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SCHEDULE OF FINAL EXAMINATIONS

	Thurs. Jan. 17	Fri. Jan. 18	Sat., Jan. 19	Mon., Jan. 21	Tues., Jan. 22	Wed. Jan. 23
SENIOR						
A	Gas. E. Lect.	Dyn.	Steam M207	Hydr.	E. E. Lab. E. Lect.	
B	Struc. B 17	M 301	Masonry M208	M208		San. Chem. (B) Ch. Lect.
C	Indust. S-37	Sanit. S-37	Quant. S37	Organic S37	Foundry M-208 or Survey B-19	San. Chem. Ch. Lect.
D	Gas. E Lect.	Dyn. M 301	Masonry M208	Thermo. M-301	E. E. Lab. E. Lect.	E. E. 14 E. Lect.
JUNIOR						
A, B	Statics	Econ.	Kinem. M303	Thermo. M-301	Phy. 3	
C	M 208	B-19	Stereot. B18	Railroad B-18	Ph. Lect.	Highways B-17
E	Theoret. S-33	B-20		Quant. S-33		
F, G	Statics M-206		Kinem M303	Steam M113	Phy. 4 S-24	
SOPH.						
A, B	Phy. 1	Eng. 3 B-25	Calc.	Germ. 5	Survey B19	
C	Ph. Lec.	Survey B-18	B-19	B-19 or French 5		
D, E	Ch. Lec. and	Adv. Inorg. B-24	B-24		Qualit. Ch. Lec.	
F, G	S-24	Qualit. E Lect.	B-25	B-20	Survey B19	
FRESHMAN						
A	Eng. 1	Math. 1	Germ. 3 Ch. Lect.	Chem. 1		
C	B-19	Ph. Lect.	French 3 Ph. Lect.	Ch. Lect.		
D, E	B-24	Ch. Lect.	Germ. 1 Ch. Lect.	Ph. Lect.		
G, H	B-25	S-24	French 1 Ph. Lect.			

The above examinations will be held at nine A. M. In addition, on Monday, Jan. 21, at two P. M., will be held the examinations in Spanish I, in B-24.

January 5, 1918.

(Signed)

IRA N. HOLLIS, President

JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute engineering societies was held January 11, 1918 in the Electrical Engineering Lecture Hall and was in charge of the Civil Engineering Society. Pres. Reavey introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. S. G. Webb, of the Gypsum Industries Association of Chicago. Mr. Webb took as his subject, "The Use of Gypsum in Building Construction." Mr. Webb gave a complete history of the gypsum industry, which was very interesting. The attendance was rather small, consisting mostly of professors and instructors, but this small attendance was due, no doubt, to the coming examinations. However the students of the Institute are missing rare opportunities to hear good talks on various scientific subjects and should take more interest in these meetings.

BASKETBALL OPENING

All things considered, the opening of W. P. I.'s first basketball season last Saturday night was an auspicious one. The playing of the team was excellent and showed promise of much better things to come, the one great and glaring weakness being a general poor eye for the basket. The M. A. C. players were the opposite on this point and made nearly all shots count for scores, although they did not have nearly as many tries as the Tech men. It was this, really, that brought them their 34 to 24 victory. Our men played a good passing game and often had openings for baskets from the floor, but a large number of the shots went wild and failed in their mission.

The visiting team has already played two games this season and has won them both. Consequently it went on the floor with a confidence in ultimate
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LETTER FROM "DOC" BROUGH

We are able this week, through the courtesy of Professor Carpenter, to publish a letter from F. C. Brough, now with the Marines at Paris Island, South Carolina. "Doc," as he was known on the hill, was finally successful in enlisting, and has left his post in the gymnasium for the duration of the war, to show some "pep" in the "first-to-fight" corps. His letter follows:

December 25, 1917.

Dear "Boss:"

Having tucked a good substantial morning "chow" of "creme de ble sans creme," fried spuds, coffee, and bread under my belt, with nothing to do all day except "chow," (for it is Christmas on the Island), thought I'd drop you a line. Except for last Sunday, which was also a day of rest, and today, we've been traveling some ever since we
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CALENDAR

Thursday—9 a. m. Mid-year examinations commence.

Tuesday—Jan. 22—No issue of NEWS.

Wednesday—Jan. 23—Last examination. Mid-year recess commences.

Monday—Jan 28—School re-opens. Special courses for Seniors commence. 5 p. m. Monthly meeting of News Association, Room 113, M. E. Bldg.

Several applications for membership in the News Association have already been received. If you have been working on the News, hand in your application to Kyes, '18, before you forget it. Applications cannot be received later than one month before the elections in February.

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BOOST TECH

Editorials

Have you paid that pledge yet which you made for the War Fund? Try to find the required amount and settle the obligation before the "after mid-year's" rush gets you.

In this issue we are glad to hear from Professor Percy R. Carpenter on a subject which should interest every Tech student. We wish to add a word for the students in general, to his plea for fair dealing for the Athletic Association.

As students who are called upon to pay a "blanket tax" for the maintenance of athletics; we try to do it cheerfully, feeling that it is money expended not unwisely. When, however, we find the equipment which that money has helped to buy disappearing, we are not satisfied. We do not pay a tax to supply certain men with extra blankets, jerseys, or anything else. Moreover, we are fairly sure

that these men have not, in general, paid the tax themselves. They have not the school spirit.

Can there not be in the future some closer count kept of equipment, and who has it? If called upon to make good the price of any equipment he has borrowed and lost, a fellow will be careful not to let it happen again. For the present case, we appeal to the sense of justice in those men who have taken equipment. You fellows may say that you have worked hard on the football team, and that taking something which you want is only a small return. Granted. But by that means you are setting athletics at Tech back financially, and hitting at your school's prestige and spirit. Learn to give and not to take.

Basketball Opening

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success which was entirely lacking in the Tech team, whose practice had been limited to one week and whose experience in games was nothing. It is not surprising, therefore, that the M. A. C. men started off with quite a rush and made five points very shortly. But a lead like that seemed to be what the W. P. I. men needed, for they immediately commenced to fight harder and soon took the lead away from their opponents, bringing the score up to 7-5. This state of affairs ended with a spurt by the visitors which gave them an advantage of eight or nine points,—a lead which remained practically constant throughout the remainder of the game. The Tech team showed a more consistent game of basketball than the Aggies men, for they made practically the same scores in each half—13 and 11, respectively, whereas their opponents made 22 points in the first half and only 12 in the second.

Ericsson played a very good game for us, making an even half on our score. Kushner, although scoring less, played equally well, seeming to be into every mixup there was and fighting hard without a letup. These two men were the only local men to play the entire game. Kushner was acting captain and did very well in injecting spirit into the men. McCarty, the visiting captain and right forward, was the bright and shining star of the game, making 24 of his team's points.

The two games played—W. P. I. vs. M. A. C., and W. P. I., 2nd, vs. South High School—were a study in contrasts. The latter, which began the evening, was rather slow and uninteresting, ending with a walkaway for the Tech 2nd by a 32-15 score. The former was fast and interesting to watch, ending in a loss to Tech by a considerable score. At first, the second team game looked as though it would be close, for it took the Tech 2nd a long time to get started. However, when they did fall into their stride, the visitors did not have much show. The score at the end of the first period was 17-9 in our favor. Waddell played well and did most of the scoring in that period, but seemed unable to get away in the last half, when he failed to score at all. Riley played a consistently good game throughout, also making eight points. Roraback's shooting on free tries, was good, as was his de-

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fensive work. For the high school, Bennett played the best game, making five points directly and helping toward several more with his passing.

C. C. Jones, of the Academy, refereed both games and gave everybody a very square and satisfactory deal, including the audience. The two games ended at quarter of ten, leaving time for three dances before the evening was closed at ten, by order of the fuel administrators. Bauder and Parsons, as usual at the basketball games in the gymnasium, furnished drum and piano music for the dancing.

The next game on the W. P. I. schedule is with Stevens and takes place on February second. With three weeks in which to practice, the team hopes to strengthen sufficiently to get revenge on the Hoboken collegians for our football defeat at their hands last fall.

The summaries of the Saturday games:

M. A. C.—34 **24—W. P. I.**
McCarty, capt. rf rf, Kushner, ac. capt.
Harrington, lf lf, Stoughton
Whittle, c c, Ericsson
Lent, rg rg, Mossberg
Parkhurst, lg lg, McCaffrey

Baskets from the floor: McCarty 10, Ericsson 6, Harrington 2, Kushner 2, Whittle 2, Stoughton 2, Reavey, Parkhurst. Baskets on free tries: McCarty 4, Kushner 2. Free tries missed: McCarty 5, Kushner 3. Fouls: on Stoughton 2, Kushner 2, Ericsson 2, Lincoln 2, Lent 2, Mossberg, McCarty, Whittle, Blanchard. Substitutes: for M. A. C.—Blanchard for Whittle, Lothrop for Harrington, Baag for Lent. For W. P. I.—Steele for Mossberg, Reavey for Stoughton, Lincoln for McCaffrey. Offi-

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Griffin, lf lf, Bennett
Waddell, c c, Leavitt
Roraback, rg rg, Colesworthy
Bassett, lg lg, Winn

Baskets from the floor: Riley 4, Waddell 4, Couillard 3, Bennett 2, Roraback 2, Bauder 2, Bassett, Leavitt, Garrettsen. Baskets on free tries: Roraback 6, Bennett, Free tries missed: Roraback 9, Bennett 3, Riley. Fouls: on Colesworthy 4, Bennett 3, Leavitt 3, Winn 3, Roraback 2, Pickwick 2, Montgomery 2, Bassett, Garrettsen. Substitutes: for W. P. I. 2nd—Bauder for Griffin, Pearson for Waddell, Pickwick for Bassett. For W. S. H. S.—Couillard for Leavitt, Nelson for Colesworthy, Garrettsen for Winn. Officials: C. C. Jones, referee. P. R. Carpenter, timer. Time of halves: 15 minutes. Attendance: 250.

AFTERMATH PLANS

At the last meeting of the Aftermath Board, it was voted to plan this year's book on the basis of 150 pages. This will be sufficient to cover the essential features, but will be more in keeping with war-time economy and spirit than the usual showy book. A possible allotment of these pages, prepared by M. W. Richardson, was favored. Assignments are now being made, and the write-ups for the book are coming in. Pictures of the Seniors are being taken at Bushong's as rapidly as appointments can be made. The Aftermath will be ready in ample time for the early graduation in April. As this year's book will be very moderate in price, it is expected that a large number of underclassmen will desire copies.

NEWMAN CLUB MEETING

The Newman Club held its regular meeting last Tuesday night in the Y. M. C. A. Father Foran spoke, after which a general discussion of the war was held.

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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

A social meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club was held Friday, Jan. 4th, in the school gymnasium. President Reid introduced Professor Jennings, the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Caligula—A Character Sketch." He first explained how he had come upon this pamphlet, written in German, while he was studying in Germany 22 years ago. With the coming of the present war he had been impressed with the many coincidences and similarities between the narrative of the life of this old Roman Emperor and the main events and happenings in the present Emperor William's life, and so had translated it from German to English. The pamphlet dealt with the life of Caius Caesar, nicknamed "Caligula," and his character was portrayed vividly, the talk proving very interesting. At the close of Professor Jennings' talk a discussion was held and refreshments were served.

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Letter from "Doc" Brough
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stepped on this here "piece of sand" off the coast of South Carolina.

As they were terribly rushed—just flooded with applicants and us "draft-dodgers," we didn't mark time very long at the receiving station. We arrived a week ago Friday, about twelve hours late, getting to Paris Island about about 10.30 p. m. instead of a. m., and they've had us on the jump from then on. We had our physical exam. Saturday, and all the M. D. said to me was: "You've participated some in athletics, haven't you?" and didn't even comment on my pedal extremities. . . . Then, on Sunday, we got our clothes, and on Monday a bunch of us—three reliefs of six men, and I was fortunate to draw one of the "lucky" numbers—did guard duty for 24 hours—two hours on, and four off. That last trick from 3 to 5 a. m., Tuesday, was a cold one. Then on Tuesday we packed all our luggage up, and started for the training camp three miles away "en route step," and we all agreed that the "doctor said I'm in awful bad condition" was most emphatically right.

Up to that time we had no military stuff. They soon handed it to us, averaging about three hours a day. You might be interested to know a day's programme on the Island. It is: reveille at 5.45, at which time any of us who happen to be extra heavy sleepers are abruptly disturbed by the corporal's "melodious" voice calling out, "Hit the deck," and then, "Up you come," and he sure is some alarm clock. I have the "bunk of honor," right next to our corporal's, so I have to be especially vigilant and alert. Then we make up our bunks "per regulation," and sweep up and mop down our quarters; then wash up and "chow," then "police" quarters and drill for a couple of hours. Then more "chow," and then some more time on the drill grounds. When we come in, we generally wash clothes; then supper, and our time's our own till taps at 10. But as we're in quarantine and expect to be for about ten more days, we don't have much to do with our spare time.

Right after supper we get out and shoot a little baseball, because you must realize that we've been blessed with wonderful spring weather down here. * * * This morning we all expected to be initiated into the tricks and art of that game for giants—"pushball." We play the 69th Co., both companies being divided up into squad teams; and from what little I saw last night it's a corker. After you've played it five minutes, will feel like you'd been drawn through a knothole. Our corporal informs us that if we don't lick that other company, it's no turkey for us! Yes this noon's "menu" is a masterpiece of culinary art, with everything on the bill from soup to nuts. * * * No matter if you have a little ability or training you all fare alike down here—which is only as it should be. * * * However, I'm spared for kitchen police duty for a while as a number of the fellows failed on the general orders quiz the other day, and I had mine down cold. The penalty for failing was ex-



FROM PROF. CARPENTER

To the Editor of the News:

The question has been asked, "Why have the football letters not been awarded and the captain elected, for next year?"

I reply, it might be well for me to inform the student body of the vote passed by the Athletic Council at its last meeting, which was as follows: "That the report of the football manager be not accepted and insignia not awarded until a satisfactory account be given of all equipment." A report has been made by the manager which leaves some valuable items of equipment unaccounted for. While the manager may be partly at fault, most of the blame for the delay should be placed on those members of the squad who intentionally or otherwise refuse to turn in to the manager certain parts of their equipment. This year the team was equipped with new red jerseys and seven of those are still unaccounted for. Three years ago the association bought twelve gray blankets at \$7.00 each, and six of those disappeared the first year; last year two more were taken, and this year there are only two accounted for by the manager. Is it a thing to be proud of that one has managed to steal one of these blankets, or any part of the equipment, from the association? Should the whole team be made to suffer and have its insignia award withheld because of the perverted moral code of a few? Two years ago the Athletic Association was over \$1,000 in debt, partly due to poor management in taking care of equipment. We now have an excellent store room in the gymnasium and are on the road to solvency if each member of a team squad will be honest with the manager and return

the uniform loaned to him for the season. Hoping that this may answer the question of the delay in awarding football insignia, and trusting that all equipment not yet turned in to the football manager will be returned at once, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
PERCY R. CARPENTER.

FROM OUR CHEER LEADER

January 12, 1918.

To the Editor of the News:

Although it is readily admitted that the Gym is a poor place in which to have good organized cheering, the fact remains that the team received by no means the support that it might have Saturday evening. How can this be remedied? Perhaps in five ways:

1. All Tech men without girls should be on one side of the track, preferably on the side away from the entrance, so that the men with girls may find seats immediately upon entering.
2. Talk PEP into your team. After the game has started, the cheering cannot be organized, and it is up to the individual rooter to cheer the Team. Pick out a single player and talk to him throughout the game.
3. Never applaud when a foul has been called on a member of the opposing team. They are our guests.
4. Keep still during a free-try for a basket, both for our own team and that of the opponents.
5. Applaud after the opposing team has scored a basket. More than likely they earned it, and they will be glad to know that you appreciate their work. Don't be a sore-head.

But above all—Talk to your team.
Sincerely,
HOWARD E. DRAKE.

NOTICE

There will be no issue of the News on January 22, as most of the men will gone from the Hill. This is not a measure of war-time economy, but simply made necessary by the scarcity of news at examination-time.

tra police duty. My services in that branch of the work have been postponed for a while. * * * * *

Best regards to all. Sincerely,
"DOC."

ECHOES FROM THE GYM

All men interested in taking part in a squash tournament should hand their names to the director of the gymnasium at once. A bowling tournament will also be started if sufficient interest is shown. Entries may be made at the gymnasium office.

Tournaments in basketball and relay racing are now being held for all members of the Sophomore and Freshman gymnasium classes.

General Secretary Harland F. Stuart of the student Christian Association recently attended the student Volunteer Conference at Northfield.

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Well, next I met a jolly chap,
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"Oh, no; you do not understand,"
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 Another's whipped, although he beat.
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CARNIVAL REPORT

We are glad to present a report of the Carnival committee, showing to what use the proceeds have been put. Half of the net profits went to the Red Cross, and half to the Students' Friendship War Fund. A very creditable amount was realized from the evening's fun, as the following summary shows:

Gross receipts.....	\$264 30
Expenditures	92 14

Net proceeds	\$172 16
Share for Red Cross.....	86 08
Share for War Fund.....	86 08

SCEPTICAL CHYMISTS

The Sceptical Chymists held their regular meeting in the Boynton Hall lunch room last Tuesday evening, January 8. After a short business meeting at which it was announced that the next regular meeting would be the annual meeting, four papers were read.

Rabinowitz, '20, gave an account of the preparation and properties of ferrochrome, an alloy much in use just now. Cowden, '19, spoke on the classification of poisons. McConville, '19, explained processes for the recovery of potash from phosphate rock, with especial reference to the waste of potash in the cement industries.

Dr. Jennings read an article on Thiodiglycol chloride, one of the irritating agents used by the German forces on the western front in Europe.

President Converse announced the following committee to report nominations for officers for the next year:

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