be one dollar (war tax included). You may obtain your ticket by sending one dollar at once to the secretary of your own alumni association. Do not delay beyond February 11th at the latest.

W. P. I. IN PARIS

A notice from President Hollis gives the students and graduates of Tech an opportunity of contributing towards a W. P. I. banner for the American College Union in Paris. This union is a Club House and meeting place for officers and men in the service coming from American colleges. Some months ago the Faculty voted to buy a membership in the Union for W. P. I. and we should do our part by contributing a small bit towards a symbolic representation—the banner. The suggestion comes from Capt. Butterfield who visited the Union, and foresaw the advantage of having our banner there.

NEW SOPHOMORE LEADERS

Sophomore elections on February 7, resulted in the selection of the following men as officers of 1920 for the second semester: A. K. Lincoln of Pittsfield, president; F. C. Stevens of New Britain, Ct., vice president; H. E. Drake of Brooklyn, N. Y., secretary; M. B. Arthur of Worcester, treasurer.

The class of 1920 took up a collection to go towards the purchase of a W. P. I. banner for the American College Union at Paris.

DR. EDMUND ARTHUR ENGLER

Dr. Edmund Arthur Engler, fourth President of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, died in St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16, 1918. Born in St. Louis in 1856, he was educated in the public schools of his native city and at Washington University, also located there. He served his Alma Mater as instructor and as professor, and he was Dean of the Washington University School of Engineering when, in 1901, he was called to the presidency of the Institute. He entered upon the duties of this office in September, 1901, and served for ten years, resigning in 1911 to return to Washington University as Secretary, a position of great importance and responsibility. This position he occupied at the time of his death.

Dr. Engler's administration at the Institute was marked by notable progress and along many lines. In 1902 the Foundry was erected. Four years later six alumni purchased and presented to the Institute the Hill estate on Boynton Street, thus completing the block of Institute property. The Electrical Engineering building was opened for students in the fall of 1907. When Dr. Engler assumed office in 1901, he found a student body of 270; the registration when he left was 525. This remarkable growth was due, in part at least, to the system of admission by certificate which was introduced at the Institute in 1902, largely through Dr. Engler's influence. He watched over this system from the beginning, and directed it during his term of office. He always sat with the committee who had it in charge. Thus the nearly 400 schools now accredited to the Institute began with the mere handful accredited in 1902. Moreover, Dr. Engler was always keenly interested in publicity, and legitimate advertising, and he lost no opportunity of bringing the Institute and its work before the public. In 1906 the Institute was placed on the list of colleges ac-

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CALENDAR

Every Day—5.00 p. m. Varsity basketball practice.

Monday—Feb. 11—NEWS annual business meeting.

Tuesday—Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday.

Wednesday—Feb. 13—5.00 p. m. Wireless meeting.

7.00 p. m. Dr. Drew speaks at Y. M. C. A.

Thursday—Feb. 14—St. Valentine's Day.

Friday—Feb. 15—No meat served.

Saturday—Feb. 16—Basketball with M. A. C. at Amherst.

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Editorials

Today is Lincoln's birthday. This is a phrase often heard and easily said. Lincoln's birthday has a particular meaning to the American people since it marks the beginning of a life which played such an important part in the shaping of our destinies. Since the principles which we have set ourselves to maintain in this war are so closely in accord with those of Abraham Lincoln, we ought solemnly to dedicate ourselves anew to the teachings of Lincoln at this time.

Pledges are common things with us nowadays. Not a day passes without the newspapers containing accounts of some one or more "drives" to secure pledges of funds and resources for some worthy purpose. Pledges are honorable. They are natural, but when once given they should not be forgotten. Perhaps there lies here the wrong in this practice, the temptation to disregard the pledge after the time of inter-

est and excitement when the pledge is made is over. If so, we must guard against making pledges for more than we are able or intend to stand back of. If you pledge anything, whether money or moral conduct, think first of your ability, and then go as far as your honesty and means will allow.

The measure of a man's school spirit is not how much he will do for the school of a thing he enjoys doing; it is not the amount of noise—or at least is not limited to the amount of noise—which he makes at a school athletic contest. By this we mean that if a man goes out for a team here at Tech—say the football team, for the sake of argument—and plays all season, and if he enjoys the game, if it is his favorite amusement, he cannot sit back for the remainder of the year and tell himself and others that he is the impersonation of real true-blue Tech spirit because of what he has done in football. Such an assumption would be all wrong fundamentally. As another case, suppose a man attends, say, three-quarters of the school's games and cheers wildly for the team; this does not show that the man is full of college loyalty and spirit. Of course, both these examples are things that every man can and should do,—do not understand us as saying that a man is disloyal if he DOES these things. Our point is: a man must not STOP at these in showing himself a Tech man in every sense of the word. What we are driving at is, that the measure of a man's school spirit is how much he will do for the school of a thing he does not enjoy doing—for which he receives, perhaps, no honor at all, or even knocks for his efforts. The man who will work for the Institute without hope of reward, except the personal pleasure of having helped the school, the pride of having done his duty, is the man who has the real, deep-seated college spirit.

Perhaps the most thankless job on the Hill (except teaching) is running the News. This is not an exaggeration at all. It is very rarely that anyone not connected with the paper in some way gives a word of praise to the staff for their work. On the contrary, very little but criticism is heard. The staff does its best to get out a good paper and does so without hope of the reward which goes with the winning of a football letter or any athletic insignia. If we tell you the reason for this, we will only be repeating an open secret: there are not enough men out for the editorial staff. In running a good college paper—for proof look into the matter of how any college paper which you consider a good one is run—there must be a large number of men working for it. There must be competition, a thing entirely lacking in this paper. More than one man must be assigned to each writup and the best article chosen. It must be made difficult to obtain a position on the staff. When these things are accomplished the News will be on a par with any weekly college paper around; there will be honor in the school for the men who run it; it will be a real college activity instead of a little thing in which a mere handful of men take

an active interest. The student body is needed to attain these approaches to the ideal. If you have an idea that a man must have some special literary talent in order to be a good man for the News; if you think it will take so much time that you cannot come out and work without neglecting your studies; if you think it would be entirely devoid of pleasure provided the sting of criticism were removed; in any of these ideas, you are entirely in the wrong. The more men there are out for the editorial staff, the less work it is for each individual, the less burden of responsibility rests on the man in charge, and the greater, by far, is the quality of the paper. It is for all these reasons that we ask you all to come out for the News; make your school paper a paper to be proud of—to rank with all others of its type; show that your measure of school spirit—the amount of work you will do, because it is for the school, of work which you do not really enjoy doing—is full to the brim and overflowing. This, as we have said, approaches the ideal, but Tech MEN can do it.

TECH SECONDS DEFEATED

The Tech second basketball team was defeated by the varsity Worcester Academy five Saturday afternoon, in the Academy gymnasium by a score of 23 to 13. Tech scored most of its points in the first half, the Academy coming back in the second period and showing the best form of the season.

The score:

W. ACADEMY—23 13—TECH 2DE
Jewett lf rb Bassett
Stephens rf lb Lawton, Pickwick
Carroll and Johnson c

c Waddell and Pearson
Ehni, Springhorne rb lf McKie, Bauder
Hecht, McCrillis lb rf Roraback
Baskets from the floor, Jowett f, Stephens 3, Pearson 2, Roraback, McCrillis, Bassett, Springhorne. Baskets on free tries, Roraback 3, Johnson, Bassett, Pearson, Referee, R. J. Delehanty, Timer, Sid Hazleton. Time 20-minute halves. Attendance 300.

LAWTON VISITS TECH

Lt. K. B. Lawton, U. S. Infantry, and a member of the class of 1917, visited Tech on last Thursday. Lt. Lawton was one of the Tech men who went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has since been stationed in Georgia and Oklahoma, and is now on his way back to Georgia. He has nothing but good to say for the army life.

INTERFRATERNITY RELAYS SOON

As a suggestion it is time for the Interfraternity Relays, and they will probably be run off soon. In past years, the interest has been very keen over the races. This will probably more than ever be apparent this year since there will be no varsity Relays. All the fraternities should start their teams training now, and make as good an exhibition as possible in the races.

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of the institution to encourage such persons. Is it too much to expect a college to make some sacrifices for the great cause of humanity even as do individuals?

To the students, I would give this advice:

Proceed on your course.

It is a perfectly natural feeling, inherent in youth, that perhaps you ought to volunteer at once rather than wait your turn in the draft. This consideration may come to you now, very keenly, as your intimate friends have gone or are going. Some may feel that there is a certain, perhaps undefinable, yet existing feeling of stigma attached to a drafted man. Such, I feel, ought not to be the case, and if it does exist in a small measure, it is not justifiable at this time.

The serious question is, are you ready and willing to do your duty when your turn comes, provided it does come? Surely you are!

Then your thoughts should turn toward the preparation of this opportunity for service. Any student with one or two years remaining to complete his course rightly asks himself: Will not my further stay at the Institute and the completion of my course better equip me for greater usefulness and render me much more liable to solve questions and problems that will arise in any branch of the service in which I may find myself?

Most assuredly so, and you may feel that you are doing your duty by remaining where you are for the present. The one important purpose and goal to be sought is, therefore, to **increase your sphere of usefulness.**

The present war, whether of long or short duration, demands many men of engineering training, as no other war has ever done. If of long duration, there will be ample opportunity for service later and you will be more ready and can render more effective service. The hand of the engineer is seen everywhere, from the tunnels under ground to the flying avions in the sky, from the docks of debarkation, through the roads and transportation systems to the construction of the camps.

The service is not confined to one field of engineering alone; the civil engineer may build; the mechanical, equip and install; the electrical, illuminate and send radio messages; the chemist, analyze and invent deadly gases,—the result is the same: it is engineering in some form.

New phases of application have arisen that were unthought of four years ago. Therefore, take time to prepare, concentrate your energies, lay broad foundations, enthuse over your work, so that when the call comes, it will find you ready and

WORTHILY PREPARED INDEED

The message of the paragraphs above comes from Captain Butterfield. He is aware of the feelings that come to all Tech men, and we can do no better than to consider carefully his advice to us "back here."

Dr. Engler

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cepted by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, its requirements for admission were raised, and new requirements were added. The steps necessary to secure this gratifying recognition were initiated by Dr. Engler and were guided by him to a successful conclusion. And his intimate acquaintance with President Pritchett of the Foundation smoothed out many difficulties in the course of the negotiations.

It was during Dr. Engler's administration that Professor Butterfield began his great work, which commenced with the purchase and presentation of Alumni Field to the Institute, and which ended with the completion and endowment of the fully equipped gymnasium. And in the last year of this administration the Institute branch of the Young Men's Christian Association inaugurated its first paid secretary.

There are other steps in the progress that has been mentioned as having come during Dr. Engler's administration, but enough has been said to show that this progress was indeed notable.

Dr. Engler was a master of system. Many of his methods, which revolutionized former conditions at the Institute, are in use today. He was a kindly man, as countless students and others connected with the Institute of that day can testify. Of strong social instincts he valued his friends, of whom he had many, and he enjoyed them to the utmost. He had graduated from a liberal course at the university and he had fine literary and artistic tastes. Yet he was possessed of keen mathematical and scientific endowment, had done work of value in these fields, and knew and was esteemed by scientific men both here and abroad. He had traveled much and he knew many peoples and many languages besides his own.

Dr. Engler did an important work for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute at a critical time, a work whose value will be felt and appreciated as long as the Institute endures. And those who knew him and who knew of the work that he did and of his devotion to that work will mourn his passing, for it seemed that many years of useful activity remained to him. But though they mourn they have yet, and they will have, the lasting memory of the kindly man whom they knew, whose works shall follow him.

ZELOTES W. COOMBS.

NEW CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR

At the beginning of the second semester, Tech added another instructor to the department of chemistry. Mr. Russell, who graduated from our neighbor, Clark college, last year, and who spent the first term of this year at the University of Michigan, comes here to strengthen further this already strong department. Although youthful in appearance, he has made a hit with the fellows he has met, and his knowledge of chemistry will be appreciated by those whom he instructs. We wish to extend our best wishes to him, and hope that his instructing here will be successful.

The College Athlete

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Harvard—Harte, re, Captain U. S. R. Heavy Artillery; Phinney, re, Ensign, U. S. N. R. R. F. Annapolis; Batchelder, re, Ensign, U. S. Navy; Caner, rt, Ambulance Service, France; Sweetser, rt, Ensign School, Harvard; Snow, rg, Capt. U. S. R., Camp Devens; Dadmun, Ensign School, Harvard; Harris cen, lg, A. F. Corps, France; Wheeler, lt, Ensign U. S. Navy; Coolidge, le, Capt. Inf., U. S. R., Camp Devens; Robinson, qb, Lieut., U. S. R., Camp Devens; Murray, qb, U. S. Naval Reserves; Felton, qb, Ensign School, Harvard; Horween, rh, Ensign, U. S. Navy; Flower, rh, Naval Reserves Aviation Corps; Willcox, rh, Ensign, Naval Res. Aviation Corps; Thacher, lb, U. S. R., Camp Devens; Casey, lb, U. S. Naval Reserves; Minot, lb, Lieut., U. S. R., Camp Devens.

And this is equally true of the other colleges and universities throughout the broad land. The writer has had an opportunity, owing to his government work at the Naval Stations, to see that wherever there is a naval station there is the blue uniform and wearing it with the same spirit that they formerly wore the jersey or the canvas jacket, are our players not alone of last year but of the earlier periods.

We are once more proving that the lights of song and story in the present generation, even as in that of the olden times, shone most brightly over brave men. "And brighter lights shone o'er fair women and brave men." And there seems to be a reason for it. A social scientist, forty years ago, said that the greatest nation of the future would be the one that could send the most men to the top of the Matterhorn. He was assailed by many with questioning as to what he meant and whether he placed physical qualities and strength and the physique above the artistic and literary. But the events of the last four years have been showing more and more clearly what he had in mind, and what qualities a nation must possess, even in this twentieth century itself, in order to even live. Perhaps the millenium will sometime come but it is manifest that today bravery and physical qualities are essential to the very life and existence of any nation. This is the reason why we must make our men—all of them—more fit and enduring, more able to withstand hardships. Our college athlete is the fighting type. His spirit, his arms, his legs are good. The only point where we have in a measure failed is in his set-up, deepening of his chest and the better development of his trunk for suppleness, action and resistive force. That is a point we are remodeling today and the athlete of the future will be more the all-around man and the average man in college will have more of the possibilities of the athlete.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING

Rev. E. P. Drew, D. D., recently of China, will speak on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at 7 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. His subject, which is the first of three, will be "Do Engineers need to Pray?"

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CHYMISTS ELECT AND HEAR REPORT

The report of the Secretary of the Society of Sceptical Chymists shows the society to be one of the thriving organizations on the Hill.

At this regular meeting of the Sceptical Chymists held last Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: Oliver R. Wulf '19, of Norwich, Conn., president; Earl H. Winslow, '20, of Westboro, vice president; Dr. Bonnett, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The new members of the council of the society are Dr. Daniels, who was chosen for two years; Edward E. Wolfe, '20, of Worcester, and Merle C. Cowden, '19, of New Bedford, were elected for a period of one year each.

TECH ORCHESTRA PLAYS

The Tech Orchestra gave its first public concert on Sunday evening, February 3rd, in Mechanics hall, as a part of the program given for the benefit of the Worcester War Chest. The entertainment of the evening was furnished by the musical clubs from the four Worcester colleges, Assumption, Clark, Holy Cross, and Tech.

Assumption college rendered a very interesting program and had a very large orchestra and a larger chorus. Clark Glee Club represented that college and was as large as on previous years. Holy Cross had both an orchestra and a glee club to furnish its portion of the program. The Tech orchestra rendered several selections and a piano solo. Tech's musical delegation was a great deal smaller than any of the other groups, and Tech had no cheering section to compare with that of Holy Cross and Clark.

JUNIORS ELECT

Following the lecture in Political Science on Tuesday, Feb. 5, the Juniors held a meeting to elect officers for the second semester. B. R. Amsden of Athol was elected president, A. W. Bassett of Greenfield vice president, H. P. J. Johnson of Worcester secretary, and K. C. Russell of Still River treasurer.

FRESHMEN CHOOSE OFFICERS

The class of 1921 held its mid-year election of officers following the Chemistry lecture on Feb. 6. Carroll Stoughton of Montague was chosen president; C. P. Frey of Newark, N. J., vice president; J. P. Condit of Waterville, Ct., secretary; W. N. Dudley of Providence, R. I., treasurer.

WIRELESS MEETING

The Wireless Association will hold its semi-annual business meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 5 P. M., in Room 1 of the E. E. Building. At this meeting the officers for the second semester will be elected and the various reports will be received.

All members of the Association are urged to attend, and any men who desire to become members. There will be a splendid chance to learn practical operating, which may be of great value in the near future, especially to those men of draft age.

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