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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

Football game. Worcester Academy vs. Worcester Tech, at grounds of former, Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. sharp. Admission, 25 cents. Take Providence Street car from City Hall.

Football practice. Every afternoon at 4 o'clock. Forty men out. More needed.

PROF. BEACH ON THE YALE Y. M. C. A.

Those present at the Y. M. C. A. reception had the good fortune to be addressed by Professor Beach of the theological department of Yale. Professor Beach graduated with President Taft, of whom he gave many amusing anecdotes, and successively became instructor, then professor at Yale. Shortly after arriving at the latter dignity he went to China, there to establish mission schools; he returned a number of times to America, and, finally, after a period of seven years' work in northern China, decided to go back and serve his Alma Mater.

Professor Beach is intimately interested in Y. M. C. A. work, and hence, after a few introductory words, told of his connections with the association as follows:

"When I was a student at Yale there was no association, but a few of us thought it would be a good thing and so banded together for Sunday night meetings. It was a frail young fellow with scarcely any presence. The two seniors lorded it over the other six. However, in '83, the college, having grown bigger and better, noticed that Princeton had a good association building. That, of course, would never do, so we put \$65,000 in a building and began the association movement in earnest. Athletes pool-pooled us until we got 'Lonzo Stag, a good Christian and a good athlete. His appearance was excellent, but his speaking beneath mention. Accordingly, he was paraded upon the platform where everybody could get a good look, then kicked out and a good speaker obtained. As a result, athletes got in without losing caste.

"At the inauguration of Taft all the men of his class came together to talk over old times. The association formed the principal topic and many an old graduate said: 'My son has influences surrounding him which benefit his whole life. If we had had in our days what our sons are having now, things would have been better for us.' Taft would never go to a prayer meeting; his son is one of the strongest supports of the Y. M. C. A.

"We have now, besides the \$65,000 building of the academic department, another contributed by our 'Tech,' 'Sheff,' for \$85,000. The membership of the organization numbers 1300, 800 of whom alone are interested in Bible study. The work is not done in Sunday school fashion; there is no shamming, every man

knows every other; they take a passage in the Bible and talk it over. They have other meetings, but what counts for most is that the association is the centre for the meeting of all kinds of fellows. The university grants in Flagg Hall all the useful periodicals, the men meet here, and occasionally don't think it out of the way to drop in on a Bible class study. On Sunday evenings we have good, strong speakers, who give honest talk and are thorough-going Christians. But that is not the best yet; the men have found that Christianity is a very manly thing, for a man to look down and pool-pool Christianity at Yale is no longer wanted. This association has done more for our under-graduate life than any other thing in the university, and I think if you men, particularly the entering freshmen, take hold of the association, you will find that it is well worth while."

ALL UP FOR FOOTBALL.

Things are looking pretty "footballly" just at present, as the large number who have been journeying out on Alumni Field nights of late have found. While the squad is not so large as it has been in some years past, the quality far exceeds the former element of quantity. Beginning this week, however, the number of candidates began to pick up, and it is safe to say that there will be enough to compose several elevens in the football warriors who will trot out on the gridiron at Worcester Academy next Saturday afternoon.

This game will be the first of the season and it will be a hummer. Most of us know that the Academy turns out a team that is capable of a good showing against many college teams, and some of us don't have to brush up our memories very much to remember when the prep school boys were on the long end of the score.

Tech always opens its season with this game, and last year's contest was a peach. Both teams are very evidently stronger than last, and it will get down to a question of which has strengthened the most, for the last game was ours by a single touchdown.

At this writing it has been possible to obtain only a cursory glance at the work of our future team, but the prospects certainly look good. We have such a backbone of old men that we cannot go far wrong, and the new men out for the eleven make up in "form" for what they lack in numbers.

We are fortunate in having the services of Jim Donnelly as coach. He is a Dartmouth man of wide experience, and he has proven his ability. He knows the game, is a hard worker, and if the support he is receiving from the men continues, there is no reason why he will not turn out a star team. He is especially anxious to defeat the Holy Cross and Academy teams, owing to a little rivalry between these coaches, so we

shall be sure of his best efforts from the opening game to the finish.

Manager Armour is laboring tirelessly to do his best for the men, and is always ready to help fit out any candidates. He has arranged a good schedule and has done his level best to get good home dates. His work should be appreciated by proper support of games in Worcester.

Captain Waring is in fine fettle and will probably play half-back this season. He is a determined worker, and deserving of the support which he is bound to get.

It is possible that Jack Power may be used at full-back this season. There is no question about his ability to make good in any position, and if the line is able to stand his absence, the stock of the team will take a big jump. Clough is another welcome addition, and it is hoped that he can get into as good shape as he was last season and keep his "kick" with him. Both the Halligan boys are in good shape, as usual, and it is expected that they will be able to more than repeat their former showings of speed and ability. And, talking about speedy footballists, Sanderson cannot be well omitted from the list. Doc Spier is showing his usual ginger at centre, and it is a welcome sight to see Gleason working in the line again. Karl Herrick is on deck and will try for one of the centre-line places. Schepfer, a freshman, looks like a second Power, and Thomas also commands no little attention. Frizzell seems a likely possibility, and there are a number more less familiar faces who will certainly be heard from later.

Space forbids further discourse on the topic this issue, but don't, under any circumstances, miss this first game. There will be a mass meeting in the Electrical Engineering Lecture Hall Friday afternoon. Sheets containing the Tech songs and yells will be distributed. Make a note on this meeting and be sure and attend. It will be a crack-a-jack.

Lay by a quarter, keep your lungs in good shape, put all other engagements aside and attend this first game. There is no excuse possible. You have plenty of time to make arrangements. If the game interferes with your business, give up your business, and get in right from the start. Satisfaction guaranteed.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

Attention, all you Marathoners! The annual series of cross-country runs will start on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29, and with them starts the first inter-class rivalry, and no end of sport. This set of runs has grown in popularity, until now it is eagerly looked forward to each fall with the keenest anticipation.

There will be three runs, probably of two, three and five miles, in that order. They are open to everybody, but according to custom, seniors do not run. 1910 at present holds the record with

victories for three successive years, and the freshman class is this year afforded an opportunity to start and tie that mark.

Everybody goes in the cross-countries. A course at Tech is not complete without it. There are so many poorer than yourself that any chap with a bit of spirit needn't feel at all bashful about starting, even if he only make a 100-yard dash out of it. There are twenty places for the winners, and if you land any one of them you get your numerals. Just think how nice it will be to strut around at home Thanksgiving with your numerals on your sweater, and show her what you've done that early. Anybody that can walk can dog-trot, and that's about what it amounts to for the lowest places. Then, it helps your class spirit as no other sport here does, especially if there is a large entry list and you are fighting to get your numerals on that banner in the library.

If you never ran before, it's high time you did. Raise some togs and get into the game. Nobody will laugh at you, and you may land a cup or one of those ribbons that are put up for prizes.

If you think a man is better than you, without a try at him, you're a quitter; if you make him "show you," you're a man. Which are you? Prove it in the cross-countries.

ATHLETIC REMINDERS.

Make a cross against Sept. 29. Raise a pair of sneakers, and get your numerals.

Two more dates: Friday afternoon at five that mass meeting; Saturday afternoon that football game.

Get a sheet of the Tech songs and yells given out at the mass meeting, and if you're not enough of a Tech man to attend, you have no use for one.

Don't knock the football candidates. They're doing more than you by getting out and trying.

Have those athletic dues in mind when buying those quarter cigarettes and box seats.

Notice, freshmen. Pledge seventy-five men to start in the cross-countries. Don't let the sophs get ahead of you, for they're better organized and can turn the trick at shorter notice.

Any one desiring extra copies of Tech News will please go to Easton's or the Book and Supply Room in Boynton Hall.

On behalf of the committee, I desire to thank all those who so kindly assisted at the freshman reception, especial mention being made of the W. P. I. Orchestra.

L. H. TREADWELL,
Chairman Y. M. C. A. Reception Com.

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Foreword.

We appealed to you last Wednesday for subscriptions and nearly every one answered our response. Three hundred and fifty out of four hundred and seventy students subscribed, and of these three hundred paid immediately. If possible, we want all to buy the News, and this condition can be arrived at if the students do not look upon the paper as one thrust upon them, but co-operate with the editorial and business managers. If your neighbor in shop or laboratory does not receive the paper on Wednesday each week, you know that he isn't a subscriber. Ask him to subscribe, drop his name on a slip of paper into the Tech News box, and the paper will reach him. The policy of the paper is to have it represent the pith of opinion among faculty and students, and this can be attained if every man sends in his contribution in the form of an article of news or as a subscription, or both. If possible, the board of editors will do no work but editing; this plan failing, they will lend aid in production. A very good and important way to help the paper is to patronize the advertisers. No newspaper has ever run on subscriptions alone; much less can the Tech News run on a fifty-cent subscription. Therefore, when you go down town to buy something, buy in stores which advertise in the News, and, further, make known to them that you saw their ad. in the Tech paper. It pays. ○ ○ ○

Freshman Cap.

The appearance of the grey cap and red button recalls a pleasant custom inaugurated a few years ago of having the freshmen wear a distinctive cap. The fact that there are advantages arising from this idea needs hardly to be mentioned. In the first place, it serves to make a distinction between the new comers and upper classmen, and the latter are given a chance to welcome the new arrivals. Further, the custom unites the freshmen in a bond of good fellowship; it enables them to know each other on the street and on the hill, it arouses in them a strong class spirit, and consequently makes him a loyal Tech man. We advise that the regulations require the cap to be worn through the year instead of a few months, as formerly. The cap this year is a darker shade than the one of last year, and in our opinion it makes a pretty design. It certainly is a credit to any Tech man wearing it.

Defacing School Property.

Evidences of the presence of the freshman class spirit at the Tech have been seen on the walks at the hill. We admire the spirit, but we hope it will not go so far as to deface any of the buildings, especially when the old barn near Alumni Field can be used advantageously for that purpose.

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The New Song.

In other columns the details of the competition for the Tech song are to be found. The News looks for a great interest in this contest, especially when so much enthusiasm was aroused in musical lines last year. Let every one get into this competition. If you are musically inclined and care to get the words, then write the music at least, and some one will get inspiration to fill in words. It is quite possible that a Tech song book may be published, in which all songs entered in the contest will be entered. At any rate, send in a contribution.

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1909 Class Tree.

We learned that the class tree belonging to the class of 1909 died during the summer. We heartily sympathize with the class in its bereavement.

Saturday evening's reception to the entering class demonstrated anew that the Tech Y. M. C. A. has lost none of its mastership of the gentle art of entertaining, in spite of handling the biggest contract since its inception. The W. P. L. Orchestra did good missionary work in introducing the freshmen to Tech songs, and throughout the programme rendered a pleasing variety of selections, whose excellence was attested by frequent and enthusiastic applause. Credit is also due to the Cosmopolitan Club in securing the speaker of the evening, Professor Beach of Yale University, and a classmate of President Taft. The incidents he related of "Bill's" college career cast interesting sidelights on the democratic character of our Chief Executive, his party notwithstanding.

WIR WUNCHEN ESSEN UM ZU LEBEN—NICHT ZU SEIN.

From inquiries made in various quarters, it seems evident that a great many Tech students are dissatisfied with their present eating accommodations, sometimes because of the price, sometimes because of inconvenience of location, but more often on account of the quality which, mathematically expressed, might be termed a variable approaching the patience and endurance of the victims as a limit. To these we extend our heartfelt (to say nothing of our stomach's) sympathy, and a plan of salvation which needs only your hungry co-operation to insure success. Briefly, we aim to have established a Tech Dining Association, on the plan of similar organizations flourishing in other col-

leges such as Cornell and Amherst. The plan would embrace a suitable dining-hall, centrally located, in charge of an experienced "chef d'affaires." Board would be offered by the meal or week. As to the quality and cost, we promise to be peculiarly pleasing to particular people, and philanthropically predisposed towards popular prices. Now if you want to see what a college paper can do for a live but long-suffering list of subscribers, just signify your willingness to support this association by dropping your name, lodging address, telephone number (if any), and good intentions into the Tech News box.

One of our subscribers who has been boarding the rounds down town writes us that he has just recovered from an operation for appendicitis, and that he was informed by the doctor that the seat of his trouble lay not in the appendix, as might have been supposed, but in the table of contents. This only goes to show the necessity for prompt action.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

The large number of subscriptions received last Wednesday and those received since are indeed gratifying to the business management of the Tech News. The popularity of the paper is shown by the fact that on Wednesday alone 365 subscriptions were received, and to date there are a little over 400 subscribers, and there will probably be many more before the end of the week.

Just a word as to the business end of the paper. The price of the paper was set at fifty cents a year in order that all could afford to subscribe and to insure its being a live, popular paper in the hands of every Tech man. The policy was to have Tech News at the price of fifty cents in the hands of twice as many people as it would be at the price of a dollar. The money received from subscriptions was calculated to be less than that to be received from advertisements, and it lies in the hands of the subscribers to aid the management in securing and maintaining advertisements by patronizing the advertisers in Tech News and mentioning Tech News when answering advertisements.

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Y. M. C. A.

By far the most successful freshman reception ever given by the Tech Association was held in the Electrical Laboratories on Saturday evening, Sept. 18. The largest and most enthusiastic assemblage ever gathered under the auspices of the Tech Association began to arrive shortly after 7.30, and the evening was begun with a general handshake and sociability, which lasted until the formal programme began at about 8.15. This was the best ever given within the memory of the oldest of the old-timers, and was as follows:

Song, "Polly Wolly."

Address of Welcome, Prof. Conant Selection, W. P. I. Orchestra

Tech Spirit in Athletics, Prof. Coombs Selection, W. P. I. Orchestra

Student Organization, Prof. H. P. Beach of Yale

Selection, W. P. I. Orchestra

Address, Coach James Donnelly

Song, "P. I. Song."

After the conclusion of the programme all adjourned to the laboratory and were served with ice-cream and wafers, during the disposal of which they renewed old acquaintances and made new ones, the company breaking up about 10.30.

Over 250 were present, this being nearly double the number present at the affair given last year or year before last. A large proportion of the large freshman class was there, and apparently went away feeling glad that they were living, and satisfied that the Tech Y. M. C. A. was a live organization, which was exactly the impression which we wished them to get. The faculty was unusually well represented, and there were also present a large number of upper-classmen who have heretofore manifested no interest in Association work. We would respectfully suggest to these gentlemen that the Association can do far more for them than entertain them for one evening, and confer benefits as pleasant and far more lasting than an annual plate of ice-cream with cookies on the side. We were glad to see you at the reception, but we should be twice as glad to see you at our Wednesday evening meetings, and three times as glad to enroll your names on the list of the Bible study classes, which will start within a few weeks.

Professor Beach's address on "Student Organizations" was well calculated to disabuse the minds of some of our number of the erroneous but tenaciously retained impression that the Association is a bunch of "dead ones," and his address was both interesting and instructive. Professor Coombs and Professor Conant, who substituted at short notice for President Engler, were both in their usual good form. Coach Donnelly's talk was snappy and to the point. The orchestra played finely, and the refreshments were good. Even the weather clerk was gracious, and all things worked together to give the Tech Association the best introduction to a new year's work it has ever had. The credit for this is due to Mr. L. H. Treadwell, '12, who arranged for everything but the weather, and, with the assistance of several members of the Association, carried out all the plans without the slightest hitch, making the reception the greatest in the history of Association work at Tech.

NEWS AND COMMENT.

The Passing of Newton Hall.

"Room?"

"Board?"

"Room and board?"

—The last cries for help.

But she certainly was a good ship.

We shall continue to have "Tech spirit" drummed into us, and the number of creditable freshman themes on the need of a dormitory is not likely to diminish. Whenever a group of old "Hall" men gathers for a leisure hour, there will be reminiscences of those "good old days," bringing to mind the back door, the tub, and the disposal of current topics, after which all earthly cares were banished in popular song, whether you could sing or not. Then, back to the trusty slide rule!

We need a dormitory; but it must be on or near the hill. If Tech continues, we shall get it. We needed the new "lab" and Alumni Field. In consequence, at the present date, you can't even find the mortgage. Now is the chance for interested members and friends of the school, and the alumni,

to do something more for the place, and particularly for the students who are to come. Men to whom dormitory experience has been afforded should be active for a prospective dormitory. It must, however, be borne in mind that they are yet comparatively young in the world, so they are at this time to be looked to mainly as agitators. But in this capacity they will be especially valuable, for they "have been there," and the man who has been there knows. Every man, if he is good for anything, looks with longing to the time when he has something in addition to this capacity. When this time comes, don't forget the things which have helped to bring it, but "get into the game."

Immediately after the lecture of Professor Haynes Monday noon, a meeting of the 1911 class was called to order by its ex-President, E. H. Classen. After the transaction of official business pertaining to the class, the election of class officers for this term followed. The result of the election is as follows: President, A. B. Hossack; Vice-president, B. J. Halligan; Treasurer, C. S. Hallenbeck; and Secretary, S. M. Scott.

"Why Don't You Speak for Yourself, John?" and He Did.

No sooner was the Faculty vs. Senior ball game over than the star player for the Faculty, Mr. John McConnell, departed for parts unknown—ostensibly and indefinitely, the West. "I'm from Missouri, you know." His whereabouts has kept Tech guessing all summer. Through the clever work of one of our de-Tech-tives, however, it has been ascertained that he devoted his vacation to sociological research work in Cincinnati, Ohio, resulting in the purchase of a return ticket for two. Like her husband, Mrs. McConnell is very much interested in Tech and its activities. In return, we speak for the Institute in extending to her our cordial welcome, and to "Mac" our sincerest congratulations.

Tech Songs.

What "Techman" has not been exasperated beyond description by that ever present bugbear "Hoy-a"? A 1911 man, driven to desperation by the possibility of hearing it again this fall, wants something to drown it out. Through the co-operation of other afflicted members, he can guarantee \$15 to be offered as rewards to the two best songs.

The conditions are that words and music must be original and by "Techmen," that all songs submitted should be published at the discretion of the judges, and that competitors must submit their compositions by Dec. 1st.

The judges are Dr. Calhane, Professor Duff and Professor Haynes; this committee will award the first prize of \$10 and the second prize of \$5.

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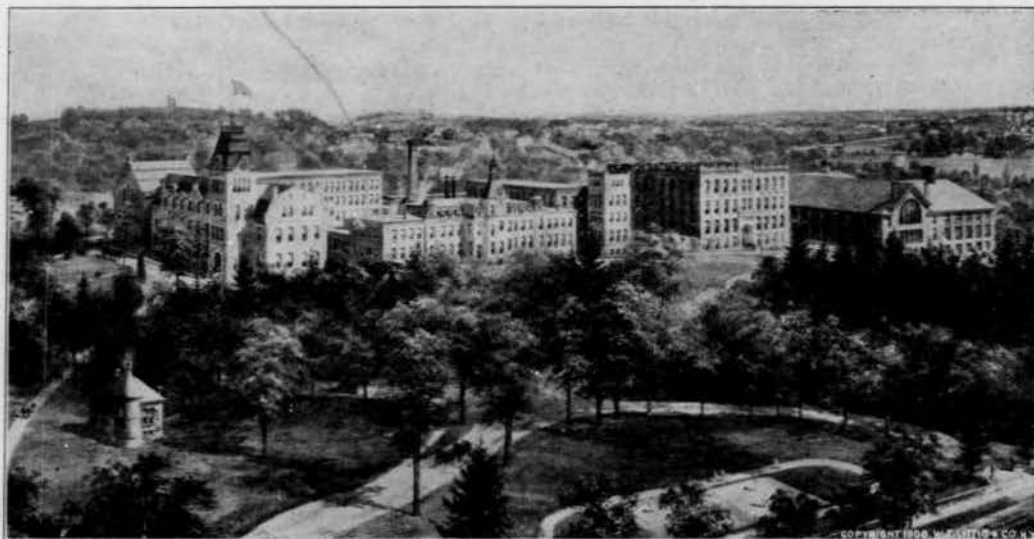
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TECH NEWS IS HERE.

The weekly paper which has long been needed has come at last, and was ushered in with a hearty welcome last Wednesday, when 365 of the students loyally subscribed. Everything points to a successful run of the paper, and Tech News should be the instrument in increasing Tech spirit and forming a closer bond of fellowship and sympathy amongst the students and between the student body and faculty.

At present there are over 400 subscribers to Tech News, and thus it should be the expression of both the student body and the faculty.

There are to be representatives of the Tech News in each of the divisions, who are to distribute the paper and to obtain news in each division, and there are to be men in each of the classes to obtain general class news. Each of the fraternities at the Institute will delegate a man to report such news as will be of interest to everybody, and a man in every engineering society will give accurate reports of the meetings of that society. The Y. M. C. A. announcements and news will be ably cared for by a member of that association.

The athletic news will be handled by an able athlete and writer, and there will also be articles by captains, coaches, managers, etc. The Tech News is a co-operative paper, and while for the sake of system and thoroughness men are requested to look out for certain departments, it does not lessen your share in promoting this paper, to increase Tech spirit and to contribute articles of interest to all.

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Don't lie back and criticise the paper every Wednesday for being a dead one, but do your best to make it a live one.

You are responsible. You are editor, and you are the one who is to make Tech News one of the brightest, newsiest college papers in the country or a dead failure.

That particularly asinine form of what is supposed to be Tech spirit, and which takes expression in the disfigurement of the Institute buildings with poorly executed class numerals, was

summarily dealt with by a band of patriotic Sophomores on Saturday evening. Distressed at the poor taste shown by the callow and inexperienced Freshmen, they rallied to the support of true Tech spirit by compelling members of the offending class to remove the traces of their temporary departure from sanity. Armed with turpentine, hot water, soap, sand and scrubbing-brushes, all provided by the philanthropic Sophs, they descended upon their knees and valiantly scrubbed until the unwelcome "13's" had disappeared from the granolithic walks near Boynton Hall and Washburn Shops. They then repeated the Freshman rules in unison, swore allegiance to "the great and glorious class of 1912" individually, and departed to the reception to think it over. We commend heartily the action of the Sophs in this matter, and recommend that hereafter the surplus energy of the Freshmen be put into one of the many forms of true Tech spirit which are worth while.

Leroy H. Leggee, a former member of the class of 1909, is reported as recovering rapidly from injuries received in a recent railroad accident, and plan-

ning to return to complete his course after his discharge from City Hospital.

1912 had its first class meeting recently, at which reports were read and the following officers elected: President, W. T. Potter; Vice-president, Holman Waring; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter Steele.

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