

## OPEN FORUM

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### THE REACTION

To the Editor of THE TECH:  
Are fraternity men superior to dormitory residents? If so, it seems to me this should be observed in view of a reason rather than an assertion. While it may be true, is it true that the fraternity makes the man, or the man the fraternity? During the rushing season men are chosen at random and often are misjudged because few of us are capable of foreseeing a man's future by merely knowing him a few hours. From the time he pledges, he is forced by the upper-classmen to partake in activities. He may resist this force for some time, realizing he is here primarily to study, but through acquaintance with the activities, his interest grows, and the following years show him as an outstanding participant in school affairs.

The dormitory men, unless they have a deep and particular liking for activity, are not put under pressure for a period of time and hence do not acquire this interest that often takes a year to appreciate. He then feels that his first year was without activity and, therefore, does not enlist for future extra curricular work.

The pressure of the first year's scholastic work is greater than few realize, as the school is different, and the release from home puts the new man without recourse or advice, allowing him to act according to his own feelings unless he is guided by some other person. This service is offered to new men without asking at the fraternities, and freshmen are lectured to about keeping up with school activities.

To say that men of activities are superior to non-activity men leads to a direct defense for both. Merely because a man is not interested in extra activity work is no indication that his ability is below others. He may be deeply scientifically minded and fitting himself for a field that the activity man cannot enter. The superiority of an activity man may seem evident, if we judge by publicity, but to judge by a man's ability in his own line leads to the conclusion that both are highly important to the world of affairs—one in his field, and the other in his.

JAMES E. NORCROSS, '33,  
Gen. Manager, 1932, *Technique*

EDITOR'S NOTE: We congratulate the writer of the above letter for his interest in the present controversy and his explanation of it. If other students gave as much thought to vital undergraduate topics as is shown above we would have less loose criticism.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:  
The advance publicity given by THE TECH to the article written by Richard L. Fossett, '33, for the T. E. N. has aroused so much comment and ill-feeling that I feel the necessity of correcting the impression it has made upon the student body. I believe the emphasis which your news-writer put upon Mr. Fossett's views on student housing is most unfortunate, since it was the intention neither of the author of the article nor of the T. E. N. to make any comparison between the qualifications of the dormitory men and the fraternity men.

The article in question was solicited from Mr. Fossett because the editors believed that he was in an excellent

position to observe the trend of student affairs at Technology. We asked him to write the article not on the basis of his own feelings, but as a reviewer of present-day student opinion. The author wrote the article from this point of view, and the statements he makes are simply his impressions of the opinion held by the student body at large.

Unfortunately your news-writer quoted only one sentence from the two paragraphs devoted by the author to the subject of student housing. Had he chosen to review the entire two paragraphs your readers would have been given the correct impression, which it was the purpose of the article to give, namely that the dormitory groups show a vitality and progressiveness which destines them to a far greater part in activity leadership than they now occupy. Certainly only a distorted viewpoint could consider this a comparison to the detriment of the dormitory men.

I wish particularly to correct any impression that Fossett is not squarely behind the dormitory men. Your reporter states: "It seems certain that there will be some little resentment on the part of certain dormitory residents, especially those who have been working toward the realization of better dormitory relations." I am sure that anyone, dormitory or fraternity man, who reads the article in full will realize that there is no ground for resentment contained in it. Further, on the basis of a long friendship with him I can say that there is no one in student affairs more in sympathy with the progressive movement in the dormitories or more anxious to further its cause than Dick Fossett himself. Leaders in dormitory life realize this, and the implication of resentment made by your reporter is greatly to be deplored.

To my mind Technology has never had a fairer or more conscientious student leader than Dick Fossett. He deserves fair treatment at the hands of the press.

Sincerely yours,  
DONALD G. FINK,

Editor, Volume XIII, *Tech Engineering News*.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The observations by Fossett in his article in T.E.N. are, as stated, observations of general student opinion. The implied reference to fraternity supremacy in activities led to our asking for an interview with Mr. Fossett on this subject. Our story was based on this interview as well as the T.E.N. article.

We agree that there are no grounds for resentment toward Mr. Fossett on the part of the Dormitory men. He has merely stated what everyone knows and what most are willing to admit.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Being a dormitory resident, and a non-fraternity man, I feel called upon to contribute to the "dormitory reaction" that was expected by the writer of the article in THE TECH on Monday, last, concerning the relative superiority of fraternity or dormitory men.

Without committing myself as to which is superior, I accuse THE TECH of deliberately misconstruing the meaning of Fossett's article in the T. E. N. in an attempt of sensationalism of the worst kind. To me, this article in THE TECH had the appearance of a deliberate attempt to stir up prejudices between the dormitories and fraternities. A feeling of this kind should have no place on the Technology campus.

It was also my privilege to read an advance copy of Fossett's article

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## IMPROVED SERVICE INCREASES WALKER DINING PATRONAGE

### Blames Existing Conditions To Hurried Construction of Building

### SUGGESTIONS SOLICITED

More diners are patronizing Walker Cafeteria since the changes in its dining service were made several weeks ago. Each evening meal sees the dining hall filled to a greater extent than at any previous time this term.

Tables are covered with linen, curtains are drawn between the pillars at the sides of the hall, and the entire room takes on a home-like aspect as the students dine during the evening. Immaculate waiters carry loaded trays to tables, set the food and utensils on the tops, and remove the trays.

### Conditions Due to Building

When interviewed, the Assistant Director of Dining Service, Mr. William Carlisle, stated that the present conditions in the dining hall may be traced back to the time when the building was constructed. When it had been half completed the United States entered the World War, and work on the building was rushed to its completion.

Using the building as a sort of barracks, naval aviators were quartered there during their period of training. What is now the dining hall was then converted into a huge sleeping quarters, with cots covering the entire floor. A plaque placed in one of the lobbies is a reminder of those hectic days.

### Criticisms of Food Wanted

Mr. Carlisle wishes for constructive suggestions concerning the type of food especially wanted. He reasons that obviously changes can be made only when they are in accord with the desires of the majority. He mentioned several times that for the minority, those wishing something different, there is the a la carte service. The idea of furnishing tablecloths and waiters at night, as a change from the sameness of every meal, and a result of criticism, had been contemplated before the establishment of the committee.

## Scabbard and Blade Military Ball Set For Tomorrow Night

### Military Atmosphere Is Feature At Elaborate Pledging Ceremonies

A military atmosphere consisting of guns, sabres and flags will prevail at the Military Ball planned for tomorrow night in the Walker Memorial. Leo Reisman's orchestra has been secured to furnish the music for the dance which will last from 9 o'clock till 2 o'clock. At 12 o'clock sharp, from twelve to seventeen new members who are to be elected on the same night will be pledged into the society with elaborate ceremonies.

Tickets for the dance can be secured from any officer in the organization at \$2.00 per couple. Efforts of the dance committee, in charge of Cadet Lieutenant Charles E. Quick, '33, to get the best possible orchestra for the occasion were successful.

## PROOFS OF SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHS READY

Proofs of the Senior photos taken by the photographer in the Coop building, can now be obtained in the *Technique* office on the third floor of the Walker Memorial. All Seniors are requested to get them as soon as possible.

## Faculty Endorse Year Book Drive For Photographs

### Technique Offers Seniors Last Opportunity To Sign For Pictures

Endorsing the *Technique* Photographic Campaign, President Karl T. Compton and Dean Harold E. Lobdell, together with the heads of Technology's different courses, unite in pointing out that it is to the advantage of the seniors to have their photographs in the Institute year book.

As a special consideration to those two hundred men who have not yet been photographed, *Technique* is running an appointment chart in the Main Lobby today, tomorrow, and Saturday between 11 o'clock and 2. Those signing up for pictures then will be able to be photographed in the studio above the Coop. Any seniors unable to sign up at the stated times should call at the *Technique* office in Walker Memorial.

### Prof. Locke Keeps File of Photos

Professor Locke, commenting on the value of the year book, says that he keeps files of the picture and biography of each man in the graduating class, the information being obtained from these yearly volumes. Many alumni also avail themselves of this means of selecting graduates for

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## Musical Clubs Open Season With First Of Joint Concerts

### Musicales At Franklin Square House To Be Followed By Dancing

In conjunction with the girls of the Franklin Square House, the Combined Musical club is holding its first concert of the season tonight at the Franklin Square House. Dancing will follow the musicale, which is expected to last from 8:30 to 10:00, and continue until midnight. One hundred and twenty members of the club are expected to take part, of which seventy-five are in the Glee Club, twenty-five in the Instrumental Club, nine in the Banjo Club and ten in the Technicians. The latter orchestra will furnish music for the dance.

More than twenty-five concerts were given by the several organizations in the course of the last academic year. Among the more important of these were the Christmas Concert and Dance, the Pop's Concert, the series of Sunday afternoon musicales, the Wheelock Concert and Dance, and the Spring Concert and Dance. Most of the concerts are given in and about Greater Boston.

As has been the custom in the past, joint concerts and dances with girls schools will be held throughout the year for the members of the Club.

## CLASS OF '11 HOLDS BANQUET IN WALKER

The Class of 1911 held a get-together dinner in the Walker Grill room Monday night. Twelve members were present, among whom were: E. D. Van Tassel, '11, president of the Van Tassel Leather Co., Norwich, Conn.; Gordon B. Wilkes, '11, Professor of Physics at Technology; O. W. Stewart, '11, Chief Engineer of the Associated Factory Mutual Insurance Co.; O. B. Dennison, '11, secretary of the class; Carl S. Ell, Dean of the Engineering Department of Northeastern University; and J. A. Herlihy, of the Boston Edison Company.

## STUDY OF BUDGET BY COMPTON SHOWS NEED FOR ECONOMY

### Possibility of Faculty Salary Cut As President Gives Report Today

### BUDGET NOW BALANCED

In regard to the possibility of reduction in salaries at the Institute, President Compton said yesterday that "a careful study of the financial situation for the year has been made during the past month, and that the decision which has been reached through this study will be communicated to the faculty this afternoon. It is understood that the Institute's budget is balanced at the present time, but that there is very little leeway for handling the situation in case economic conditions should take another turn for the worse."

Last spring, when the budget was made up, a large operating surplus, well over \$200,000, was allowed, and it was hoped that this would suffice for the year. Since that time investments have taken a large drop, and the surplus has disappeared, necessitating an investigation of the situation.

### Drop In Stocks Big Loss

A major blow to the Institute's investments lies in the fact that the Eastman Kodak Company has cut its dividends appreciably. The company itself is in good shape but is making no money. There is little danger, however, that the company will pass its dividends.

Regarding the situation as a whole, the income has reduced considerably, capital has shrunk because of financial conditions, and economy must be effected to reduce the operating deficit and to safeguard against further decline in the value of investments.

## Liberal Club Gets Bulletin Board For Poster Newspaper

### Clippings of Varied Nature On Controversial Subjects Will Be Posted

On the bulletin board near the Cashier's office, the Liberal Club has set up a wall newspaper that they call "Means and Extremes".

Subjects of controversial nature will be featured on this board. They will consist of newspaper and magazine clippings. Beside each of the clippings on this first issue is a timely and humorous comment. In addition to the news department there is an editorial section and also a portion of the board devoted to humor.

In a statement posted on the board it was indicated that the paper was an experiment. Its editors showed eagerness for suggestions and contributions.

## Sports Writing Positions On THE TECH Still Open

There are still positions in the sports department of THE TECH open for men interested in the work, and competition for the positions will begin as soon as possible. There is a good chance for any student who cares to devote a little time to this activity to get valuable experience on the newspaper and in the future secure a position on the staff. Men interested in this sort of work are invited to come down to the news-room and find out more about the sports department.

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DYNAMITE IMPLIED

AS was to have been expected the featured article appearing in Monday's issue has aroused considerable comment. On the part of most students the feeling is that the matter of dormitory-fraternity status could well have been left alone, both in Tech Engineering News and in our article. In writing the article which will appear in today's issue of T.E.N. Fossett wrote not on the basis of his own opinions, but rather as a reviewer of present student opinion. The statements made are his impressions of the opinion held by the student body at large. This is made clear in a letter from the Editor of T.E.N. published today.

In expressing a thought which has long been admitted by men at the Institute it seems that a forbidden subject has been broached, and as a result, Fossett and THE TECH are receiving the backwash. In a particular portion of the T.E.N. article we saw the basis for an interview with Fossett. The major portion of our story came from this interview. If Fossett has been placed in an embarrassing position, we regard the publication of that portion of his article as ill-advised on the part of himself and T.E.N., and we regret that we have to some degree contributed to his embarrassment, by emphasizing an implication which anyone would make and which has since been misconstrued. The fact remains, however, that what has been attributed to Fossett was voiced by him in an expression of student sentiment, long recognized by all connected with student activities.

A LOT OF WORK

TODAY and tomorrow nominations are being made for positions on the Junior Prom Committee, of which Edward L. Asch as president of the Junior Class will be ex-officio chairman. Last spring the status of the Junior Prom this year was in doubt. This matter was cleared up by the action of the Institute Committee when it set the date for nominations.

Men chosen to serve on the Prom Committee this year will have a difficult task. They must produce an occasion traditionally the biggest and best in the Institute social calendar for a smaller sum than ever before. With the sentiment against excessive expenditures in government has come a similar sentiment at the Institute against what is considered an exorbitant price for the dance. Generally a price of five or six dollars is accepted as reasonable. With this price the Prom will probably be a popular affair, requiring much work from the committee. This must be remembered by those men accepting nominations.

THE VOICE OF THE MOB

THE time has come, the Walrus said, to talk of many things, of shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, and cabbages, and kings; of why the sea is boiling hot, and why do pigs have wings". With all these things to talk about, it seems that we must have some discussion of the matter of Economy, with a capital E. In this year of our cut, nothing has caught the public fancy like the magic thought of saving money in government. Capitalizing on this popular fancy both major parties made frequent mention of what they will save during the next four years.

Unfortunately, the enthusiasm for economy that is present in the ranks of the voters does not carry over to students. In this depression year, income for student activities have been reduced considerably, but in a number of cases little attempt is made to cut expenditures. This attitude prevails and there is some vague hope that sometime in the future before an actual crisis rises, help will come in the form of a gift from a forgotten uncle or from the wave of a fairy wand.

In the conduct of their personal affairs most students realize that they cannot spend as much as in previous years. The presence of an organization to which to hang the debts offers small excuse for allowing an activity to go in the red. The men in charge of the various activities would do well to hear the clamor for Economy and operate their groups so that there may be no deficits even approaching the size of that acquired in Washington during the last fiscal year.

To Members of the Class of 1933:

We desire to emphasize the value to you of the insertion in TECHNIQUE of your photograph and a list of your undergraduate affiliations and activities.

An incomplete Class Record is most unsatisfactory, while to every man a full record of each and every one of his classmates is a source of pleasure.

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We would appreciate your prompt response to our request for a photograph and "copy" for the record.

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## VARSITY HARRIERS GET SIXTH PLACE

Hall Leads Team by Finishing Twelfth; Freshmen Make Good Showing

Running in a driving rain against ten other college teams, Technology's varsity cross-country team finished in sixth place in the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association's championship meet, which was held on Monday afternoon at Franklin Park. The Engineers, who were more or less favored to finish second, were evidently not in their best form.

Charley Hall, a Junior, was the first Technology man to cross the line, ending up in twelfth place. Bob Mann and Captain Johnny Barrett, who were rated among the best fifteen before the meet, did not live up to their notices, and finished twenty-second and twenty-eighth, respectively. Smith, forty-fifth, and Talbert, fiftieth, completed the team's scoring total, which was 157.

New Hampshire University, as expected, won the race by a big margin, while the individual honors went to Russell Jellison of Bates.

The Institute freshmen showed unexpected strength and finished fifth, with Captain Bill Royce leading his team in thirteenth place. Fitch and Stewart, eighteenth and nineteenth, ran their best races of the season.

## WRESTLING TEAM STARTS PRACTICE

Good Material Reported; Stiff Schedule for Varsity and Freshmen

With most of its vacancies filled by veterans or members of last year's freshman squad, the varsity wrestling team faces a hard schedule with confidence, according to a statement given to THE TECH by Manager Neal Karr, '34. With such seasoned men as Poole, Shea, Koller, Ripin, and Mostapha, together with practically the entire yearling squad of the 1931-32 season, around whom to build a team, Karr's statement would seem justified. Incidentally Marderosian and Oshry of last year's freshmen were New England champions in their respective weight-classes.

Jay Ricks is coaching the team and is already working with the boys in the Hangar Gym, where the squad practices on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, between four and six in the afternoon. The team is unique this year in that there will be no official captain. It was voted last year to elect a captain before each meet, basing the selection on the work the men do in practice sessions.

## HOCKEY TEAM HOLDS PRACTICE AT ARENA

Twenty - Three Men Present At Team's First Practice

Regular hockey practice started at the Boston Arena last Monday morning at the "milkman's" hour of 6:45 o'clock. The session was well attended, however, for twenty-three candidates showed up. This large turnout was very gratifying to Coach Duplin, who thinks the team has an excellent chance to better its last year's record of four victories in ten games.

The schedule this year includes several newcomers and gets under way on December 2. There will be the usual series of contests with Boston University and Northeastern, games which have proved in the past to be fast and close. Last year Technology lost the Northeastern series but gained the verdict against Boston University. The scores of the latter were 3-2, 1-4, 4-3, indicating the closeness of the games.

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Prophetic Article Of Institute Are Featured

Appearing in a new garb, the November Tech Engineering News makes its bow today. A distinctive sketch of DuPont Court, unframed, makes the cover radically different from any that have yet appeared. Simple but pleasing, the change is welcome.

Richard Fossett, '33, writes a prophetic article on Technology. Already

having occasioned considerable comment, it draws a picture of the M. I. T. of 1952.

"The Development of Rigorous Thinking" is discussed by Richard H. Frazier of the Department of Electrical Engineering. W. B. Ross defines the relations between "Oil and the Tech Man." He describes the various processes in the refining of oil, and the opportunities offered thereby. Ernest A. Hodgson of the Dominion Observatory, Ottawa, Canada, theorizes about "Earthquake and the Ear Earth Structure," interestingly illustrated with a seismographic chart of an earthquake.

## T. C. A. TICKET AGENCY BENEFITS STUDENTS

The newest phase of the T. C. A. ticket service, namely, that of handling football tickets, has been a boon to Technology students, as shown by the fact that to date 167 tickets have been sold aggregating \$595.10. The greatest number were sold for the Army-Harvard game last Saturday, when 68 tickets were delivered to members of the student body.

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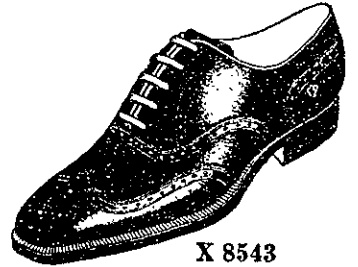
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# CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 9

- 12:00 M. — Faculty Club Luncheon, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
- 5:00 P. M. — Tech Boat Club Meeting, West Lounge, Walker Memorial.
- 6:00 P. M. — Alpha Chi Sigma Dinner and Smoker, Faculty Dining Room, Walker Memorial.
- 6:00 P. M. — Society of Automotive Engineer's Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.

Thursday, November 10

- 5:00 P. M. — Banjo Club Rehearsal, East Lounge, Walker Memorial.
- 5:00 P. M. — American Society of Refrigeration Engineers' Dinner, Grill Room, Walker Memorial.
- 6:00 P. M. — Massachusetts Safety Council Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
- 9:00 P. M. — Scabbard and Blade Dance, Main Hall, Walker Memorial.

Friday, November 11

- 9:00 P. M. — Catholic Club Dance, Main Hall, Walker Memorial.

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in the T. E. N., and I note that the writer for THE TECH apparently construed Fossett's meaning from only one sentence in the paragraph in question. It seems to me that it will be obvious to any thinking reader who reads the whole paragraph in the T. E. N. that fraternities had the worst of it rather than vice versa as THE TECH reported.

I should also like to protest the posters put up advertising that issue of THE TECH. On some of them appeared the following: "Fraternity men superior to dormitory men—Fossett". There can be no question but that this is deliberate misquoting, as Fossett neither said, nor wrote, those words. In my opinion he did not even imply them.

To me, these tactics and policies smell strongly of tabloid journalism at its worst, and I believe that THE TECH had better conduct a thorough housecleaning if it wishes to retain the confidence and respect of the student body.

H. SELVIDGE, '32.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We somehow feel that the writer above has allowed his emotions to run away with him. Believing, no doubt, that we read but one paragraph of Mr. Fossett's article and then promptly wrote blasting headlines and a column of news, he has written. On the contrary the entire article was read, not once but several times, and the story was

written with every effort to convey his true meaning as given in the interview referred to in our story. In fact, Mr. Fossett himself read and approved the story before it went to press.

## As We Like It

HOLLIS STREET THEATER

With "The Yeomen" the present engagement of the Civic Light Opera Company comes to an end. This operetta, being the last one, was per-

haps not quite as well done as the others; the solo singing was weak, and there was a certain amount of forgetting of lines.

The choruses, which are the chief glory of this piece, were excellently done. The one in the first act, which speaks cheerfully of racks and thumbscrews, was particularly impressive, as was the one preceding the would-be execution. As a whole, though, the second act made a more favorable impression than the first.

"The Yeoman" has a bit more drama than most of the other Gilbertian productions, and is a bit more

sombre, especially as to ending. Perhaps this is why it is not produced oftener, and also why it draws large houses on rainy nights, as last night. Even its humor has a somber hue; racks and thumbscrews are not cheerful, nor are pleasantries from a man under sentence of death.

William Danforth and Frank Moul-an gave performances up to the usual standards, although even they did not have their lines as well as they might. The solos were weak, especially by the women; but the choruses made up for it, and it is, after all, Gilbert and Sullivan, which will excuse a lot. C. W. S.

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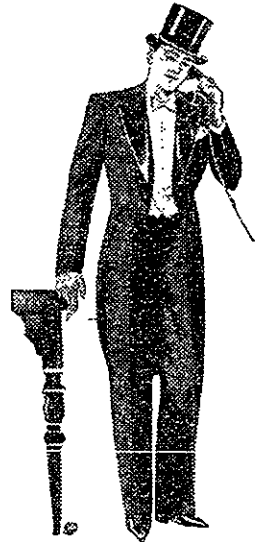
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