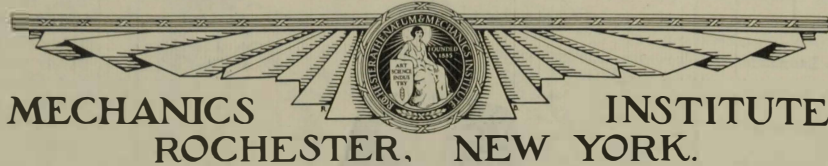


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## MECHANICS TOSSERS IN WIN. 39 TO 12

Warren and Niermeyer Open  
Up Long Lead Over Lima  
Court Aggregation

Mechanics Institute's fast court five knocked off the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary basketball outfit last Friday on the Columbus Club court, 39 to 12, to hang up its second win of the year. Warren and Niermeyer opened up a lead which read Mechanics 21, Genesee Wesleyan 10, at half time.

They featured the game with 10 and 9 points for the winners while Walrath, who nicked five points, was high for the losers.

MECHANICS			
	G	F	T
Zeitler, rf	2	0	4
Bailey, rf	2	0	4
Eisenh't, lf	2	0	4
Johnson, lf	0	0	0
Coryell, c	0	2	2
Eisenh't, c	2	0	4
Warren, rg	4	2	10
Slove, rg	1	0	2
Nierm'r, lg	4	1	9
Spano, lg	0	0	0
Matthe's, lg	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>

GENESEEE W.			
	G	F	T
Slover, rf	0	1	1
Conly, rf	0	0	0
Walrath, lf	2	1	5
Campbell, lf	0	0	0
Farr, c	1	0	2
Dea, rg	1	0	2
Youtzy, lg	1	0	2
Griffith, lg	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

Score at half time, Mechanics 21, Genesee Wes. Sem. 10; referee, Benzoni.

In the first game of the season on the K. of C. court, January 9th, the courtmen defeated the St. Andrews Seminary team by the score of 47 to 27. The score of this game does not begin to show the calibre of the M. I. team this year as most of the time during the game Coach "Pete" McKay was trying out his men in various positions. Every man on the squad was able to play some time during the game and most men played in more than one position on the team that night. It is very likely that if the coach had played his best five men all the time the score would have been rather large.

## New Psimar Editor



Psimar wishes to announce that Rose Anne Langhans has been elected editor-in-chief by members of the staff, from the four highest candidates in the editorial competition conducted since November 6. Miss Langhans will remain in office through June.

This only goes to show that we have a very strong squad of players this year and when we meet our stronger visiting teams that we are going to show up very well and end up much better than in former years. The line-up for the January 9th game follows:

MECHANICS			
	G	F	T
Zeitler, f	0	6	16
W. Eisenhart, f	4	0	8
Bailey, f	2	0	4
Johnson, f	0	0	0
Coryell, c	3	0	6
Matthe's, c	0	0	0
Warren, g	1	1	3
Slove, g	0	1	1
Niermeyer, g (Capt.)	0	3	3
M. Eisenhart, g	2	1	5
Spano, g	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>

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## Guest Tickets

Guest tickets are issued during the entire week preceding basketball games and wrestling matches by Edward Pike, Harold Wolff and Andrew Chapman.

On Thursday and Friday between 12 and 1 o'clock and Wednesday and Thursday evening from 7.15 to 8.15 they will be issued in the main hall of the Eastman Building.

Since guest tickets are limited, the Student Council asks that you be sure your guest is coming. Out of the 450 tickets issued for the first game, only 200 were received at the door. There are many more who would like to attend basketball games and wrestling matches if tickets were available.

## FROSH, VARSITY MATMEN SCORE, WIN OPENERS

Alfred Reserves, Oswego Y,  
Tech High, Buffalo Y,  
Opponents

In the wrestling match between the Mechanics Frosh and the Alfred Reserve team, which Mechanics won 26 to 6, last Friday, the thrill of the evening came in the 145-pound class bout, when Randall of Mechanics and Parents of Alfred wrestled for an extra period, the M. I. man winning the decision with the time 3.26.

Another match which gripped the audience was the bout between Serafine of Mechanics and Evans of Alfred, in which the Mechanics man, using a double wrist lock and double leg lock, threw his opponent in 4 minutes. Summary:

118-lb. class—Polito (Mechanics) defeated Benza (Alfred), decision; time 5.28; points, 5.

135-lb. class—Keller (Alfred) defeated Vormwald (Mechanics), decision; time 4.20; points, 3.

145-lb. class—Randall (Mechanics) defeated Parents (Alfred), decision; time 3.26; points, 3.

155-lb. class—Maley (Mechanics) defeated Sinbey (Alfred), fall; time 5.35; points, 5.

165-lb. class—Holcomb (Mechanics) defeated Chous (Alfred), fall; time 3.40; points, 5.

175-lb. class—Greenstein (Alfred) defeated Komola (QMechanics), decision; time 3.12; points, 3.

Unlimited class—Gardner (Mechanics) defeated Clevie (Alfred), fall; time 1.16; points, 5.

On December 13th Mechanics Varsity wrestling team officially opened their season with a meet with the Buffalo Y. M. C. A. At the end of the meet the score was 3 to 3 in favor of Mechanics. The summaries are as follows:

118-lb. class—Beovern (Buffalo) won decision over Schantz (Mechanics) in 5 minutes and 25 seconds; points, 3.

126-lb. class—Curtis (Mechanics) threw Schartz (Buffalo) in 7 minutes; points, 5.

135-lb. class—Thomas (Mechanics) won decision over Maluchowski (Buffalo) in 9 minutes and 40 seconds; points, 3.

145-lb. class—Peterson (Mechanics) won decision over Gardos (Buffalo) in 9 minutes and 7 seconds; points, 3.

155-lb. class—Shopmeyer (Mechanics)

## Markham Memorial Bookprint At Mechanics Institute Library

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The following explanation of this familiar book-print was offered by George Ogle D'Olier, 35 Warwick Avenue:

"In 1891 I visited Elm Place, the estate of the late W. G. Markham, and obtained from his venerable father some facts regarding the big elm tree which had always been a landmark to the pioneers of the Genesee Valley and a favorite summer camping ground for the Indians.

"By actual measurement it shaded one acre of ground at noon.

"In its prime it resembled a weeping willow.

"When a child Mr. Markham played under it with the Indian children,

ics) won decision over Rich (Buffalo) in 9 minutes and 52 seconds; points, 3.

165-lb. class—Mosher (Mechanics) threw Grellick (Buffalo) in 1 minute and 40 seconds; points, 5.

175-lb. class—Jones (Mechanics) threw Panone (Buffalo) in 9 minutes and 10 seconds; points, 5.

Heavyweight class—Pike (Mechanics) won by default; points, 5.

In their second meet of the season, on January 9, 1931, the Frosh wrestling team took a victory of 2-8 from the Oswego Y. M. C. A. The summaries:

118-lb. class—Polito (Mechanics) defeated Clark (Oswego) by decision in 8 minutes 15 seconds; points, 3.

126-lb. class—Serafine (Mechanics) defeated Whall (Oswego) by decision in 3 minutes 42 seconds; points, 3.

135-lb. class—Wilson (Oswego) won decision over Vormwald (Mechanics)

making swings of the branches by tying them together.

"During a spring flood when the flats were pied with ice, a hunter fired at the tree. The wadding from his gun set fire to some deadwood, and when the flood receded there was only the stump left.

"On visiting it this year (1930), I was surprised to find that a good-sized tree had grown from the stump in the past 39 years.

"In 1893 a section was sent to the Chicago Fair and was said to show an age of 500 years.

"Elm Place is about 16 miles south of Rochester, N. Y."

by 3 minutes 42 seconds time advantage; points, 3.

145-lb. class—Randall (Mechanics) threw Batchelor (Oswego) in 3 minutes 25 seconds; points, 5.

155-lb. class—Malay (Mechanics) won match by default; points, 5.

165-lb. class—Holcomb (Mechanics) threw Hallock in 2 minutes 55 seconds; points, 5.

175-lb. class—Keen (Oswego) threw Casey (Mechanics) in 2 minutes 15 seconds; points, 5.

Heavyweight class—Komola (Mechanics) threw Glendon (Oswego) in 1 minute 27 seconds; points, 5.

The first Frosh meet of the year was held in the gym December 5, 1930. In this meet the Frosh met defeat at the hands of Tech High of Rochester by a score of 26 to 6.

In a return match with the Buffalo Y at Buffalo on January 10 the Var-

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## Explanation

The relative merits of the old-fashioned girl and the ultra-modern have been subjected to the criticism of Beatrice Fairfax, Dorothy Dix, Flo Ziegfeld, Ben Lindsay and a billion amorous young males. The results lead nowhere, for who cares, anyway? And who started this talk about girls? They have no place here. But there is a nice one at the top of this page. She's something new and entirely different, being neither oppressively modern (as most moderns are) nor hopelessly old-fashioned, nor even a cross between the two. She's brand new, original, distinct, and all that (Santa Claus, please send us some adjectives next Xmas). She is our Guest Ticket Girl.

The new plan of eliminating all paid admissions at our athletic exhibitions originated, we believe, at Mechanics. The object is to provide a spirit of better sportsmanship than formerly was evident and to do away with a certain undesirable element which has been present at our games in the past. The project is an entirely novel one. The only thing that even approaches it in purpose is the decision of a few of the larger universities to give up football in order to avoid commercialism.

Whether or not the new plan will foster better sportsmanship at the games depends on the students. If they come to the exhibitions and bring their outside friends and act as ladies and gentlemen, the desired result should be obtained. And if the alumni co-operate in the same way, the attendance will be both large and select, with everyone having a more or less personal interest in the contest.

But the undesirable element is a different matter. We don't know just what constituted the undesirable acts, but we were under the impression that the students themselves committed them. We haven't noticed any drunks at the games as yet, but there has been yelling and shouting and bawling, roaring opposition to the referee's decisions, which to our mind is very undesirable. We are in hopes that the offenders will be squelched.

The plan is a fine one and deserves your support. See that you give it.



## STUDENT FORUM

(Letters which appear in the Student Forum are not to be construed as representing the opinion of The Psimar editorial board. Letters must be signed with the full names of the writers, although these will not necessarily be published.—The Editors.)

Dear Editor:

Why is it that the Psimar cannot be put on a self supporting basis? Why do we not have as good a paper as many high schools do? It seems as though the Psimar is going backward instead of forward as it should be.

Three years ago the Psimar made its debut into the Mechanics Institute student body with high hopes in the minds of its staff to see it live and increase in circulation, but these hopes have not been fulfilled.

Is it because the paper does not have the support of the student body that the Psimar is not a complete success? If so, then let us one and all as a student body give it our whole hearted support, not only by purchasing a copy but by contributing to it.

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Dear Editor:

The Psimar. What does that mean to you? Is it just a publication which you purchase from force of habit? Or do you read it to find out what is doing in the school life? You pay ten cents for the Psimar but that ten cents doesn't pay for the paper it is printed on nor the actual printing. It costs a good deal for a publication

and you do not have to pay for it, except ten cents.

Suppose, now, we were to put up a notice that the cost of publication was to be paid for entirely by students. How much support do you suppose we would get? What an awful amount of controversy that would cause. Everyone would say that was too much of a good thing. But the publication is being paid, not by the students, but by our advertisers.

You write in your letters-to-the-Editor, your news, jokes, sports, announcements, etc. They are published and the students get the benefit, with the advertisers footing the bill.

How about putting into practice the Golden Rule? Support our advertisers; they support you.

Do you know that advertiser after advertiser (and large companies, too) turn us down on only one point? We do not support them. Here is an example of what they say:

"No, we're sorry. We have advertised in your paper but received no response. We cannot advertise where we get no results."

Such a reputation! Why not each of us, faculty included, live down that reputation by supporting our advertisers and telling them we saw it in Psimar.

A MEMBER OF THE STAFF.

## Around the School

Prof. (in Physics)—How would you define a transparent object?

Bill Taff—Any object you can look through.

Prof.—Name an example.

Bill Taff—A doughnut.

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Gordon Law—Will you love me forever?

Letitia Cappers (gazing at beautiful necklace just received)—I cannot tell that, but I love you for the present.

Usher—How many, please?

Roche (exasperated)—There were five of us, but three died.

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The Kansas City Star reports a Lakin, Kan., druggist who sent a shipment of ice cream by parcel post with the inscription: "If not delivered in five days, never mind."

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Don Casey—Did you ever do any fishing through the ice?

Al Coleman—Only for cherries at the bottom of glasses.

## A Misused Word

We do not know much about the king's English; we are not even sure that he is English; in fact, we might go so far as to say that we are not acquainted with the king at all, since we fail to get around much socially. But other people refer to the king's English without knowing either the king or what the expression means, so we shall also; for if there is one thing we cannot acquire, it is individuality.

It seems that the king's English is—(or better say "are" (four men in the backfield don'tchaknow)—always thrown for a loss (of from three to twenty-six yards) whenever they (he or it) attempts to run the ends, barge through center, or slither off tackle. This is particularly true when king's English (led by that valiant Fifth Horseman, the Prince of Wales) meets the Mechanics Punters (M. P.) M. I. (or M. P.) breaks through the English line and deftly tosses the ball carriers (one at a time) back over the English goal post, where they repose in various attitudes of discomfiture.

The result—we must have a result, of course; everything is either a result or a cause, or both, or else—but we'll tell you about that some other time; what we want now is a result and here it is. We hear much shouting about Frosh Initiation. Frosh are initiated here and frosh are initiated there (mostly there) and the cries ascend, "Long live Frosh Initiation!" But we, being a little Kuku, say "Frosh Initiation is dead; long live the king's English!" For we do not initiate the frosh at Mechanics.

The word "initiate" means to instruct in rudiments or principles; to acquaint with secrets or mysteries or to introduce into a society. Certainly we do not acquaint the frosh with any secrets or mysteries. Introduction into a society presupposes that the person introduced is to be accepted as an integral part of a unit. But the student body of Mechanics, due to its lack of school spirit, is not a unit, and even if it were, we certainly do not accept the frosh as a part of it, after the ceremonies are completed. Now, do we instruct the frosh in the rudiments or principles of anything? Well, we teach them to take advantage of a weaker individual, which would be excellent training if we were trying to graduate racketeers, but we are not.

Our treatment of the frosh is aptly described by the word bulldozing, which means to bully, or to intimidate by threats or physical violence, or by hazing, which means to harass by overwork, or to play practical jokes, especially of a severe kind, both of which words leave a bad taste in a person's mouth. Furthermore, this bulldozing of the yearlings is done solely for the amusement of the instigators of the buffoonery. We have always questioned the mentality of those who get pleasure out of inflicting physical or mental discomfiture on others, and we should like to know if there is any good reason why the practice should be continued, when obviously it does much more harm than it does good.

Mrs. Oldduds—And how is your husband getting on with his reducing exercise, Mrs. Newguide?

Mrs. Newguide—You'd be surprised—that battleship he had tattooed on his chest is now only a little rowdy.

## Regrets

The Editor of Psimar wishes to express in behalf of the staff, faculty and student body of Mechanics Institute, our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harold Bacon, Alumni Secretary, whose father died recently.

Mechanics Institute faculty and student body mourn the death of Robert Hannon, who was registered in the Frosh construction class at the Institute.

# The Cub Reporter

Mr. Weller — "Dick" Dudley  
Dudley Makes the Grade

Dick Dudley, M. I.'s head lung buster, practically gave up hope for himself in Mr. Weller's class. He was in the well known fog. To pass or not to pass? That was the question. Weller said no. Dudley remarked, however, that he would give the world to pass that course. Weller immediately took him up, thinking how remarkable it would be to own the whole business. He could take it home, and could go on his honeymoon



around the world between classes. So Dudley snuck out one fair night and stole the whole shooting match,—and Dudley made the grade.

## Frog Makes Remarkable Artist



Oogy Wawa

Oogy Wawa, the tame frog owned by Betty Chapman, has been enrolled in the school of applied art and is working wonders. A marvel with the brush, the frog painted a picture of Max Hoffman that was so lifelike that it has to be shaved every day. Jack Rivers and the frog are the best of friends and may be seen with their pipes, throughout the Institute. Contrary to comment, Oogy is not French, but is a resident of LeRoy.

## MATMEN WIN

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City team again came out on the long end of the score of 28 to 13. The summaries:

118-lb. class—McGovern (Buffalo) gained time advantage of 6 minutes 25 seconds over Schantz (Mechanics); points, 3.

126-lb. class—Curtis (Mechanics) won by default; points, 5.

135-lb. class—Thomas (Mechanics) threw Malachowski (Buffalo) in 4 minutes; points, 5.

145-lb. class—Evans (Buffalo) threw Peterson (Mechanics) in 3 minutes; points, 5.

155-lb. class—Shopmeyer (Mechanics) threw Grelick (Buffalo) in 7 minutes; points, 5.

165-lb. class—Mosher (Mechanics) threw Panone (Bualo) in 6 minutes 40 seconds; points, 5.

175-lb. class (Jones (Mechanics) threw Hobart (Bualo) in 6 minutes 40 seconds; points, 5.



## LEO KAPLAN FEATURES

Luke McGlock sez:

They call Chicago the Windy City because it's so easy to git yore head blown off there.

"Duke" Holstrum sure would git a whale of a lickin' if his paw knew he was a smokin' his pipe out to college.

Topsy says that neckin' is like eatin' mushrooms—you never know if you are up against a toadstool until it's too late.

There was a Scotchman who went to a dance in his B. V. D.'s because he had a blind date.

They call Harriet Kuhn "Muscle Lena"—she's the Fascist gal in school.

Scientists say that a flea kin go without eatin' for two weeks. The heck of it is, they won't.

Ever since Harold Lindquist has been raisin' a mustache, Marion says she has been feeling a little down in the mouth. LEO KAPLAN.

## INTERFRATERNAL BASKETBALL NEWS

Standing of teams in the Interfraternal Basket Ball League:

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chi Delta Phi	3	0	1.000
Phi Sigma Phi	2	1	.667
Pi Kappa Gamma	1	1	.500
Chi Epsilon Phi	0	1	.000
Chi Beta Phi	0	3	.000

Much interest is being shown in the fraternity basket ball games, with a large crowd of supporters at each game. At present Chi Delta Phi is assuming her old position, with Phi Sigma Phi following close behind. The termination of the basket ball season will be the Mardi Gras, when again the two leading teams will decide who is the champion of M. I.

C. CONROY.

## COURT MEN PLAY

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ST. ANDREWS SEMINARY

	G	F	T
Heidt, f	5	2	12
Fitzgerald, f	0	0	0
Culross, f	2	3	7
Valuk, c	2	4	8
Maloney, c	0	0	0
Vogt, g	0	0	0
Wahl, g	0	0	0
Flynn, g	0	0	0
Reddington, g	0	0	0
Totals	9	9	27

TED CARR

Varsity Manager

Heavyweight class—Roche (Mechanics) threw Brown (Buffalo) in 2 minutes 35 seconds; points, 3. Brown threw Roche in 1 minute 35 seconds; points, 5.

## New Equipment For Eastman Building

Recent alterations in the classroom equipment of the Industrial Arts School is another step forward in class room efficiency and comfort. Particular attention has been given to the lighting system.

In many of the rooms drawing classes are held. These require high intensity lighting with a minimum of shadows. In these rooms the reflectors were changed to a new type with a Glassteel Diffuser. At the present time this type of reflector gives the most uniform density of light that is offered on the market.

In a check up for uniform light it was found that the foot candle difference per desk was only one to two foot candles for the entire room. With the old system there was a difference of five foot candles. Thus in the old system some desks had too much light and others too little. Now this is more uniform and consequently a reduction of shadows.

Special attention is also called to the new desks and chairs in these rooms. In short, it is the best in class room equipment.

## Freshman Class News

The dance which the class held on December 12th was a decided success.

Application has been made to the Social Committee for May 1st as a date on which the Spring term dance can be held.

The Freshmen in the Mechanical and Electrical Courses of Industrial Arts who have been in school continually for five months, leave February 1st to start work.

Attention of the Freshmen is called to watch for notice of a class meeting to be held in the near future.

Let's have some of the Freshmen's husky voices on Friday nights. And why not wear toques?

Freshmen are asked to take an interest in the class and uphold it by coming to the designated meetings.

C. L. BEAL.

## Mechanics Institute Winter Party Coming

All M. I. Winter Party, the biggest event of the season, which is sponsored by the G. A. A., is being planned for the first Thursday in February, providing weather permits.

The committees in charge are: Miss Kurtz, Miss Jones, Miss Taylor, for the place; Miss Williams, Miss Mix, Miss Cotrael, for refreshments; Miss Payne, for advertising; Miss Gunkler, Miss Palmer, for games; Miss Ballarian, for music. They promise us much "whoopie."

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## Rules Adapted for Inter - Fraternal Scholastic Trophy

The inter-fraternity governing organization has completed a great deal of progressive work since the last publication of its notes.

The rules and regulations for the inter-fraternal scholastic trophy have been drafted and ratified.

The council is fostering the Fraternity basketball league, which will provide the leading attraction at the Mardi Gras.

Plans for a dance are being arranged for the near future, which will be in every respect progressive and outstanding in respect to the school's inter-curricular social work.

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## G. A. A. Skiing

## and Skating Party

Everyone enjoyed her "ups and downs" at the skiing and skating party which was held under the auspices of the G. A. A., headed by Anita Cotrael, at Highland Park, Saturday afternoon, January 10, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Riding season has come to an end after a series of ten lessons at the Armory on Culver Road. There were ten girls who rode this season and nearly all have become well-trained riders under the excellent supervision there. G. A. A. contemplating a plan whereby riding will continue throughout the winter if as many enthusiasts as are expected will sign. At any rate, riding will take place again in the spring at Mendon Ponds Park, where the charge will be \$3 for a series of six rides.

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# What the Student Council Is Doing

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL December 9

At the meeting of the Executive Council a request was made for a smoking room for the city girls. The council approved the plan and offered its assistance in obtaining one.

**December 16**  
The Executive Council appropriated \$350 to carry out the new plan of financing M. I. sports at the K. of C. Hall.

**January 6**  
The Executive Council appropriated money to take care of the Cheer Leaders equipment which included new uniforms of grey and blue and new megaphones. Mr. R. Dudley and Mr. H. Steitz were appointed to select the assistant cheer leaders subject to the approval of the Council. Mr. M. Humphrey was appointed chairman of the Good Sportsman's Committee. The purpose of this committee is to keep order at the games at the K. of C. Hall in a sportsmanlike way.

## GENERAL STUDENT COUNCIL December 9

At the regular meeting of the general council initiation was discussed and a committee was appointed to take care of it. A resolution was adopted allowing Freshmen to wear knickers. A resolution was adopted providing that basketball games and wrestling matches be held at the K. of C. Hall and that admittance be obtained only by Student Association tickets and Guest Athletic Tickets which would be issued upon request of any person having a Student Association ticket. The resolution also provided that Guest Tickets would not be issued after two hours before any basketball game or wrestling match.

**January 6**  
Mr. Elligson gave a report of his conference with Dr. Savage of the Carnegie Foundation. He also presented Dr. Savage's congratulations to the Student Council of Mechanics for the adoption of the new plan of guest admission to athletic events.

A report was given concerning the party which one of the school's fraternities held. It was stated that it was not held under the auspices of the fraternity but by members after the rush party was over and in as much as fraternity had nothing to do with it the Council dropped the investigation.  
H. O. WOLFF.

## Pi Kappa Gamma Announces Dance

Arrangements have been completed for the Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternity Dance which will be held Saturday evening, January 24th, in the Bevier Building of Mechanics Institute from 9 to 12.

"Norm" Newman, president of the Fraternity and "Ray" Lincoln, chairman of the Social Committee have secured the "Sorority Eight" under the direction of Frankie Graves to furnish the musical sonatation for the evening. An exhibition of tap dancing by two Rochester professionals, favors and genuine punch constitute the added attractions.

The Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternity is working very hard to make this one of the best dances of the year. They hope to make this one better than their dance of 1930, which was considered one of the outstanding dances of the year.

# Fraternity and Sorority News

## Pi Kappa Gamma

The Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternity held its informal initiation January 17th at Mendon Ponds Park, in which the pledges were put through their paces without a winner. The following pledges were initiated into the order of the Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternity: Detch, Ducat, Blackburn, Johnson, Piggage and Shirey.

The formal initiation and dinner was held the following Sunday evening, January 18th, at West Manor and the new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the fraternity.

The fraternity has developed a fast stepping basketball team that has up to date won and lost a game.

## Chi Beta Kappa

The Chi Beta Kappa fraternity will sponsor its first dance, a Hard Times Dance, January 31st. This dance will be held in the Bevier Building at the rate of 98c per couple.

The new members that will be taken into the fraternity January 24th are: Bernard Paul, William

Conyo, Ralph Doyle, Stanley Ferneyhaugh and James Shephard. A new faculty member, Mr. Plomasen, will also be taken into the fraternity.

The basketball schedule is being played off among the fraternities and furnishes interesting competition in most instances.

The formal initiation will be held January 24th with a private dinner dance following.

## Chi Delta Phi Fraternity

The Chi Delta Phi Fraternity is carrying on its work by pledging and training eight prospective members.

A dance is being carried out for the entertainment of the pledges, and to give them an opportunity to meet some of the alumni brothers.

The fraternity has organized an excellent basketball team; which appear in every respect to be of the same old Chi Delta Phi calibre. The team, although green as yet, is expected to develop into another series winner at the Mardi Gras.  
W. T. Shopmyer.

## Ramikin Party Has Been Announced

### RAMIKIN ROLLER SKATING PARTY

No student can afford to miss one of the social "highlights" of the school year. Keep in mind, Tuesday, January 27th, for the Ramikin Skating Party at the Old Masonic Temple.

### Freshmen Guaranteed a Good Time

The 1931 Ramikin Staff extends a special invitation to the Freshmen to attend their winter roller skating party as a means of getting acquainted with their Alma Mater's Year Book staff as an organization.

The Ramikin is a condensed expression of the Rochester Athaeneum and Mechanics Institute. Therefore, it is every upper-classman's duty to see that every Frosh has a good time. Come out everybody! Show what Mechanix can mean. Admission 50c. Tickets on sale by staff in Eastman Building from January 19th on.

### BE A COOP—BUY A RAMIKIN

The staff cordially welcomes Marion with Theodore Van Brunt. Following is the staff:

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Landlady—Well. Mr. Morehouse lives here, but I thought he was a night watchman.

## Wide Variety Spices Electrical Programs

The past two months has been a well spent and interesting period for the Electrical Students' Association. Both the December and the January meetings were held in the assembly hall of the Eastman Building.

The regular meeting was held December 18, 1930. At this meeting the H. G. Marowitz Company of Buffalo was represented by a speaker. His talk was on electrical control of apparatus in which the motor importance was stressed. Following this, a three-reel movie showed the making of a newspaper. Refreshments followed the closing of the meeting.

The first meeting of 1931 was held January 15 at 7.30 P. M. in the regular meeting place. A short business meeting was held for the purpose of making plans for an inspection trip to radio station WHAM, located at Victor, N. Y. Mr. H. Nicholson gave a talk on the trans-oceanic telephone. This was illustrated with slides. Several students dramatized a play, "Frosh Gets Chile on Television." Refreshments were served after the meeting.

At the next meeting on February 12 a speaker from the General Railway Signal Company will speak on automatic telephones. Many students of the Industrial Art School look forward to these meetings with much enthusiasm. The meetings are not only interesting, but are a means of broadening the field of knowledge and application of the electrical industrial industry that could not otherwise be obtained.

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## Men's Glee Club Will Give Recital

The Men's Glee Club of Mechanics Institute will make its first appearance before the public when it puts on a program in connection with the memorial services for Veterans of the Spanish-American War, to be held on February 15 at Convention Hall.

The program consists of such musical numbers as "Steal Away," "The Trumpeter" and "Soldier's Chorus" from "Faust" and will be broadcast over station WHEC from 8:45 to 9 o'clock Sunday evening.

The Men's Glee Club has made splendid progress under the able leadership of Mr. Kasad, our director, and hopes to show its real worth to the student body of Mechanics Institute. All those who are interested and have any musical talent are requested to make their appearance in assembly hall Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

## M. I. P. A. Holds Meeting January 8

Clifford M. Ulp, director of the School of Applied Art, addressed the members of Mechanics Institute Photographic Association at their meeting the evening of January 8. Mr. Ulp's talk covered the fundamental means of obtaining good pictorial composition in picture making.

In the business discussion after Mr. Ulp's speech, the members decided to postpone the date on which entries for the pinhole competition may be handed in until the last week of February.

After the meeting Mark Ellingson, supervisor of Photographic Technology, declared that it was unfortunate that the faculty, students and outsiders did not respond to the photographers' invitation to be present at their meetings. Mr. Ellingson said that the club had had two exceptionally interesting speakers, but that the number of persons present at the meetings, compared with the number who would have been interested in the subject matter of the lectures, was very small. Mr. Ellingson and the club members expressed the hope that there will be a much larger gathering at their next meeting, which will be Thursday evening, January 29, at 7.45, in the Eastman Assembly Hall.

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# Chemical Students Form MICA Club

A new club has been formed at Mechanics Institute. Its name is the Mica Club. The name MICA represents Mechanics Institute Chemical Association.

This new Mica Club has the support of most of the Chemical students at Mechanics and hopes for a successful life.

The officers elected at the first meeting were:

President—J. W. Klump (Senior).  
Vice-president—Richard Shirey (Junior).  
Secretary-Treasurer—C. Allagher (Junior).

Student Council Representative—R. Barrett (Freshman).

A committee was appointed by the President to draw up a constitution and present it at the next meeting of the club.

It has been proposed to have a meeting of the club in the first week of each section's period in school.

With the support of the Chemical students of Mechanics the Mica Club will be assured of success.

The club will meet Thursday evening, January 22, in room 224, at which time they will have a speaker from Kodak Park. An interesting program has been planned and it is hoped that the chemical students will give their full co-operation in order that the meeting may be a success.

The Mica Club has the support of Mr. Johns, Mr. Braden, Mr. Priest and Dr. Harris, as well as the entire Freshman class. A special invitation to the Juniors and Seniors, who have shown very little interest up to the present, is extended, says J. W. Klump, President.

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