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OVER EIGHT HUNDRED IN DAY COURSES

Record Registration for 44th Year of the Institute

Preparations were made, and the staff enlarged to accommodate the largest enrollment in the history of Mechanics Institute. Over eight hundred students are attending M. I. in full-time courses.

Although the exact number of students is not yet known, there will be many more enrolled in each course than there have ever been seen in Mechanics Institute before.

Not until the second section of the Cooperative students in Industrial Arts and Food Administration have been enrolled, can any correct numbers be reported for the forty-fourth year of the school's existence. It is expected that these reports will show a decided increase over the previous years.

GLEE CLUB IS PLANNING AN ACTIVE SEASON

Adrian Van Wyen Was Re-elected President

Success of the Men's Glee Club this year was assured when over seventy men reported for try-outs. With twenty-five members from last year's club and fifty new candidates, the club expects to maintain the high standard set in 1927-28.

Adrian Van Wyen, art school senior, was re-elected president. Mr. Van Wyen was active in extending the program of the organization last year when he also served as president. Other officers for this year are Kenn Niver, vice president; George Carr, secretary; Charles Cala, treasurer; Keith Doane, business manager and J. Henry Brown, assistant business manager. Donald Beck and Warren Chamberlin will serve as librarians.

Prospects for a series of out-of-town engagements are excellent, Mr. Van Wyen announced. Mr. B. T. Weaver, director and coach, is assisting the officers in planning such concerts for the near future.

Although definite plans have not been made, it is expected that the club will assist the Art League in its principal dramatic productions in the city. The club will also combine with the Girls' Glee Club in an annual concert later in the season.



RUTH SIDMONS

Women Urged to Engage in G. A. A. Program

Varied Activities Offer Opportunities for All Types of Interests

Every girl in Mechanic's Institute is a member of the Girls' Activities Association. Why not take a part in it?

There is basketball, bowling, glee club, golf, hiking, winter sports, riding, skiing, swimming, tennis, and Y. W. C. A. work. Each one can find something to her liking in that number of activities.

The point system is used. At the end of the year numerals, pins, and cups are awarded for ability and attendance in the above activities.

The G. A. A. sponsors banquets, dances, card parties and house parties through the year to which every girl at M. I. is invited.

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| Hiking and Winter Sports | Dorothy Dodson |
| Riding | Laura Springer |
| Swimming | Ellie Warner |
| Tennis | Esther Penci |
| Y. W. C. A. | Olive Wheeler |

M. I. GIRLS TO HOLD BANQUET AT SAGAMORE

Students, Guest Speakers to Participate in First "G. A. A." Social Event

On Thursday evening October 18, at seven P. M. the Girls' Activities Association will hold their annual banquet at the Sagamore. As is the custom there will be a toastmistress, class-speakers, and a guest speaker whose identities are to be kept more or less of a secret until that date. Songs by the different classes led by class song leaders will be a feature of the evening as will also special song and dance numbers.

STUDENTS TO BE ACTIVE IN ASSEMBLIES

Mr. Randall, Pres. Makes Suggestions for Assemblies

Is the failure of our assemblies due to lack of school spirit?

Would it help to have the students participate more?

Is there any very good reason why a group of representative young people with as varied interests as ours should fail to have an enjoyable time during the one hour a week when we all get together?

Student opinion on the matter of our past assemblies is rather well known but thus far the opinion of the faculty has been given little publicity.

Mr. Randall feels very strongly that eventually assemblies at least, shall be almost entirely student affairs. He feels that this year is perhaps the psychological time to make a beginning toward this goal.

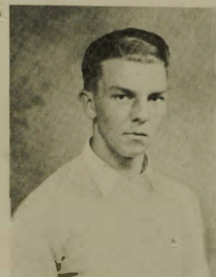
Accordingly, we are to have, first of all, a student song leader. This year Pork Van Wyen seems the logical one for this exalted position. He will be given some actual training by Mr. Weaver who is the new director of the Glee Clubs. In the spring it probably would be well to hold try-outs for the Juniors who would like the job for the following year. Letters would undoubtedly be awarded by the Student's Council for the successful performance of such duties as would fall to the lot of such a leader.

In the second place it might be well, says Mr. Randall, to have the students take a definite part in the program; proper, to introduce such speakers as they, as a part of the committee, shall have invited to address the assembled multitude.

Now as to a practical manner in which such a plan might be put into effect. Mr. Randall again comes to our aid with the suggestion that the Student's Council nominate a certain number of students from which a committee of faculty members would elect two or three. These students, together with the faculty members of the committee would be in charge of assembly programs, and would have the opportunity to actively participate.

Kaeli Will Head Architect's Group

Earl Kaeli, '29, was elected president of the Architectural Students Association at its first meeting of the year. Ward Patten, '30, was chosen vice president and Frank Sapere, '30, secretary and treasurer.



STANTON LITZ

Mr. Litz, the vice-president of the student's council presided in the absence of Mr. Jack Dunn, the president, at the first meeting of the Freshman class. Mr. Litz and Mr. Dunn are alternates on the council this year and are senior representatives of the School of Industrial Arts.

Student Paper Needs Aid of School Talent

New Activity, Opportunity For Writers and Artists to Try Abilities

"Some are born great—some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them." This is the first edition of the Psimar. The baby of M. I. student activities is presented to you not with greatness as a birthright but rather as a goal which must be achieved. Nor is it the wish of those who thus far have been most intimately concerned with the work involved in the editing of such a paper that greatness should be thrust upon it.

This venture will be successful only in so far as it is really a student paper. When each and every person who can write does so, when the spirit of informality pervades, and a realization of the paper as a means of expression for all student opinion so long as it is sincere, becomes an accepted fact will we have a student publication, run by and for the students.

In a sense the Psimar belongs to you, and it is up to you to either make it or break it. Its Staff Proper must of necessity be somewhat small in so far as permanent positions are concerned, but there are almost unlimited possibilities for that section of it which are to be more or less temporary.

Golf

About twenty girls have reported for golf. When the weather permits, the group will adjourn to the Practice Course at Genesee Valley Park. Otherwise, meetings will be held in the girls' gym at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons. Mr. Richard Browne, the new instructor, predicts great things for the future.

Co-operation Needed by the Student Council

Student Council is Financially Sound Report Shows

The Student Council of Mechanics Institute for the year 1928-29 began operations under the firmest financial conditions in the history of the Council. A sufficient balance carried over from last year in addition to the special interest bearing account presents a bright future for the coming year. The financial condition is of vital importance since the premier operation of the Council is to finance student activities.

The council has as president, Jack Dunn, senior cooperative mechanical. The vice-president is Stan Litz, senior cooperative electrical. Miss Geraldine Hilton, senior, School of Home Economics is Secretary-treasurer. The other representatives are as follows: School of Applied Art, Kenn Niver, Winifred Taylor; School of Home Economics, Edward Croner; School of Industrial Art, Samuel Cuddeback, Norman MacIntosh, Mr. Rossier. Each department has one representative from each class with the exception of the Industrial Art Department which has two representatives, the two chosen from that department comprising one vote. At present there exists one vacancy, caused by the failure of that representative to return. This vacancy must be filled immediately. All representatives are chosen by popular vote.

The first important work of the Council is to supervise the expenditure of budgets, these budgets being made out in the fall of the year and then submitted to the Council for its approval. The Council endeavors to divide the total capital available, if necessary, in proportion to the size and need of the various organizations submitting budgets.

When a student pays his tuition a certain percentage of that amount is deducted for a Council fund. The capital resulting is expended as the council sees fit for publication, social functions, and various student activities. The Council governs the actions of those students participating in any capacity in all activities which are financed by the Council.

Hiking

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Twenty-five girls responded to the call for hikers and a hiking club was founded. The first hike is to take place Sunday morning October 14th. All those interested meet at the Dormitory at 9:30 o'clock. The food is furnished!

"HELP IT GROW"

By Adrian Van Wyne



THE DUST PAN

(All the School Dirt)
By Jack Bennett

**THE POISON BATHROBE
or
MRS. CRAPSHOOT'S
DECISION**

By Jack Bennett

A great discommotion was heard in the foyer.

"Postmaster's here mother!" sweet globules of silver dripped from the molar of "mother's little this and that."

"Bring them to mother, Persimmon," hissed Mrs. Crapshoot domineeringly. Little light "sevens" were heard tripping up the stairs. On the third stair from the top Persimmon tripped for fair.

"Oh mother," gurgled Persimmon from the bottom.

"Sweet child," whistled the mother through her back teeth, as she picked up and opened the letters, one in front from the other. Clutching one letter, forgetting dear little Persimmon for the whilst, Mrs. Crapshoot made a pretty under-arm pass, throwing the other annoyance out the window.

"Heavens above!" she fairly gasped, incidentally remembering she hadn't been to church lately. "Here is the Rochester Atha-Athaw-Athee-Ath well anyway and Mechanics Institute catalogue that Walton sent for."

"Oh mother," murmured Persimmon, forgetting to struggle to rise.

"Run and get a knife to cut the pages with," snarled mother.

—A half hour passed.

"Persimmon! Whatcha doin'?"

"I'm coming, mother," but in reality our darling little Persimmon had been paring her finger nails.

"Step on it babe!" threatened Mrs. Crapshoot.

A sweet boyish voice shook the structure. Walton Algernon Crapshoot came bounding through the kitchen door forgetting to open the screen in his haste. So great was his momentum that we really haven't time to describe his ascent to the second floor.

"Mother!"

"Walton!"

They clinched.

As Walton unravelled himself from this maternal half-Nelson, his mother looked up into the soft understanding eyes of our hero. A finely modeled nose like a couple of lady fingers surmounted on each flank by a border of freckles which took after his father. Walton's father was dead!

"The catalogue has come, my dear," said Mrs. Crapshoot, orbiting her way into Walton's chill heart.

"Goody!" said Walter, clawing the air as Mrs. Crapshoot dangled the booklet in front of the couple of lady fingers.

Finally she grudgingly gave in. "Ye, I've decided to send you there," she said.

Our own dear Walton couldn't think of any other crack so he just said "Goody" again.

Now if Kenn Niver doesn't try to make a date with statue in the Bevier hall, next month we'll tell you about Walton's Big Adventure or Getting Acquainted. I Thank You.

"Duke" Jones writes to his father that he is having a big year at Mekanix. He has taken Architecture, Freehand, Measles, Debating, Bawling-outs, perspective, watches, slickers, and many other things too numerous to mention.

"My home town is so tough," boasts one Freshman to another, "that the catary birds all sing bass."

"Huh, that's nothing," says the other, "where I live they had to shoot a man to start a grave yard."

TO BROADEN HUMAN INSIGHT

This is a new day. This first edition of the Psimar marks the beginning of a new period in the student life of Mechanics Institute. Whether history says that it is a better era or a poorer era, we are entering into the new and leaving behind the old.

Herein lies the justification for the growing liberality of our curriculum and for the growth of our student activities. This motive is the seed from which we expect abundant fruition. No new activity in the life of the Institute in my time has promised a richer contribution than the founding of the Psimar. Potentially it stands at the head of the list of our activities in its ability to spread a sense of the value of human understanding and in its capacity for broadening human insight. Everyone who assists by contributing manuscript, everyone who assists in its distribution, as well as everyone who reads will be amply repaid for every minute spent.

Critics may say this is a technical school and a paper is a liberal influence appropriate only for the advanced educational institutions in the field of liberal arts. This paper stands for the liberal, open mind in those who travel every walk of life. This editorial is an appeal to every reader to applaud the open minded liberalism with which this paper starts out to herald and interpret a new epoch in Mechanics Institute life.

—John A. Randall.

To make a beginning often involves a great deal of determination. Obstacles may be so strongly presented that it would hardly seem worth the effort.

There has been a splendid idea in Mechanics Institute that lay dormant for a long while. It was handicapped because it had been labeled "unsuccessful". However some dexterous individual unearthed the idea and efforts have been put into action to give it a complimentary place in our Alma Mater.

New enterprise that we have undertaken this fall is to have a school paper for all students and all students are invited to become its co-workers.

There are many branches of learning in Mechanics Institute that are widely separated from one another creating different opinions, ideas, interests, associations and activities. There is no better way of reaching each student than by having a voice which is common to all, and one that speaks a youth's language.

This is sincerely a student's paper started to further a feeling of unity, to help in every way it can to promote a good feeling among fellow students and hopes some day to be recognized along with other literary manuscripts of other institutions.

The faculty has extended to our "Psimar" their compliments. We as Students sincerely hope that the faculty and future associates of this Institution will be proud of our beginning. After all the beginning is only a start toward its preservation.—M. W.

"Bob" Littlejohn has persisted in calling a mysterious gentleman, also by the name of Bob, just a great big Pilgrim since a certain date she had with him two weeks ago Friday. Certain interested people have unearthed the answer. He made a wonderful Progress.

STUDENT FORUM

ADVOCATES FORMATION OF CHEMISTRY CLUB

At present there are at Mechanics Institute many clubs, societies and other organizations which are composed of students who are banded together with common interests, but so far there have been no steps toward organizing a chemical society.

Not long ago, several junior and senior students of both sections happened to meet and from the many questions that were asked came, "Why can't we form a Chemical Society in order that we may get together more often and discuss some of the problems which arise in such a field?" Everyone thought that was a good suggestion, but no more has been said and no steps have been taken toward the founding of such a society in Mechanics Institute.

A Chemical Society would prove to be very interesting and instructive and I, as many others, hope that in the near future a sufficient number of chemical students will see the need of such a society in the Institute.

—D. Anderson.

Dear Editor: To say that school assemblies are dumb is putting it mild. Indeed, they are tragic. Here we see vividly the lack of school spirit. Why this condition exists is unfathomable, perhaps it can be traced again to the lack of traditions. And dare we venture to say that what little traditions we have have been stepped upon.

A contribution has been given to the paper suggesting a possible change. Let us get rid of our inferiority complexes, put our own pep behind these suggestions and make going to assembly a pleasure rather than bug-bear.

—D. D.

Some of the stuff that makes the world go round seems to have wandered down the throat of Mr. "Monk" Clark. For, when the dorm was on fire last Monday night, Monk carried out most of the furniture and Bunny Lawson only to find that the conflagration was caused by a mere waste basket. Also the gentleman in question happened to wake up Tuesday morning to find the whole affair but a dream. Big Boy, read your labels!

IN STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:—"A lovely family"—an agreeable remark heard in the Dorm at the beginning of the new school year. From another source—"such a ruthless crowd of girls I've never seen". Easily guessed, the latter came from a few cowardly freshmen. But "time is a great healer" (though not invariably certain, perhaps) in the case of "Our Big Family" it apparently held true. No more are our Younger Sisters looked upon with evil glances—no longer are the young seen to flitter about in their fanciful curtsies at the sight of a dignified elder. All are at last united in a common spirit—with that "let's all be friends" atmosphere. A fine lot indeed.

What really good times we can have!! Is it not true? Do you recall those hunger pains which inevitably come just at 9:30 P. M.? No earlier — but why? "How strange,"—says one at the desk. "Sorry", accompanied by a kind of cool, would-be sympathizing look. And then—turn away in tears? Judge for yourself. Try peeping around the corner or eavesdropping or actually "dropping in" in person. We will be glad to see you.

—J. D.

The Every Night Club will dramatize that beautiful play "Street Angel." It is announced that Mr. Richard Chase Browne will be given the male lead. And we know why!

It has long been rumored that when Dutch and Pork were hired by the Express Company they (the company) killed two of their best horses to cut down on feed expenses.

Can you imagine a Prof who has to lock the door of his class room so as to keep his pupils in? Hm-m-m- interesting course!

O yez we have a navy! Mr. G. Pring and Mr. R. Weller will collaborate in offering an evening course in "Knowing the Ropes." Make your appointments rapidly.

Jack S. "Didn't you see me at the Freshman reception? I saw you twice."

Dick B. "No, I never notice people in that condition."

OFFICERS IN FAVOR OF A NEW PROJECT

M. I. Has Material for Successful Dramatic Club

"All the world's a stage." Trite but true, isn't it? And lucky as well for those at M. I. who feel the urge to be dramatic, now and again? Indeed it's a bit of a question as to what we'll do with a Dramatics Club if and when we get one?

What! you've heard nothing about a Dramatics Club! Quelle Damage! etc. — Well listen my children and you shall hear of the plans afoot for the coming year.

To be serious now for a change, last year you said you liked the production given by the Glee Clubs. How would it be this year to let the Glee Clubs sing and to acquire a good coach and a dramatics organization so that embryo actors with latent possibilities may be discovered and those who already have had some experience may have a chance to keep in trim?

Aside from all this there is another valuable aspect to the case. How about opportunities for participation being open to all schools, to both men and women—in fact to any one with talent of almost any kind.

What I mean to say is a bit to this effect. Our electrical (or ought I to say magnetic) boy friends, together with those who are chemically inclined or who have those mechanical minds (you know what I mean) from the school of Industrial Arts can give us valuable assistance if they feel so inclined, along the lines of stage effects and properties and the like, to say nothing of their ability to furnish us with shocks and explosions. The costuming could be ably and appropriately attended to by Home Ec. and Art Students. And last but not least we have a perfectly good school of Applied Art upon which to draw, (no I'm not exactly "punning") our scenic effects.

Best Wishes From

Carl F. Lomb

I wish the new enterprise of a student paper all success. A worthwhile publication can serve not only as an outlet for various sorts of talent, but also as an important factor in keeping alive the best traditions of scholarship and fellowship in the Institute.

I urge the cooperation of all students in building this new project into the life of the Institute. (Signed) Carl F. Lomb.

Industrial Art Students to Hold First Meeting

There will be a meeting of all Industrial Art Students Wednesday night, October 31, at 8 P. M., in the Assembly Hall in the Eastman Building. Mr. Weller, from the faculty of M. I. has made arrangements to have a speaker here on that date. The topic will be on Oxygen and its Uses. Three reels of film will accompany the lecture. The talk and film have been sponsored by the Air Reduction Sales Company. After the lecture there will be refreshments.

Mr. Weller would like to have a good turnout, as he has spent considerable time in making the arrangements.

Fraternities and Sororities Begin Their Social Season

Chi Epsilon Phi Fraternity

On October 19, 1928 the Chi Epsilon Phi fraternity will hold its fall dance at Bevier Hall. A special feature of the evening will be the holding of (Open House) at the new home of the fraternity at 84 South Plymouth, between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 P. M. Entertainment and refreshments are promised. Among those who will assist in receiving are Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. Ellingson and Mr. Fenniger.

This year, in addition to supporting a fraternity house its members now enjoy a dinner club. Edward Dwyer, the fraternity steward has done much toward making this project a success.

Sigma Kappa Delta Sorority

An informal bridge party was held by the Sigma Kappa Delta Sorority on September 28th in the Bevier living room for all freshman girls and members of the faculty.

Prizes and refreshments were features of the evening.

Chi Delta Phi

One of the most enjoyable of the series of fraternity and sorority dances given at the opening of the Institute was that of Chi Delta Phi. Fifty-six couples attended the event in the Bevier building on the evening of October 18.

Jack Bennett started the ball rolling at nine o'clock, for one of the most successful of the organization's social affairs.

Phi Sigma Phi Opens Activities with Dance

The Alpha Chapter of the Phi Sigma Phi Fraternity held the first fraternity dance of the 1928-29 season in Bevier Hall on Saturday evening September 29, 1928.

Music was furnished by Jack Bennett's five piece band.

The party was a great success socially as well as financially, considering the short period of advertising.

The chaperons for the dance were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Johns, Miss Mott and Mr. Buck.

The Phi Sigma Phi fraternity has the honor of announcing the acceptance of Mr. William Buck and Mr. George Pring as honorary members of the Phi Sigma Phi fraternity of Mechanics Institute. —V. D. W.

New Equipment Ordered

As wrestling is becoming a growing sport at M. I., Coach Ellingson requisitions new material for the grapplers, including 5 new mats, similar to those used by the University of Illinois matmen. The mats are made of a canton flannel, light in weight, and have a fluffy covering which protects the matmen from cuts and bruises which an ordinary canvas cover is liable to inflict on the grapplers. Through the cooperation of the Duffy-Powers Co. of Rochester, the mats are being made in this city by that concern. The mats will be ready for use in two weeks. When the mats arrive the facilities for the grapplers will equal those of the larger schools in the East.

Psimar Staff Obtains Permanent Headquarters

Three cheers for the student council! That noble body has contributed much to the success of Psimar by giving their office (room 203) to the staff. The members of the staff will use this room to carry on the business of the paper. Office hours are from 4 until 4:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be a staff meeting every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All students, including the incoming section of Cooperative students, who are willing to help make the paper a success, are urged to appear at the next meeting.

Delta Omicron Sorority Entertained Freshmen

A strange sight met the gaze of fifty Freshmen girls and several of the faculty from Mechanic's Institute Tuesday evening, when the Delta Omicron Sorority entertained them.

One corner of the rest room was transformed into a realistic gambling den of Monte Carlo. Everyone was searched for hidden weapons, upon entering.

Refreshments were served and dancing held in "Coral Gables". Atlantic City was visited by everyone where a rather undignified group were pulling taffy.

In a dark corner and with the light of one candle each one had her fortune told by a gypsy.

Phi Upsilon Phi

Phi Upsilon Phi started the fall season with the annual tea for the faculty and freshmen. This tea has become a tradition in the sorority. The event this fall was the tenth affair of its kind that the sorority has given. Miss Bessie Gillard and Mrs. Harry Bachus poured. The committee was assisted by Mrs. Stamp.

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Fresh Frosh Frighten Few Furious Females

Newly carved wooden paddles and dainty apple green ribbons, were sure to be seen wherever Upper Classmen or Freshmen lingered, during the first few days of school this fall.

A mystifying and bewildering phenomenon was, that water fell on a shiny day, from a second story window, and only on one side of the street, never-the-less it came down in buckets full.

The green and white ribboned buddies were kept on the hop carrying pencils and erasers for blonds and brunettes. However, they deserve praise for displaying such a high degree of sportsmanship, whether or not it was forced I am not prepared to say.

Proposing to the girls was their favorite indoor sport and when the flow of speech ceased, a reminder stood behind which gave more spice to the occasion. The chief outdoor activity for colorful frosh was playing leap-frog, riding shaky old nags and solving the problem of traffic on unsignalled corners. The climax of the initiation was the struggle between the yearlings and the upperclassmen.

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Art League to Stage Ball on October 26th

Bohemian Event to Start League's Extensive Program for Year

The Art League Masquerade Ball!

The most colorful, the most Bohemian and one of the "different" occasions of the year at Mechanics is the annual Art League ball, set for Friday evening, October 26.

A general invitation has been extended to everyone in the Institute by the committee, consisting of Elinor Chambers, Kenn Niver, Crae Smith and Louise Foster. Prizes will be offered for the best costumes. Costumes will be judged during the grand march.

Members of the League are competing in a poster contest for purposes of advertising the affair. Posters expressing the care-free spirit of the event will be entered in the competition.

The Art League will resume its dramatic activities again this year, undertaking a more ambitious program as the result of previous successes. Shakespeare's Macbeth will be produced at a number of out-of-town engagements early in the year. Milton E. Bond will play the role of Macbeth. Members of the League are now holding rehearsals to compete for roles.

Warren Chamberlin and Ellen Jones are serving as business managers of the League's dramatic activities. The committee in charge of costuming and staging consists of Crae Smith, Edmun Straschen, Helen Arny, Emily Clements and Orville Parks.

Rumors that the League will this year sponsor an elaborately staged production similar to the very successful "Alladin's Lamp" are current. The probabilities are that the two glee clubs will combine with the League in staging a musical fantasy, written, produced and designed by Institute talent.

Members of the League have formed a sketch club which meets in the Bevier building every Tuesday evening.

Officers of the Art League are: Charles Lofgreen, president; Elinor Chambers, vice president; Evelyn Stucke, secretary and Robert Lord, treasurer. Eileen Frame and Mildred White are representing the Junior class. Freshman representatives are Thelma Ward and Dorothy Milham.

Electrical Students Plan Movie Meeting

A dramatically interesting movie film, of general interest to all students and members of the faculty, will be shown at an evening meeting of the Electrical Students' Association on October 18. John Jacobus, association president, is urging all electrical students to attend and has issued a general invitation to others who are interested.

Matmen Start Training; Tough Schedule Arranged

Coach Mark Ellingson With Six Veterans Back in School Looks for Successful Season; Thirty-two Men Report at First Work Out in M. I. Gym.

Under the watchful eye of Coach Ellingson the matmen of M. I. are getting in shape for a tough season. Thirty-two men answered roll call at the first practice of the season and with the large number of veterans back and some new material it is expected that the schedule, which has been arranged, and includes such teams as Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Alfred University, St. Lawrence University and Cortland Normal, can be successfully met.

With the exception of Geraci, Capt. '27 and Krank lost through graduation the rest of the last year's grapplers are back in school. Coach Ellingson when asked who would constitute the regulars this year said, "The men who wrestled in the last scheduled meet of last year are regulars this year until displaced by another man on the squad." The team at present then stands:

- 118 pound class
 - 128 pound class
 - 135 pound class
 - 145 pound class
 - 158 pound class
 - 175 pound class
 - Heavyweight
- Open
Cap't Stinson
R. Kent
Stelljes
Whitney
Cala
Van Emerick
- Fallon, Bonfiglio, Hooker, Dudley and Barthalamau members

of the squad last year are all anxious to land a regular's job and are giving the regulars plenty to worry about.

The new men who are out and who will be heard are: Schantz, Tobey, Blari, Yaw, Hague, Evans, Chase, Guiley, Hodjins, Birdenbricher, Fish, Monchewiski, Dailey, Stockton, Jones, Swanson, Resettie, Di Gardi and Young.

All men interested in wrestling, whether they have had experience or not, are urged to report to Coach Ellingson. Last year Stinson, Kent, Whitney, Cala and Van Emerick had little or no experience but came out for wrestling and landed regular berths. The squad works out Monday and Wednesday at 7 P.M. and Saturdays at 1 o'clock.

At the last meeting of the student council H. Kent was elected manager, replacing Nichols who resigned due to other duties which took up his spare time. Kent was an assistant manager last year.

In order to win an "M" in wrestling, a man must take part in over 50% of the scheduled matches with educational institutions of higher rank than high schools.

Swimming

SWIMMING!!!!!!

Where—Brick Church Institute.

When—Every Thursday at 4:15 P. M.

Who—Any one who can demonstrate back stroke, side stroke, front dive and swim 1/4 mile.

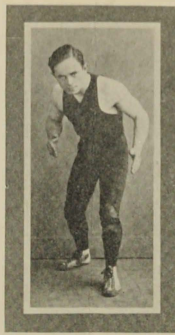
Frosh may be excused from regular swimming on Thursday for this period.

Life-Saving Tests are given at the end of the term.

First Year Record of M. I. Matmen Good

Last year wrestling was a new sport at M. I. Considering that only three regulars had any previous experience whatever, the team's record is well worth looking over. Six matches were booked with some of the best university and normal school aggregations in the state, as follows: Syracuse University, one; Geneva Y, one; Alfred University, two; and Cortland Normal, two. When the season closed the record chalked up read: falls won 11, falls lost 11, decisions won 8, decisions lost 10, draws 2. A team with a first year like this deserves and should have everyone's support.

Wrestling is no longer a new sport. The grapplers who represent M. I. this year will be experienced matmen and have already proven themselves fighters. It is now up to the student body to support them.



William Stinson came to Mechanics from Skaneateles, N. Y. last year, and among the first things he did was to go out for wrestling. Like many of the other men he had had no experience at the game but with his own natural ability and Coach Ellingson's tutelage developed into one of M. I. most dependable matmen. This year upon his return to school he was chosen to lead the Institute Grapplers, a fitting reward for his work last season. Captain Stinson has met all the best college wrestlers in his class in this state including Okum, of Syracuse, Bradbury, of Cortland Normal and Cody, of Alfred.

Letter Men to Found M Club to Aid Sports

Organization Plans to Further Standards of Athletics

An "M" club, composed of all men who have won the varsity M in any sport at the Institute, will be formed in the near future, if plans materialize. Block letter men are now advocating the formation of such a club.

Every man who has earned the school letter will be eligible for membership. The primary intention of the club will be to promote better sportsmanship and to arouse interests in sports at the Institute.

It is intended to make membership in the "M" club one of the highest athletic honors of the school, so that keener competition for varsity positions in basketball and wrestling will result.

The club is being organized with special reference to the future when track and baseball may be added to the major sports. The block-letter men are also advocating the addition of football to the Institute's athletic program.

Another objective of the club will be to maintain a high scholastic standing among its members.

In all colleges and institutes, athletics is one of the best advertisements the school has, both as an institution of learning and as a school with high standards of student sportsmanship and loyalty. In the years following school life sportsmanship is one of the greatest factors in the success of any individual. The more a student is impressed with the necessity of true sportsmanship while at school, the more fit he will be to play the game of life when he leaves his Alma Mater. The block M men who are urging the formation of a club are: Allan Van Emerick, Adrian Van Wyne, Charles Cala, William Stinson, Samuel Cuddeback, Irving Hall, Reginald Penfield, George McCaw, Gomer Stelljes and George Whitney, Mark Ellingson, coach of wrestling, and Steve Brodie, faculty manager of basketball, are behind the movement, also.

Two M. I. Men at Olympic Trials

Did you know that two men on the 1927 M. I. wrestling team tried out for places on the United States Olympic Team? Geraci, in the 118 pound class, and Stelljes, in the 145 pound division, were sent to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the trials which were held on the 4, 5, and 6th on July.

Neither of the men made the Olympic Team but they were both up against the best college matmen in the country and both made good showings.

Mechanics Not to be Member of New League

Is Mechanics Institute a member of a basket ball league this year?

This has become one of the most frequent questions about school. Several newspaper articles relative to a new league all mention Mechanics Institute as a member. Due to the fact that many of the teams in the proposed league are on the Institute schedule, many believe that the M. I. team will play in the league this season.

Schools with memberships in the proposed league, as organized at present, include Cook Academy, Rochester Business Institute, Oswego Normal, Geneseo Normal and Brockport Normal.

Mr. Alfred A. Johns, chairman of the Athletic Committee, was asked to verify the report and said, "Mechanics Institute will not be a member of the basket ball league this year. Our name has been used in connection with the league, but without our knowledge. We have never had a representative at a league meeting."

Doubt that the Institute would soon become a member of the league was expressed by Mr. Steve Brodie, faculty manager of basketball. Mr. Brodie said, "In view of the fact we are unable to start our season until January 11, or thereabouts, it will be difficult for us to become a member of such a league. The proposed league will have to start its schedule a month earlier than we do in order to complete it."

Mr. Brodie also explained that because so many basketball men come from the cooperative courses and because so many players from both the Industrial Art and Applied Art schools were home for two weeks during Christmas vacation, it has been found necessary to start the season late, when all men were back in school.

Eight Members of 1927 Squad Return to M. I.

When Coach Pete McKay looks over the candidates for this year's team he will find eight men from last season's blue and grey squad available. Captain Cuddeback, Hall, Penfield, and Van Wyne being letter men and Churchill, Blidenburgh, Carr, and Miller all members of the squad who saw service last year.

Three regulars of last year who will not be back in harness this season are Procter, Captain '27, and Marshall who did not return to school and Baltzel, who is lost thru graduation.

The call for candidates will not go out for a time yet as the first game is not booked until January 11, when M. I. opens its season on the R. B. I. court as host to the Auburn Theological Seminary Quintet.

Manager Glen Herman has not as yet the full schedule made up but says the first three games will be at home, Lima Seminary and Geneseo Normal coming here after M. I. meets Auburn.

It is expected this year, as in other years, the team will be strengthened by the addition of freshmen who have had experience on high school teams. Among those likely to be heard from before another season closes is Coryell, a rangy guard from John Marshall, who is expected to make a strong bid for a guard berth and Call who pastimed with Batavia High last year.

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