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TECH NEWS



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WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1911

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Brown Wins Triangular Meet

Tech a Close Second, with Trinity Poor Third

Brown University track team, ably captained by Wiley Marble, a Worcester boy, had little difficulty in carrying off first honors in the triangular meet last Saturday afternoon, yet the score was close enough all throughout the meet to make it interesting from the standpoint of a W. P. I. spectator.

The real feature of the entire programme was the mile run, in which Dick Keith set aside all doubts as to his ability to "come back" by defeating his old-time opponent, Taber, of Brown. The fleet Brown runner set the pace from the start and did his best to distance Keith, who, however, waited for his chance and beat out Taber in the last fifty yards after a wonderful spurt.

Tuttle and Dint Halligan had things all their own way in the quarter mile, easily capturing the first two places in that event, leaving the remainder of the field fifteen yards or more in the rear. In the half mile run Taber, who had rested up after his mile event, came out and beat Porter to the tape by a stride.

Harrington was in fine shape in the broad jump and won that event with a jump of 21 ft., 3 in. In the high jump, H. F. Taylor exceeded all expectations and cleared the bar at 5 ft., 7 in., equaling the former Tech record. He was tied for first place with Rosenberg and Bartlett.

In the weights, our strong men, Clough and Power, were obliged to suffer defeat at the hands of Bartlett of Brown, the ex-Worcester Academy star, although Cliff Clough twice broke the old Tech record for the discus by heaving the saucer first 107 ft., 4 in., then 111 ft., 6 in. The record was formerly 104, ft. 6 in.

For Brown University, Bartlett and Marble carried off the honors in point-getting, Bartlett with three firsts and one second, and Marble with three firsts. The one redeeming feature of Trinity's poor showing was the remarkable skill and form shown by her two pole-vaulters, Maxon and Wessels, who won their event with ease.

The events were run off with clocklike precision, thanks to Manager Hartwell and his competent officials. This, combined with the ideal weather conditions, made the meet one of the best that has been seen at the old Oval for many years.

The meet shows us that the Tech team is the strongest which has ever represented the Gray and Crimson, and it certainly speaks well for the efforts of Coach C. J. O'Connor. The team which Managers Hartwell and Craig will take to Troy this Saturday, is the most formidable and the best balanced team which Rensselaer has encountered in many years.

The following is the score of the three-cornered meet of Saturday:

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"ALL ABOARD FOR NORTHFIELD"

Situated at a high altitude in the heart of a beautiful rolling country, not far from the upper waters of the Connecticut, is East Northfield, Mass., where annually more than 1000 students from our eastern colleges assemble for a ten days' conference at the close of the college year.

For the man who has a genuine love for nature, it would seem difficult to select a more ideal vacation spot.

This year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Northfield Student Conference. In round numbers 25,000 students have availed themselves of the privileges of this Conference in past years. The attendance at the Twenty-fifth Conference, which will begin June 23d and last through July 2d, will probably be not far from 1400. These men will come from the colleges of New England, New York and lower Canada. This means a rare opportunity for fellowship with men who can interpret to us sympathetically the ideals, spirit and customs of scores of other educational institutions.

While the conference is conducted under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, yet its privileges are open to any student, whether actively affiliated with the Association of his college or not.

Tech men will want to know how the time is spent at Northfield. Every afternoon is given over to sports or recreation—baseball, tennis, swimming, boating, hikes, etc. A big intercollegiate celebration is held the closing day of the Conference, featured by a track meet, interchange of songs and yells, and a huge bonfire.

The mornings and evenings of every day are devoted to Bible Study and Mission Study groups, social service and vocational discussions, and inspirational addresses. This year men of the type of Harry Emerson Fosdick (who spoke here Tech Night), John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer will lead the Conference.

This year we want Worcester Tech to have one of the largest delegations at the Conference. Last year we had eight men there; our largest delegation has been twelve; it would mean a big thing to Tech if this year we could have a delegation of twenty men. We have our own camping outfit and live in camp style, so the expense for the ten days' trip will be reduced. For the estimated expense or other details see General Secretary C. P. Shedd or any of the officers of the Y. M. C. A. May 17th, State Secretary Henry H. King will give an illustrated lecture on Northfield; put this date down in your book.

IN MATERIALS

What is the formula for the volume of a pyramid? Professor Bird came unprepared to the lecture with a problem and the "time out" was ten minutes, while everyone looked in Tech Bibles, log tables, slide-rules, Foster, etc., for the formula of a pyramid. Some one finally found it and the professor continued.

ATHLETIC REMINDERS

Nothing doing at home next Saturday. The baseball team goes to Amherst for a game with the "Aggies."

We have not seen the faculty out practicing for the baseball game during Commencement week. We would advise them to start training now and get out on the diamond for a few laps around the bases. The Seniors are waiting for the chance to play with (against) them.

The coach and manager must have underestimated the ability of Waring '12 and Taylor '12. In the meet with Brown and Trinity Taylor tied the Tech record for the high jump at 5 ft. 7½ in. and Waring took second place in the running broad jump. Neither of these men is entered in the intercollegiate games. None of the other college men have trimmed Harrington's broad jump of 21 ft. 3 in. yet this year. In the Harvard-Dartmouth meet, 20 ft. 6 in. took first.

The inter-division games are progressing splendidly, developing material for the varsity in future years. Division A stands at the head of the league and Division F are the tail enders.

Clough put the shot 42 ft. in practice this week.

That annual game between the Shorts and the Longs will come off this week Saturday, it is hoped. Watch for the notice and if you want to see some fun come around when the game is in progress. "Shorty" Stowe was elected captain of the Shorts and "Waldo" Sherman, leader of the Longs. The height maximum for the Shorts is 5 ft. 6 in. and the minimum for the Longs is 6 ft. If you are unfortunate enough to fall between the critical values, show up just the same and sit on the bleachers (the board track). The back stop for the Longs will have to practice on low balls, while the catcher for the Shorts had better get wise to a few "high balls," before the game; it may be of value to both teams.

INTER-FRATERNITY BASEBALL

The Greek letter men of the Hill have formed a baseball league and the games are well under way. Each fraternity will play each of the others and the winner of the series will take a cup. The supper hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays is sacrificed for these games. There is no doubt that these teams play "together," for a bond of brotherhood is looped around each team, and although the several nines have methods of star baseball playing, the same has not yet been displayed. The only explanation is that the oath of secrecy extends even into the athletic field.

The following schedule has been arranged:

- May 10—Theta Chi vs. Kappa Alpha Xi.
- 12—Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Delta Tau.
- 15—Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Gamma Delta.
- 17—Theta Chi vs. Alpha Tau Omega
- 19—Kappa Xi Alpha vs. Delta Tau.
- 22—Alpha Tau Omega vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 10.

Y. M. C. A. meeting, 7 p.m. "Conference on Deputation Work" is the subject of the meeting.

A. I. E. E. Society Ladies' Night, Electrical Engineering Laboratory, 8 p.m. Meeting of the W. P. I. Branch, A. I. E. E., in the Electrical Engineering Building, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 11.

Aero Club meeting, 5 p.m., Boynton Hall, room 19.

Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m. Meeting of Tech News Association, 5 p.m., Electrical Engineering Building.

SATURDAY, May 13.

Baseball, W. P. I.—Amherst Aggies, Amherst. 1st team.

Baseball, W. P. I.—Winchendon Academy, Winchendon. 2d team.

Track meet—W. P. I.—Rensselaer, Troy, N. Y.

MONDAY, May 15.

Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 16.

Physics Colloquium, 4.30 p.m. Dr. Masius speaks on "Elastic Properties of Wires."

Orchestra rehearsal, 5 p.m.

Mandolin Club rehearsal, 7 p.m.

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Prof. Sweetser of the department of
chemistry is receiving congratulations.
It is a boy.

A meeting of the Tech News Association
is called for Thursday at 5 p.m., E. E.
Lecture Hall. The election of the staff for
next year is in order and a large meeting
is expected.

AT THE WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

At the spring exhibition of the Art
Museum are the following paintings by
Karl Schmidt '13: "Impression," "A
Fog Study," "Gull Head," "The Annex
Door," "Morning at M—."

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

A committee of ten is considering the
question of a gift to the Institute at
graduation. Various ideas have been
proposed, including a class tree, a class
stone, and a scholarship for four years.
No regular class day exercises with formal
speeches, oration, history, etc., will be
carried out, but a lawn party similar to
that last year is expected. S. P. Stewart
has announced that souvenirs of com-
mencement in leather and gold are being
prepared.

The class is much pleased that the
Junior prom bills have been finally paid.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The notice posted in Boynton Hall the
first of the week, of the subject for the
Y. M. C. A. meeting Wednesday evening,
caused much guessing on the part of those
who read it. All who attended this first
meeting, led by Secretary Shedd, had their
curiosity gratified as to the meaning of
"The Uno Squad." The subject was
original and was very interestingly handled
by the speaker. It gave his hearers a more
complete idea of what a Christian life
means to college men.

ALUMNI NOTES

At the South High School Teachers'
Institute, held last Friday at the English
High School, Worcester, C. H. Andrews,
'93, teacher of physics in the South High
School, Worcester, read a paper on
"Force," illustrated by experiments, and
A. H. Wheeler, '94, instructor in math-
ematics in the English High School, Wor-
cester, read a paper on "Class-room De-
vices in Teaching Algebra."

Prof. Charles M. Allen '94, of the de-
partment of hydraulic engineering, has
just been elected a member of the Ameri-
can Society of Civil Engineers.

The funeral of M. G. Warren '13 was
held Friday at his home in Leicester. The
Sophomore Class was represented by a
delegation of six members, and the Faculty
was also represented.

During the past week, Mr. Theodore
Brown, class of '01, was at the Institute
in connection with some tests that were
being made in the Laboratory for Testing
Materials on the strength of pine used in
poles for mowing machines. Mr. Brown
is with the Richardson Mfg. Co.

Mr. H. H. Field '08, who has been
employed in the Boston office of Stone &
Webster, has been transferred to their
property in Haverhill, the Haverhill Gas
Light Company.

The examinations of the College En-
trance Examination Board will be held at
the Institute this year under the super-
vision of Professor Coombs, during the
week of June 19-24.

The Central Supply Co., of Worces-
ter, has loaned the department of mechani-
cal engineering a hot air engine for some
special work which Professor Gallup is
doing relative to the course in moving air.

HOLYOKE INSPECTION TRIP

A week from Monday, in the middle of
the night, the senior electricies dragged
themselves from their downy cots, and
hiked to the station to get the 5.59 train
for Springfield. Just before starting
time, Jaehens was observed on the
platform walking in his sleep. Somebody
yelled "65" at him and woke him up for
a sufficient time to convey him to a seat.
At 8.40 we arrived at Springfield, where
we were met by our three distinguished
(by their odor) foreign friends, Paelian,
Coreoran and Hartwell.

After disembarking at Riverside, the
Holyoke runner-testing plant and flume
was visited. There was no test in opera-
tion, so there was not much to see, but,
anyhow, we saw it. Next in order was
the writing-paper mill of the Crocker-
McElwain Co. Here we hung up for an
hour or two while our guide-to-be got up,
dressed and came over from home. The
wait was enlivened by Hallenbeck and
James, the New Hampshire duet, who
carried on something awful with the
co-eds in the silk factory upstairs, until
their boss hove in sight. When our moni-
tor finally appeared on the scene, we
were escorted through the paper-mill,
where every little room has an odor all its
own. We then hiked up to the dam (note
—this is a noun) and headworks of the
Holyoke Water Power Co., which con-
trols all the water-power rights in that
vicinity.

Dinner at the Hotel Hamilton was next
on the docket. After tearing ourselves
away, we dropped over to a small hydro-
electric plant on the Connecticut. From
there most of us went to the Deane
Steam Pump Works, although a certain
party of four, including Carpenter (that
goes without saying) skipped when they
thought no one was looking their way,
and beat it for a "classy burlesque" in
Springfield. By the way, boys, keep it
mum, but the same show, "Robinson
Crusoe Girls," came to the Franklin last
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TRIANGULAR MEET

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100 yard dash—Won by Holding, Brown; 2d Miles, Brown; 3d Collett, Trinity. Time: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

220 yard dash—Won by Marble, Brown; 2d Tuttle, Tech; 3d Collett, Trinity. Time 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

440 yard dash—Won by Tuttle, Tech; 2d Halligan, Tech; 3d Hubbard, Brown. Time: 53 sec.

880 yard run—Won by Taber, Brown; 2d Porter, Tech; 3d Wessels, Trinity. Time: 2 min. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

One-mile run—Won by Keith, Tech; 2d Taber, Brown; 3d Buck, Trinity. Time 4 min. 37 sec.

Two-mile run—Won by Roper, Brown; 2d Roberts, Brown; 3d Armour, Tech. Time: 10 min. 22 sec.

120 yard high hurdles—Won by Marble, Brown; 2d Hudson, Trinity; 3d James, Tech. Time: 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ sec.

220 yard low hurdles—Won by Marble, Brown; 2d Cunningham, Tech; 3d Leith, Brown. Time: 27 sec.

Broad jump—Won by Harrington, Tech; 2d Waring, Tech; 3d Eastburn, Trinity. Distance: 24 ft. 3 in.

High jump—Taylor, Tech; Rosenberg, Brown, and Bartlett, Brown; tied for first place. Height: 5 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

16 pound shot-put—Won by Bartlett, Brown; 2d Clough, Tech; 3d Howard, Tech. Distance: 41 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

16 pound hammer—Won by Bartlett, Brown; 2d Clough, Tech; 3d Power, Tech. Distance: 125 ft.

Pole-vault—Wessels and Maxon of Trinity, tied for first place; 3d Glenson, Tech. Height: 10 ft. 5 in.

Discus-throw—Won by Bartlett, Brown; 2d Clough, Tech; 3d Moore, Brown. Distance: 115 ft. 4 in.

The officials for the meet were as follows: Starter, T. E. Holland; referee, Dr. J. W. O'Connor, H. C.; clerk of course, R. D. Whitmore, W. P. I. '09; track judges, James A. Bullard, E. E. Vickery, C. P. Shedd, clerk. Timers: C. Andrews, W. P. I. '03; F. Lingley, W. H. S.; W. Martin, W. H. S. Field judges: R. W. Dixon, K. B. C.; R. I. Slocomb, W. H. S.; A. D. Butterfield, W. P. I. '03; announcer, P. C. Kneil, '11; measurers, B. J. Halligan '11, C. E. Gillett '11. Scorer, A. L. Atherton '11.

INTER-FRATERNITY BASEBALL

(Continued from page 1.)

23—Theta Chi vs. Delta Tau.

24—Phi Gamma Delta vs. Kappa Xi Alpha.

Thus far the league standing is as follows:

Team	Games Won	Lost	P. C.
Phi Gamma Delta	3	3	0
Kappa Xi Alpha	2	2	0
Theta Chi	2	1	1
Delta Tau	2	1	1
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2	0	2
Alpha Tau Omega	3	0	3



W. P. I. BRANCH, A. I. E. E.

On Wednesday evening, May 10th, at 8 o'clock, there will be a special meeting of the Branch in the Electrical Engineering Building. After a short lecture there will be dancing in the main laboratory. The music will be furnished by the Tech Orchestra and the Tech Glee Club. Everybody interested is invited to attend.

THE CIVIL COURSE

Worcester, Apr. 26, 1911.

Dear Father: I followed the advice which you sent me regarding the civil engineering course, and on my way up the Hill last Thursday afternoon noticed some fellows driving stakes and sighting up and down streets with transits. This seemed such a lot of fun that I asked a senior in that course whether he would advise me to take up civil engineering as my life work or not. He looked at me pityingly for a minute or two and then began to talk about the course.

After a little time I interrupted his tale of woe and asked him if it wasn't pleasant work outside along with camp-life and junior summer practice. His answer didn't seem to brighten things up any for me. In junior practice he said he had to stay up until one o'clock one night observing stars through a telescope, and the next night had to come around about two and stay until four in the morning. Another day he said he had to measure what he called a "base line" in the pouring rain. This had to be done that day on account of some temperature thing or other.

I know you wouldn't approve of my working this way, as it would surely result in an attack of pneumonia. But I thought he was putting it rather strong, so I began to look around a bit. I wandered into the senior drafting-room one afternoon, and there were about ten men standing behind high desks, bent over drawing-boards. I looked to see what they were doing and saw a few lines scattered all around the paper. I asked a senior what these meant, and he said it was an attempt at a timber roof truss which he had been figuring on for the past six weeks. I also asked him about summer practice and he gave me a worse account than the first senior. He also said that the fellows had to take a course in astronomy, which consisted of daily talks by the teacher on the lesson, which sounded like an echo at times. I didn't understand that, but was afraid to ask what he meant.

So, Father, it begins to look as though there is no course here for me unless I take up general science.

Can you send me \$5, as I have got to pay an added assessment to help out the freshman athletic dues?

Your discouraged son,

Roginald.

A lake costing \$3200, and covering two acres, is to be constructed at the University of Kansas.

A good shot—"Paw wants a bottle of liniment and maw wants a bottle of china cement right away."

"All right, sonny. What's wrong?"

"Maw hit paw with the sugar-bowl."

—Judge.

He was poor, but otherwise honest, and she was an heiress. He had proposed to her and she had refused him.

"Why, you foolish," she said. "You couldn't even dress me."

"Well, what of that?" he queried.

"Don't you suppose I could learn?"—Ex.

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NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

Two skulls whose age approximates 15,000 years are being exhibited at the museum at Michigan.

Tufts' musical clubs have just returned from a successful ten days' trip to New York and Chicago.

The report of the manager of Yale's last year Freshman crew shows a balance of over \$240. This is a record profit for a Freshman crew.

Carnegie Technical School students now resemble thermometers; they can be graduated with degrees.

The Princeton Athletic Executive Committee has awarded the "P" to the members of the wrestling team.

It is said that this the first year that there has not been recorded a death among the alumni or the student body at Washington.

Cornell's Varsity wrestling team came out fourth in the league this year.

M. I. T.'s crew lost to Annapolis, but made a good showing last week.

President Taft has invited his classmates of 1878 to hold their annual banquet at the White House this year.

He—"We don't see as much of you as we used to, Mrs. Farleigh."

She—"No; my husband objects to low-cut dinner gowns."—*Punch Bowl.*

Nervous Party—"The train seems to be travelling at a fearful pace, ma'am."

Elderly Female—"Yus, ain't it? My Bill's a-drivin' of the ingen, an' 'e can make 'er go when 'e's got a drop o' drink in 'im."—*Tu-Bits.*

Logic—"You want more money? Why, my boy, I worked three years for \$11 a month right in this establishment, and now I'm owner of it."

"Well, you see what happened to your boss. No man who treats his help that way can hang onto his business."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Teacher—"What is it, children, that we wear that makes us feel better than we naturally would feel? What is it, Susie?"
Pupil—"Corsets!"—*Ex.*

Triumphant Frenchman—"Ah! mon ami, I am naturalized."

Englishman—"Well, but what do you gain by that?"

Frenchman—"Vaterloo."—*Moonshine.*

If a farmer can pile three bales of hay in one minute, how much can smoke stack?

If a suburbanite can cut his grass in one hour, how much can dynamo? Again, how much can Connecticut with an icicle?—*Ex.*

FRATERNITY NOTES

F. V. Hugo and N. E. Frissell journeyed to Kingston, R. I., a week ago Saturday where they attended the installation of the Eta Chapter into the Theta Chi Fraternity. The installation took place during the day and the new members and the delegates enjoyed a banquet in the evening.

Captain Stowe is picking his team of "Shorts" for the game with the "Longs." The lower limit for the "Longs" is six feet. The upper limit for the "Shorts" is five feet and six inches.

We have not seen the faculty out yet, practicing for the game with the senior class during Commencement Week.

LECTURES FOR THE FRESHMAN

"What Course Shall I Choose?" President Engler; "The Mechanical Engineering Course," Professor Bird; "The Chemistry Course," Professor Jennings; "The Course in Civil Engineering," Professor French; "The Electrical Engineering Course," Prof. H. B. Smith; "The Course in General Science," Professor Duff.

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